



## Raul A. Smith

August 31, 1946 - October 5, 2019

Mr. Raul Smith, 73 years old, of Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands and formerly of Miami, Florida, passed away peacefully on October 5, 2019 at Baptist Hospital in Miami following a 9-week battle with a rare and aggressive liver cancer.

Born on August 31, 1946, Mr. Smith graduated from Miami Edison Senior High then enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. Following a tour of duty in the Vietnam war, he then earned an Associate Degree from Miami Dade Community College.

He was married to Iva Blanche Smith on December 21, 1974 in the Cayman Islands and then they relocated to Miami, Florida to begin their professional careers and start a family. Their daughter Ruth was born in September 1976. He worked as a glazier for Dade County Public Schools for over 30 years, retiring in 1997; not one to remain idle, he returned to the Cayman Islands where he worked in facilities management until his second retirement in 2012.

Left to mourn his untimely passing are his wife Blanche, only child Ruth , grandchildren Raina and Nyomi, son-in-law Nygel, and many other family and friends in the Cayman Islands, the United States and the United Kingdom.

A celebration of his life will be held in the Cayman Islands; further details will be shared as confirmed.

# Comments

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“ Raul, Blanche and Ruth were just the best neighbors anyone could have! We came to live in Miami from the United Kingdom in 1981. We couldn't have been made more welcome by all of our neighbors but Raul was such a great character! He and Blanche always made us so welcome in their home and we shared many laughs and good times often eating meals together and enjoying conversations and card games! We'll never forget him and his ability to see humour in everything, especially when I nearly sent him racing back to a furniture store to exchange furniture he'd spent hours putting together! Do you remember, Blanche!! He was just the best and we loved him dearly. We're just so sad that we cannot share those times again but we take comfort in the memories. Rest in Peace, dear Raul. You were special.  
Rosemary, Ian, Julian, Rebecca and Alexandra. Xxx

Rosemary Faulkner - October 08 at 07:27 PM

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Laura Ebanks - October 07 at 11:00 PM

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“ My deepest condolences to all of Mr. Raul's loved ones. He was truly a gentleman who lit up the world with his smile and his kind words. I will miss him asking me, "What you driving now?" as he always teased me about changing cars so often. The photo I've shared here was one I took after promising to tag him on FB when I posted it back in 2015 (which I did). May he RIP & may good memories bring comfort to all those who mourn his passing. ~Laura~



Laura Ebanks - October 07 at 10:49 PM

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“ My Condolences to Ms Blanche and Ruthie.  
My most Fondest memory is having Mr Raul and Ms Blanche coming to the Spa doing their Pedicures, and He would at times tease Her by Saying His wife needs a shovel after filing her Feet. LOL. You will be gravely missed Mr Raul, and I am forever grateful to have crossed Path with you! You'll forever be in my Heart. RIP

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“ Our deepest sympathy to Blanche and family. As Ruth his daughter said. CANCER STINKS ". Fnd comfort in knowing his pain is all gone and now he is with his heavenly father. Love from Clifton and Karen Smith. Viera. Florida

Clifton and Karen Smith - October 08 at 09:57 AM



“ Ruth and Blanche, I remember your moving party in your empty house in Devon Aire, before you went to Cayman. Raul was so excited about the move! And we were so sorry to see you all go. Lots of memories from Devon Aire Elem. and CPC with your family!! I first met Raul when he fixed a window in my classroom, and I realized he was Blanche, in the cafeteria's, husband and Ruth, my student's, father. He was such a kind and congenial guy! RIP Raul. Love, Suzanne Yager and family

Suzanne Yager - October 07 at 06:22 PM



“ To Blanche and Ruth..... my heart truly aches  
For the loss of dear Raul. I have always held  
All of you in such love and esteem. Having  
Served with Raul on the Creative Learning  
Committee, I really got to know him. Always  
The gentleman, dedicated , and full of fun  
Too!  
Of course from the beginning we shared the  
Love of the Packers and we could do “ Monday  
Morning quarterbacking” together! And through  
The years being FB friends we could still share  
Our opinions.  
I grieve his loss with you. However we know that he was such a faithful servant and  
is now  
Truly at peace.  
These aren't just words because he lived his  
Life with love of his church and family! All of  
You were such a close loving family. And that  
Love will sustain you as you make this journey.

Raul will always remain such a wonderful  
Memory for me and I will miss his friendship  
Dearly!

RIP dear sweet man... Betty Polland

elizabeth Polland - October 07 at 02:46 PM

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