



# Charles Edward Smith Sr.

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**C**harles E. Smith, Sr. of Lewes, DE passed away on March 24, 2024, with his loving wife of 71 years, Frances, by his side. He was born on April 3, 1929, in Fallston, MD, to Anna Regina and Kemper Smith. Charles was raised in Maryland and graduated from Kenwood High School in 1948. He proudly served in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1951-1961.

Charles married Sara Frances Armacost on June 28, 1952. They moved to Lewes, DE, where he was stationed in the Coast Guard. He and Frances made their home in Lewes, raised a family, ran a business, and made many lifelong friends. After serving in the Coast Guard, Charles opened Smith and Pittman Amoco Service Station, on the corner of Fourth Street and Savannah Road in Lewes, with his longtime friend, Ralph Pittman. Charles enjoyed working in the center of town greeting friends every day. After Ralph moved from Lewes, Charles ran Smith's Amoco Service Station in the same location. In 1978, he opened Smith's Wayside Auto Sales and Service, at the entrance to Lewes on Savannah Road. Charles was a meticulous mechanic. He was devoted to his family, working long hours without complaint, to provide for them.

Charles knew many local people in Lewes, and he was always ready to lend a hand to those in need. He was a member of St. Jude The Apostle Catholic Church.

Charles and Frances enjoyed traveling, especially to Lancaster, PA., throughout the year. They had memorable trips to Maryland, Alaska, Florida, South Carolina, and many states along the East Coast. Charles loved old country music songs and hymns. He was always happy, and his family often heard him singing and making up his own songs and rhymes.

Charles was predeceased by his parents and brothers Kemper (Buzz) Smith, Francis (George) Smith and sister Mary Lou Smith.

Leaving to cherish his memory are his wife Frances A. Smith; children: Charles E. Smith, Jr. (Connie), Beth Smith and Regina LeGates; grandchildren: Kim Smith, Christy Bogle (Mark), Cody



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Smith (Staci), Kelly Smith, Danielle Blankenship (Jordan), Derek LeGates and Marissa LeGates; great-grandchildren: Hayden Bogle, Finley and Livvy Smith and Blair Blankenship; foreign exchange daughter Carolina Vernot Kohler (Peter) of Austria and Spain; extended family: Mary Lou and Wayne Warren and family, many close nieces, nephews, cousins, and treasured family friends.

A graveside celebration of life with Military Honors will be held at Bethel Methodist Cemetery, Savannah Road, Lewes, DE on April 3, 2024 at 2:00PM.

The family is grateful for the care and compassion they received from Delaware Hospice.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Charles may be made to Delaware Hospice, 100 Patriots Way, Milford, DE 19963 or to the ALS Association of Greater Philadelphia, 321 Norristown Road, Suite 260 Ambler, PA 19002, in memory of his brother-in-law Leonard Culver.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.

**FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL ARRANGEMENTS BY 4:00 PM ON TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024, TO OUR LEWES LOCATION.**





# Events


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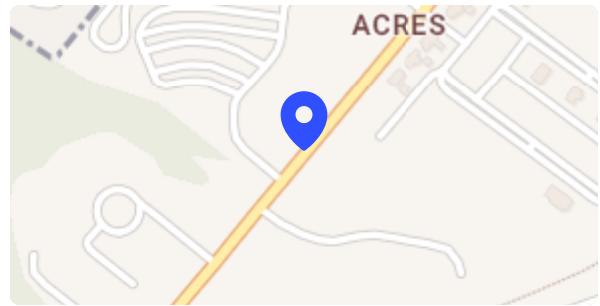
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## Graveside Service with Military Honors


 **Wednesday**, April 3, 2024

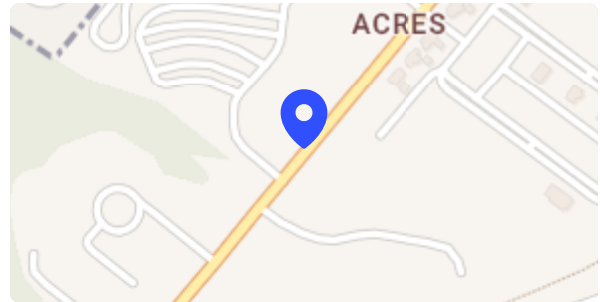
 2:00 PM ET

 **Bethel Methodist Cemetery**  
Savannah Road, Lewes DE



## Cemetery Details

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MM

**Mike Maul** posted:

I was covering for Mr. Smith on a Saturday at the Amoco station while he and Mrs. Smith went see his brother in Maryland. All I had to do was pump gas and change oil and filter and top off all fluids on one car already on the lift I stopped by on Monday to see how I did first words he said was thanks for changing that oil for me good thing i came in early. I totally got distracted pumping gas and forgot to do the oil change. I remember that to this day to complete the job.

April 2 at 5:54 PM

GW

**Garrick Weaver** posted:

So sorry to hear of Mr. Smith's passing. We bought several "cream puffs" as he called them over the years, and they were always great cars. It was always a pleasure to just drop by and say hello during our time in Lewes. May his family and friends take comfort in the fact that he touched so many lives through his military service and with his multiple businesses in Lewes. The Weaver family.

April 1 at 6:48 AM



**Kathy Pepper** posted:

May your family be comforted by God's love and wonderful memories. Blessings, George and Kathy Pepper

March 31 at 8:44 AM



**Keith Misener** posted:

So sorry to hear of "Smitty's" passing. Such a nice man that will be missed by so many. Lynn and I rented an apartment from the Smiths when we were married in 1980. Lots of fun times. My sympathies and condolences to the family and many friends.

March 31 at 5:40 AM

MW

**Mary Lou & Wayne Warren** lit a candle in honor of Charles Edward.

Our family has shared many holidays, weddings, birthdays, births & many other joyous occasions with the Smith family over the past 40+ years. While our hearts are sad, we are blessed to have so many wonderful memories of times spent with Pop-Pop Smith & his beautiful family! Sending hugs & prayers to all of you for your loss - how blessed you all were to have shared your life with him! Love you all.



March 28 at 6:57 PM



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**Terri Zeman** posted:

Uncle Charles was one of a kind. He always made everyone feel welcomed when they came to his home. Time spent in Lewes, Delaware, created the happiest memories of my childhood. He will be sorely missed by all those who loved him.

March 28 at 4:06 PM



**Charlotte A Bastian** posted:

I am very sad to hear of the passing of Charles. He certainly was a leader in the community and so very valued in many ways. He leaves a beautiful, close family and will surely be missed. I have many fond memories of my conversations with him. He was always so glad to see me and happy to talk. He was such a family man and a very hard working man. My hope is that his family will find peace through their happy memories. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you. God Bless.

March 27 at 4:23 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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