



Jon M. Smalley

August 2, 2017

Jon M. Smalley, 83, beloved husband of Geraldine (Wilkins) Smalley, of West Hartford, died August 2, 2017. Born in Wellsville, NY, the son of the late Roy and Berneice Main Smalley, he was raised in the Buffalo area and moved to West Hartford in 1977. He attended East Aurora High School, proudly served in the US Marine Corps and graduated from the University of Buffalo. He began his career with the Aetna Insurance and retired in 1997 as the Assistant Vice President of Internal Affairs. Jon spent winters in Florida and summers in New Hampshire. He loved the outdoors. He enjoyed canoeing, kayaking, camping and bird watching with the West Hartford Audubon Society. Besides his wife of 60 years, he is survived by two sons; David Smalley and his wife Teresa of Southington, Douglas Smalley and his fiancé Angela Whittaker of South Windsor; his daughter-in-law Sandra Smalley of MD; three grandchildren, Michael, Jonathan, and Emily; and his brother Thomas Smalley and his wife Jackie of MI. He was predeceased by his son John Smalley. His family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to his hospice team and especially to his caregivers at UConn Hospital, 6th floor. His memorial service will be celebrated on Saturday, August 19 at 11:00 a.m. in St. James's Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Ave., West Hartford, CT 06107. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to St. James's Episcopal Church or the Alzheimer Association, CT Chapter, 2075 Silas Deane Highway, Suite 100, Rocky Hill, CT 06067. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. James's Episcopal Church
1018 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT

Tribute Wall

JH

“ Jon was my manager in 1974 when I came from Chicago to work for him in Panorama City, California. Jon was a trusted and respected manager. Jon was an all around good guy. The world needs more Jon Smalleys. I miss him.
Jack Hilbert

jack Hilbert - April 29, 2021 at 12:23 AM

MA

“ I worked with Jon in the early 90's in internal audit. One day I got a check made out to me but clearly not from any accounts I had. It was an Aetna check. I bought it to him and we joked about how I could spend it if they couldn't find the right Margaret Nolan, sadly they did, it was a hefty chunk of change. He was a very pleasant man.



Maggie Nolan-Thibault

Maggie - August 18, 2017 at 08:42 AM

MR

“ Jon was the one that got us all to go to work at The Farm. I will always remember his kindness and his stories. I will miss him.

Marcia Reno

Marcia Reno - August 16, 2017 at 01:46 PM

JL

“ Gerry:

Sue and I were so sorry to hear about Jon. We were thankful that we saw him two years ago when you were both in Florida and we met for lunch with the Archers and TerBushses. We had quite the operation at Aetna and I enjoyed working with Jon for 7 years. I have a million good horror stories about our cases but I'm sure you've heard them all.

Unfortunately Sue and I are out of the country and won't be able to attend Jon's memorial service. He will be missed by all.

John Luthringer

John Luthringer - August 11, 2017 at 09:43 AM

PF

“ *I knew Jon as a birder - he was a joy to be around, always smiling and always helpful. My condolences to the Smalley family. Patrice Favreau.*

Patrice Favreau - August 11, 2017 at 07:17 AM

BM

“ *Very sorry for your loss. Jon was a great mentor and teacher back in the Aetna days and a role model for me.*

Beth Mercier - August 10, 2017 at 12:46 PM

PG

“ Dave and Doug sorry for your loss.
Our prayers are with you and your loved ones
in this time of sorrow.
Patrick Gilhooly



Patrick Gilhooly - August 09, 2017 at 08:15 PM

MC

“ I echo what Fran D'Amico has shared about Jon - Jon was a truly wonderful special man and one i greatly admired for many reasons. i first got to know him through my membership in the Hartford Audubon Society and one of my most memorable experiences was being on a birding trip to the Kent/Litchfield area and Jon finding a warbling vireo nest and showing it to me - a lifer at that time . He was always friendly and patient with new birders and just a great person to be around - we will miss him very much. Mona Cavallero

Mona Cavallero - August 09, 2017 at 07:55 PM

FD

“ Jon was always one of the first to welcome new members to Hartford Audubon. He was such a giving man in so many ways and it was clear to see how much he adored his wife Gerry. He always had great stories to share and he was a very knowledgeable birder, always ready to help everyone hone their skills. I'm grateful for the many birding trips, local and out of town where we birded together with others.
Jon, you will be greatly missed. And we thank Gerry for continuing to bring Jon to gatherings such as the Christmas Pot Luck. -
Frances D'Amico

Frances D'Amico - August 09, 2017 at 08:14 AM