

SMITH

STUART O. SMITH, SR.



It is with great sadness we share the passing of Stuart O. Smith, Sr., on January 6, 2023. He was the most generous, devoted, and selfless father, a beloved husband, and a much-cherished grandfather. He will be forever remembered and missed. He was truly a family man.

Stu was born to the late Curtis Lee Smith and Evelyn Tousley Smith in Cleveland, Ohio, on January 31, 1933. He grew up in University Heights, Ohio, and

graduated from Cleveland Heights High School, where he played football as the team's quarterback, and was a sports enthusiast. He went on to attend Allegheny College in Pennsylvania before enlisting in the Army. He was stationed at the Panama Canal with a tank brigade.

Stu raised his family in Lake Lucerne (Bainbridge Township), and Moreland Hills, Ohio. He later moved to Florida, where he lived on Captiva Island, Amelia Island, and up until last year, in Atlantic Beach at Fleet Landing Retirement Community with his wife, Jan. In 2022, he moved back to Cleveland.

Stu was a loyal partner in business with his brother, Curtis Lee Smith, Jr., in a career that spanned over five decades. He put his energy into his business endeavors, which started in the 1950s with the family business, National Copper and Smelting Company, located in Cleveland's Little Italy neighborhood, a company that his grandfather had started in 1916. They eventually moved the business to Solon, Ohio, and after many successful years there, again moved the company to Huntsville, Alabama, in 1983. The brothers eventually sold the business as they looked to seek out and manage other business opportunities. These businesses included APSCO, Inc., and Handex Consulting and Remediation in the 1980s, and then New Horizons Worldwide Inc., a network of computer learning/training centers, from the 1990s until Stu's retirement.

Stu was preceded in death by his two brothers, Curtis Lee Smith, Jr. (Mary), and William Tousley Smith (Janet). He is survived by his wife, Janet (nee Peat); his two children: Stuart O. Smith, Jr. (Eva Julie) and Julie Smith Bonebrake (Geoffrey); grandchildren: Kevin Frederick Smith, Michael N. Smith, G. Douglas Bonebrake, Jr., Anna Catherine Bonebrake, and Curtis Stuart Bonebrake. Stu is also survived by many friends, nieces, and nephews.

For those who would like to donate in his memory, he was a supporter of Beaches Habitat for Humanity, 797 Mayport Rd, Atlantic Beach, FL 32233. At his request, services will be private.