



Frederick J. Smith

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Frederick J. Smith, 78, of Baldwinsville, passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 21, 2021. He was born in Syracuse to the late Frederick and Agnes (Costello) Smith and graduated from St. John the Evangelist High School. He went on to receive his Bachelor's in Philosophy from St. Bernard's Seminary and his Master's and Certificate of Advanced Study in Education from SUNY Cortland. Fred worked for nearly 50 years as a teacher and administrator for the Syracuse City School District, Baldwinsville City School District and the Catholic Diocese of Rochester among others. Fred was a devoted husband, father and grandfather extraordinaire, loyal friend, committed volunteer, lifelong naturalist and every dog's best friend.

In addition to his parents, Fred is predeceased by his brother, Martin Smith, and his beloved dogs, Penny, Riley and Murphy.

Fred is survived by his loving wife, JoAnn (Galvin) Smith; his daughters, Jennifer Ann Smith and Karen Lynn (Eric) Simon; granddaughters, Rachel Jael and Hannah Claire Simon; his grand-dogs, Charly and Lucy; along with many cousins, countless friends and colleagues.

Calling hours will take place from 4 – 7 pm on Monday, November 29, 2021 at the Thomas J. Pirro Funeral Home, 3401 Vickery Road (corner of Buckley Road), North Syracuse. The family asks that those individuals who are not fully vaccinated please wear a mask. A funeral mass in celebration of Fred's life will be held at 9 am on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at St. Mary's of the Assumption Church, Baldwinsville. Those attending are welcome to bring a story to share.

The family would also like to extend a special thanks to the nurses, caregivers and therapists from Syracuse Home at McHarrie Place who cared for Fred like a member of their own family, and to the close-knit class of '61 from SJA for their enduring friendship, love and support.



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In lieu of flowers, contributions in Fred's name may be made to the Food Bank of CNY, 7066 Interstate Island Road, Syracuse, NY 13209 or Helping Hounds Dog Rescue, at helpinghoundsdogrescue.org/memorial-donation.



Events


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Visitation

 **Monday**, November 29, 2021


 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET


 **Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home**
3401 Vickery Rd, Syracuse NY 13212

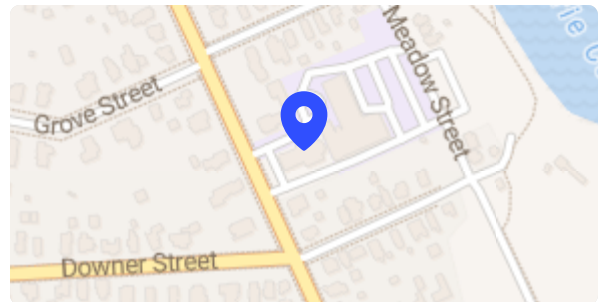


Funeral Mass

 **Tuesday**, November 30, 2021

 9:00 AM ET

 **St. Mary of the Assumption**
47 Syracuse Street, Baldwinsville NY 13027





Tribute Wall

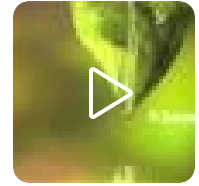
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Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home shared a **Tribute Video**.

November 29 at 6:55 AM



James Deyett posted:

Mrs. Smith, Jennifer, Karen & family, My heart is so sad upon hearing this news. I have such fond memories of the Smith family, even though it has been years since I have seen you all. I remember Mr. Smith as an incredibly positive, jovial and fun guy, who emitted a wonderful glow of happiness. As a teacher, I should strive to be the kind of role model he was. I am so sorry for your loss and you have my most heartfelt condolences. Warmest regards to you all, James Deyett

November 29 at 5:11 PM



Julie Warner lit a candle in honor of Frederick.

Fred was always such a fun and joyful person to be around. He had so many great stories and so much to share with the world. I am so sorry for your loss

November 29 at 2:20 PM



Dave posted:

"Freddy" as I lovingly called him was one of a kind. Although bittersweet to see him at Syracuse Home it was still always good to see him. I didn't work with him much as a therapist, but was always around to cheer him on. We had a great bond and shared many many laughs while he was here. In addition to him, his daughters and wife were always a blessing to have around. Gonna miss ya Freddy, can't imagine how you are moving now!!! RIPDave

November 29 at 6:50 AM



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Kathy Peters lit a candle in honor of Frederick.



November 29 at 4:08 AM



Kathy Peters November 29 at 4:12 AM

Fred and I worked together as principals for the Diocese of Rochester. He was the principal at my home parish, where all three of my children attended and I was a teacher before Fred's tenure. The teachers and students loved Fred at St. Mary's in Waterloo, as he loved them. God rest his soul!



