



Robert Thomas Smart

October 11, 2018

Robert Thomas Smart, 77, passed away October 11, 2018 at Baptist Hospital East after an illness.

He was a 36 year employee of the Louisville Trust Company, Liberty National Bank and Bank One Group.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hector and Pearl Smart.

He is survived by Mary Linda Smart, his loving wife since 1973, John H. Smart, brother, David Smart, nephew, and Kelly Davis, niece.

Funeral Service is 10 AM Tuesday, October 16th at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 501 Cherrywood Rd with burial to follow at Cave Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be held 4-7 Monday, October 15th at Pearson's, 149 Breckenridge Lane and 9-10 AM Tuesday at Holy Trinity.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the charity of your choice.

Cemetery

Events

Cave Hill Cemetery

701 Baxter Avenue
Louisville, KY, 40204

OCT **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Pearson Funeral Home
149 Breckenridge Lane, Louisville, KY, US, 40207

OCT **Visitation** 09:00AM - 10:00AM

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Holy Trinity Catholic Church
501 Cherrywood road, Louisville, KY, US, 40207

OCT **Prayer service** 10:00AM

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Holy Trinity Catholic Church
501 Cherrywood road, Louisville, KY, US, 40207

Comments



“ Tommy. I first met him when I was just 6 years old and we moved into a little neighborhood called Myers Grove. In those 6 years I saw him pretty often. Tommy, actually Robert Thomas, was 7 years my senior. I learned a lot from Tommy. Tommy would sit and talk with me. He especially loved trains and any thing to do with them. We sometimes would listen to record albums of train sounds (yes there are such things). He enjoyed photography, especially when it involved trains! Sometimes he would sit with me and we'd just watch little things like bugs and worms and talk about them. He had a superior intellect, but never treated me like a dumb little kid, although, I was. He taught me patience, to be observant and pay attention to detail. To this day, he could do things I could never do, like ride a bicycle with him peddling and 6 other kids on the bicycle! He'd swim, play baseball and a lot of other things kids do. He wouldn't tolerate being bullied and a few bullies paid a price and learned a lesson. I learned from Tommy that it wasn't ok to mock or bully anyone, even if they were weak or different. Probably the best thing I learned from Tommy was that I could do most anything I wanted (well except to ride 6 kids on my bike) if I persevered and payed attention. You see, Tommy was born missing one arm below the elbow, missing a foot and missing a leg below the knee. I feel lucky that not too long ago, I was able to, although awkwardly, express my appreciation for his treatment of me when we were kids. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to express the true impact he had on me, while growing up. I'm pretty sure that as of a couple of days ago, Tommy is amazed with his new existence without disease or any physical limitations. God bless you, Tommy. Our sincere condolences, Linda and all of Tom's family.

Mike & Brenda Snyder - October 16, 2018 at 09:35 AM



“ Tommy and I were junior members of the Ky Ry Museum back in the 1950's and we became friends, traveling to various places to see and photograph trains plus riding steam excursions and other activities. He was a great friend and I'm truly saddened that he has left us.

As mentioned in the previous comment, he was missing part of an arm, a foot and a leg but he wasn't handicapped, at least to those of us who knew him. He even played baseball and I never heard him complain about his condition. He was an inspiration to those who were privileged to be around him.

Thanks, Tommy, for those times of friendship, occasional laughter and shared love of trains.

Deepest sympathy to Linda and the Smart family.

-Jim Herron

Jim Herron - October 16, 2018 at 10:18 AM