



# Peter Austin Smith

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**P**eter A. Smith, a long-time resident of Germantown, Tennessee and Marine Veteran, passed away peacefully at home in San Diego on Tuesday the 22nd of March at the age of 82.

Peter was born in 1939 in Englewood, New Jersey to Walter Smith and Margaret McGuire. Brother to the late William Smith. Peter attended Dumont High School in Dumont, N.J. where he met the love of his life during a chemistry class, the late Leila (Lee) Née Lagana. He received a Civil Engineering degree from New Jersey Institute of Technology in 1960. In 1962, Peter entered the Marine Corp in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, Platoon 113 Company D and was honorably discharged in November 1967. He continued his education and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering, from Fairleigh Dickinson in 1973.

Peter married Lee on June 22, 1963. He is survived by his children, Jacqueline, Peter, Kathleen, and Michael. He is survived by his sister-in-law Donna Cislak, wife to the late Stan Cislak, and brother-in-law Ralph Demarest, husband to the late Marie Demarest. Cherished grandfather of nine loving grandchildren, Emily, Julia, Peter, Jake, Dahlia, Viviana, Madyson, Lyla, and Jayden. He has two sons-in-law, Mark Heil and Jerry Getsos, and two daughters-in-law, Michelle Crawford and Alyssa Alvarado Smith. He has five nieces, Carole, Patti, Alicia, Jennifer, Kristin, and two nephews Randi and David. He also is survived by lifelong friend, Margie Ercole.

His early career included working as a Regional Engineer for Arkwright Boston Insurance as well as a Senior Regional Field Supervisor for Improved Risk Mutuals. In 1975 Peter joined International Paper Company as a Manager of Property Insurance and Conservation in New York City, and later finished his career with the company in Memphis, Tennessee. In 1984, his work on fire protection engineering was published in the Industrial Fire Hazards Handbook, by the National Fire Protection Association, Inc.. Upon retirement, Peter volunteered his time to the Madonna Learning Center, the private faith-based school for children and young adults with disabilities.



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As an active member of the church community of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Peter was a Eucharistic Minister/Lector and a member of the Church's Bible Study Group before his move to San Diego. He was also a member of the Memphis chapter of the "Fishers of Men".

A train enthusiast and avid Model Railroader, Peter could always be found working on his trains and received many awards and acknowledgments for his creativity and creations. Peter also had a love for Haiku poetry, and would write and send his own poems to his family.

Wake and Funeral Services will be held as follows: Private Visitation for Family: Sunday April 3, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Memorial Park Funeral Home & Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN 38119. Visitation for Family and Friends: Monday April 4, 8:30 a.m. -10 a.m. Funeral Mass: Monday April 4, 10:00 a.m. at the church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, 8151 Poplar Ave., Germantown, TN 38138.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to the Madonna Learning Center, (901) 752-5767.

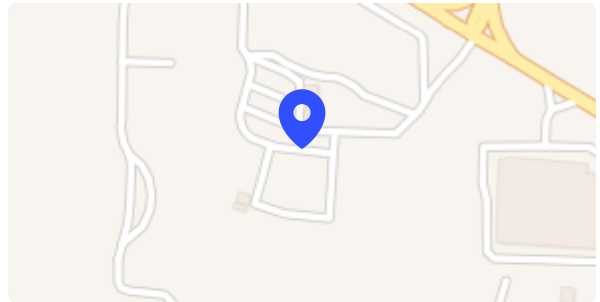


# Events

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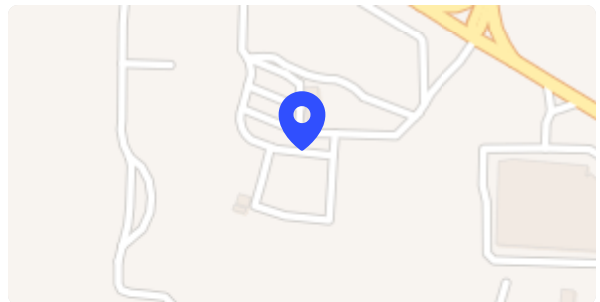
## Visitation

- 📅 **Monday**, April 4, 2022
- 🕒 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM CT
- 📍 **Our Lady of Perpetual Help**  
8151 Poplar Ave, Germantown TN 38138



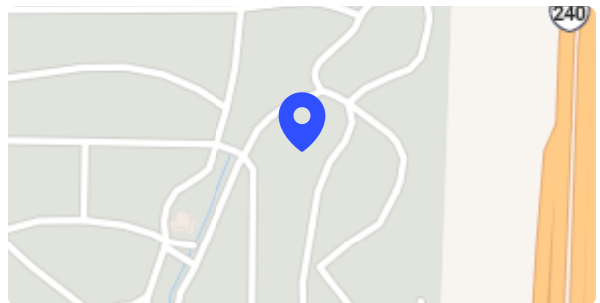
## Funeral Mass

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- 🕒 10:00 AM CT
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## Cemetery Details

- 📍 **Memorial Park Cemetery**  
5668 Poplar Ave, Memphis TN 38119
- 📞 **(901) 445-8475**





# Tribute Wall

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**Christine Esteves Ofs** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

PAX ET BONUM Peter Smith OFS was a blessed member of our St. Joan of Arc Franciscan Fraternity. Knowing him was very meaningful to me and our fraternity. He was always so kind and caring to everyone. May the Lord wrap his loving arms around Peter. May the Lord comfort his family. Pace e bene, Christine Esteves OFS



March 29 at 5:24 PM



**Kevin Mcdermott** shared an album called **Memories Album**.



March 29 at 1:52 PM



**Kevin Mcdermott** posted:

We have been so blessed to have Peter and Lee in our lives here in Demarest NJ especially our many years of Marriage Encounter and our trip to the convention in Los Angeles and then Hawaii together. We know they are continuing their love affair in Heaven. Love Ann and Kevin McDermott

March 29 at 1:50 PM



**Kevin Mcdermott** shared 2 photos to the **Photos from Friends and Family** album.



March 29 at 1:42 PM



**Catherine L. Vurraro** lit a candle in honor of Peter.

As a devoted member of the St. Joan of Arc Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order, Peter hosted at least two Christmas parties for the fraternity and was so proud to show us all his wonderful train layouts which were absolutely fantastic. The details were so phenomenal. He was a consummate gentleman and warm and loving fraternity member. I have missed seeing him after I moved to Gulf Shores, AL but then he moved to San Diego so we both missed our old fraternity. My deepest condolences go out to his large and loving family! Catherine L. Vurraro, former Minister of St. Joan of Arc Fraternity



March 29 at 5:49 AM



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**International Paper Photos** shared an album called **Photos from Friends and Family**.



March 28 at 1:29 PM



**Friends And Family Of Peter Smith** March 30 at 4:35 PM

This Is Peter and Ken Mayeaux at the International Paper Plant in Russia. Ken and Peter traveled the world together and have many stories and experiences that we have heard about over the years.



**Jacquie And Family** lit a candle in honor of Peter.



March 28 at 12:27 PM



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Peter Smith Ofs, St. Joan of Arc Franciscan Fraternity



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Peter and Lee with Marriage Encounter friends in Hawaii



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Ken Mayeaux and Peter Smith at International Paper in Russia



# **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Peter by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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