Marisa Przepiora posted:

JoAnn, Jennifer, and Karen - I had the absolute pleasure of working with Fred while he sat on my board of directors at Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes, and I truly don't have the words to express what a wonderful person I came to know him to be. Fred always showed up, and always with a positive attitude and a smile on his face. He was fiercely committed to the community that he volunteered to serve in so many ways, and we were blessed that he chose us. Fred is one of the kindest men I've ever met, and we can all take a lesson from this kindness. We had many talks about his family and his love and devotion for his wife, kids, and grandkids, and I can only imagine how difficult this time is for you. Sending you love and holding you all in my heart as I remember Fred's beautiful smile and friendship. ~Marisa (Rube) Przepiora

November 27 at 5:23 AM



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MM

Marilyn Mcnamara posted:

Dear Joanne, Jennifer, Karen and family, Every once in a while, God blesses us with a very special person, and our lives are changed forever. Please know that we share your sadness as you say goodbye to Fred. Fond and fun memories are what I have to remember my cousin Fred. I loved him. We shared frequent family gatherings in our younger years. Fred, 11yrs my senior, was my 1st cousin. His mom, my beloved Aunt Aggie, and my Dad were siblings. The Costello cousins' families often gathered at our "Nonnie's" Schuyler Street homestead on Tipperary Hill. I remember attending Fred's graduation from college, and remember how his sense of humor had people laughing out loud. In recent years, dealing with devastating illness/disability, Fred's love of life seldom waned. Fred's Faith, love and the optimism of his heart was REAL. Joanne, Fred loved you dearly. Your presence in Fred's life as friend, wife, mother to your girls, + co-grandparent well, the word that comes to mind is "profound". Your enduring support during his recent challenges (beginning in the summer of 2019 and these difficult months) exactly defines what "in sickness and in health" is meant to mean. Jennifer, sending you prayers and heartfelt sympathy. You are most certainly your "father's daughter". What a compliment! You were Fred's 'partner in crime'. You have so many of his endearing qualities. You have met your own life challenges with grit, determination, all sprinkled with humor. Like your Dad, the world is a better place with you in it. The life lessons your Dad taught you have endured and you will always feel his spirit nearby. Karen, the love of your Dad can never be replaced, and it can never be lost. Ever. Your father was proud of you, and I know Fred's looking down on you and yours from Heaven now. His legacy continues in your children. Nobody could light up a room the way Fred could. We Costello cousins are all going to miss him at our gatherings, but we're so blessed to still have him in our ❤️ hearts. Love, Marilyn and Don McNamara

November 23 at 1:50 PM

KH

Kathy Sahn Hepfner posted:

I am so saddened to hear about Freddy. He will always be a love. Quite the gentleman. Great cousin!!! My condolences to Joanne, Jennifer, and Karen. Also to Ed, Natalie, Julie, and Karen G. May all the great memories hug your hearts. In Christ...Kathy Sahn.

November 24 at 6:04 PM

JU

Julie lit a candle in honor of Frederick.



November 24 at 3:34 PM



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LB

Linda Smith Berardi posted:

Joanne, Jennifer and Karen - our sincerest condolences. I have fond memories of our families growing up and my parents enjoyed telling us about your and Uncle Fred's first date. Yes, you will always be Aunt Joanne and Uncle Fred to my brothers and I. It's not often that friendships last over 50 years. My father told me Uncle Fred and my mom are now dancing in heaven - heard they were pretty good dance partners back in the day. Prayers to all of you during this difficult time. Linda Smith Berardi and family

November 24 at 3:11 PM

DM

Dave Mulvey posted:

My Principal, my Boss, my friend! Fred was the most tireless, determined, caring and innovative man I have ever known! Any endeavor he undertook he did so with vision and energy unlimited... any of those endeavors were for the sake of others, be they students, school, faculty, families or community! His ever cheerful and positive spirit through such challenges, pain and setbacks as he's faced these past many months are a true inspiration and testament to the Faith he so professed. Prayers continue for Fred, and deepest condolences to Joann and the family!

November 24 at 7:15 AM

PP

Pat Payment lit a candle in honor of Frederick.



November 24 at 6:47 AM

JU

Julie lit a candle in honor of Frederick.



November 23 at 3:31 PM

SN

Susie O'neill posted:

Joanne & girls.... I am so sorry to hear of Fred's passing. It a terrible loss for you, as well as the rest of your family and friends. He will certainly be missed; his laugh, smile and jokes (no matter how good or bad) will remain with us and make us smile when we think about him and realize how lucky we are to have had him in our lives.. All our love. Susie O.

November 23 at 2:11 PM



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Patricia Payment posted:

Dwayne and I are so sorry for your loss, it's our loss also, Fred was always so happy go lucky even with all he went through. He always had a good outlook on life, we did have a good time whenever we were with him. Sleep in peace my friend you our loved!!

November 23 at 1:50 PM



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Kathy Blanchard November 30 at 7:19 AM

Please accept my deepest sympathy, JoAnn, and all your family. Fred always made everyone feel like you were the most important person when you were with him. Of course, that is because he really felt that way. I am very grateful for having known him through high school and beyond. He worked hard on our SJCA reunions and luncheons and we all appreciate that. It was a wonderful day this summer when Diane and I were able to have lunch at your home! Thank you for sharing him with us. May your memories, and these beautiful pictures in the video, soon outweigh your sadness and fill your hearts with joy!Kathy



Kathy Blanchard November 30 at 7:07 AM

What a beautiful video! Thank you for finding such wonderful pictures and putting them together in this pattern. I loved watching the "story" of his life.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Frederick by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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