Arthur William James Smith

SEPTEMBER 18, 2025



Arthur William James Smith (July 3rd,1940 - September 18, 2025).

Arthur William James Smith (born Smetaniuk), passed away peacefully in the morning on September 18, 2025, at age 85.

Art is survived by his wife Gina Holvick of Surrey B.C., his daughter Shelley Smith of Calgary Alberta, his sister Doris Kidd and niece Tammy Reback both of Winnipeg Manitoba, his stepson Darrell Holvick, his wife Kristine and their 3 children, Jake, Gavin & Carter of Castle Rock, Colorado.

Art is predeceased by his daughter Catherine Cheryl Irene Smith who passed away in 1992.

Art's career began in banking with various financial institutions across Canada. In 1992, Art and Gina opened a travel agency in Richmond B.C. specializing in cruises, until his retirement.

His unwavering commitment to kindness towards everyone he encountered and his gift for making others smile with his "jokes" left an impact on all who crossed his path.

Art enjoyed spending time at the Chilliwack River Campground where he and Gina spent many weekends with family and friends.

His family would like to thank the care givers at Ellen Sinclair Kennett Lodge for their kindness and assistance at the end stages of his life.

Art wishes to be cremated. A private scattering of his ashes will occur in 2026.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Parkinsons in B.C. https://parkinson.bc.ca/ways-to-give

Messages of Condolence

Gina and family, I am so sorry for the loss of your husband, father, step father, uncle and friend. Art was a very kind person and I was lucky to benefit from his thoughtfulness and kindness, from making sure I had the right pots and pans to an excellent shoe tree. He loved you so much Gina and it was the first thing he told me way back in 1990. Art was always good for a joke and loved to make us laugh. Rest in peace dear friend. Lynda

— Lynda Bell

We were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Art. We want to extend our heartfelt sympathy during this difficult time. Art was a truly a kind and caring man. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. Sending our love to all of you.

— Aunty Eileen and Patty

Art was a very special friend. He and my husband Spence spent hours in conversation at their favorite place at the Chilliwack campground. At 10 am they would meet at Art’s table with their coffee ready to discuss the highlights of the world. Spence and I enjoyed Art’s sense of humor very much as well as his kindness and willingness to help anyone in need. He was always giving us items from his awesome collection of things in his garden shed. Art did like to shop and he delighted in finding bargains.We were lucky to know Art as a true friend. He will be truly missed.

— Mary Ann Mikituk

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