



Arthur Francis Smith

March 22, 2025

Arthur Francis Smith (81) passed away on March 22, 2025, in Charlestown, Rhode Island. Arthur was born on April 8, 1943, in Providence, Rhode Island.

Arthur attended LaSalle Academy and Hope High School before embarking on a career as a machinist at Brown & Sharpe. In 1979, he transitioned to commercial lobster fishing, a profession that became his life's work until his retirement ten years ago. His time on the water reflected both his skill and deep connection to the sea.

Arthur is survived by his devoted wife, Solveig B. Smith, who lovingly cared for him at home during the last 16 months of his life. He is also survived by his daughters, Sherri-Lynn Briggs and Janice Bauman; step-sons Howard LaPorte, Todd LaPorte, and Clark LaPorte. He is also survived by his brother Peter N. Smith of Pennsylvania, 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his sister Jane Peace and step-daughter Mary S. Rief.

The family would like to extend their gratitude to Gentiva Hospice for their compassionate care and guidance during Arthur's final months.

May Arthur's memory bring comfort to those who knew him. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to Gentiva Hospice of Warwick. Donations can be

made to the Gentiva Foundation through their website, www.gentivahs.com or to Arthur and Solveig's church care team. St. Andrew's Lutheran Church Care Team. <https://secure.myvanco.com/YJ5Q/campaign/C-YPSF>. All services are private.

Tribute Wall

JJ

“ We are so very sorry to learn of Arthur’s passing. We both enjoyed our st. Mike gatherings over the past years.. Arthur enjoys a peaceful place now near the lord. Deepest sympathy to his family and lovely wife Solveig who took such dedicated and loving care of him through his last days. sincerely...Mary and Jim Dacey

Jim - June 02, 2025 at 06:21 PM

SB

As we approach one year without my dad, I found myself reading through the messages here again. Thank you all for your kind words and for sharing your memories of him. He meant so much to me, and seeing how many lives he touched reminds me how lucky I was to have him as my dad. Your messages truly mean a lot and help keep his memory close to my heart. ❤️ Sincerely, Sherri-Lynn

Sherri Briggs - March 11 at 12:12 PM

LH

“ I am sorry to here of Art's passing. I knew Mr. Art from the Compass School where he was always so kind. He loved connecting with students and staff, sharing his wonderful stories, and lending a helpful hand. My thoughts are with your family. Leslie Healy

Leslie Healy - March 28, 2025 at 10:56 AM

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Sherri Briggs - March 11 at 12:12 PM

DR

“ I worked with Mr. Art at the Compass School. He was always a highlight of my day and the kids! It was like having a loving, kind, funny grandpa on campus. I loved hearing his stories about his lobstering days. Such a great man. He made a lasting impression on me and the students. My thoughts are with you. Diane Randall

Diane Randall - March 28, 2025 at 10:36 AM

SB

Thank you, Diane. He spoke of you often. I can't believe we are approaching one year without him.

Sherri Briggs - March 11 at 12:17 PM

JG

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Art's passing he was a great guy. Rest in peace my friend
Joe Goodness

Joe Goodness - March 25, 2025 at 03:19 PM

CH

“ I'm so sorry that Mr. Art is no longer gracing us with his kindness and stories. I enjoyed seeing him at Compass everyday. May he rest in love. May the memories fill your hearts on the hard days.

Christine Heart-Skaggs - March 25, 2025 at 09:48 AM

RL

“ Sure going to miss him one of the good guys god speed Art sending prayers to his family.

Roger Lunger - March 24, 2025 at 11:35 PM

PB

“ *I remember Arthur from River Bend. I used to work he was the nicest person. Sorry about your loss Pat*

Patricia Beauchemin - March 24, 2025 at 01:38 PM