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William "Dale" Smith, 66, of Belleview, passed away on Friday, August 30, 2019 in Summerfield, Florida. A native central Floridian, Dale was born on July 6, 1953 in Ocala, Florida, to William Bruce and Viola Marjorie Elaine (Tostenson) Smith and was raised in Belleview where he helped on the family farm and at Smith's Food Store. Dale married his soulmate Esther "Janice" Smith in 1977. They built their home in Belleview where they both have deep roots. Dale was a professional freelance photographer, a civil engineer, a design draftsman and a graphic design artist. Dale was a member of the Belleview Lions Club where, with a generous and service minded heart, he contributed to the community. Dale loved his family and enjoyed spending time with them, laughing over games and capturing smiles, tears, and laughter on film. His curious and adventurous spirit and love of the outdoors created many memorable journeys geocaching and enjoying playing Native American flute music. Dale never met a stranger, as he had a kind and friendly demeanor that built and maintained friendships that spanned decades. Dale is survived by his wife Janice of Belleview, God-daughter, Cynthia Plesner and husband Carl of Leesburg, Florida, brother Kenneth Edward Smith and wife Kate of Osage Beach, Missouri, brother Joe Eric Smith and wife Jan of Clermont, Florida, sister Joan Smith Carey and husband Chris of Newark, Delaware, and many nieces and nephews. A private Celebration of Life will be held for Dale at a later date. When you finally find the courage to dream with your eyes wide open, when you finally find the courage to trust, you can finally watch your dreams unfold.....



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DM

Diane Manino posted:

Dale was a man of adventure, he told me all about geocaching on the phone one day, which I had never heard about, but it seemed interesting. It wasn't until a few years later that I was visiting my son in Florida that I met up with Dale and Janice and they took me geocaching. I was a little leary going on property that didn't belong to me but he said it was ok and not to worry. He was so excited for the adventure and we continued on for a while finding boxes and treasures. Good memories! You'll be missed Dale but always in my heart.

September 12 at 6:28 AM

ES

E. Janice Smith February 25 at 9:01 AM

He so loved an adventure. Especially with family and friends. He talked about that outing very often!



Myron Leggett posted:

Enjoyed sharing photography stories with Dale. Always a pleasure to see Dale and Janice at Flute events and gatherings and their visits to our studio!

September 9 at 7:08 PM

LS

Lion Suzy lit a candle in honor of William.



September 3 at 5:12 PM



Joan Carey posted:

I don't have a specific memory that was more significant than the rest. They were all special. But I will say that, being the only little sister that he had, he was ALWAYS there for me, and I NEVER doubted his love for me. We share the same birthday too (nine years apart)!! I always teased him that I was the best birthday present he'd ever had, and that I was a gift that kept on giving (mostly trouble:) I will miss sharing our birthday.:two_hearts::two_hearts::two_hearts:

September 1 at 8:50 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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