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**D**on Jeffrey Smart of Huntersville, North Carolina, age 67, passed away May 4, 2023, at 12:30am at Atrium University Hospital, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Don (Jeff to his friends, but BooBoo to his wife Jamee) was born October 5, 1955 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He attended Tumwater High School, class of 74. After high school, Jeff joined the Army Reserves for a period of 4 years, which he was discharged in 1978. After Jeff was discharged, he worked as a skiff operator on a fishing boat in Alaska, and after Jeff left Alaska, he became a hair stylist for the next 18 years in Washington State. Jeff also loved driving log trucks and had experience driving double belly dump trucks during his employment in the construction industry.

Jeff enjoyed listening to music with or without headphones, going to concerts, especially Earth, Wind & Fire with his wife Jamee Smart, fishing and he had a passion for golf.

Jeff was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest Harold Smart and Virginia Allen Ball. Jeff is survived by his wife of 12 years, Jamee L. Smart, his 2 daughters from a previous marriage, Rissa Vuyk of Seattle, Washington and Rikki Smart also of Seattle, Washington; 2 grandsons, Asher William Vuyk and Bohdi Drew Vuyk; brothers Ernest Michael Smart of Olympia, Washington and Thomas Pat Smart of Arizona City, Arizona; nephew Kirk Smart and niece Kimberly Grimes.

No funeral or memorial services were held per Jeff's wishes. Cremation took place at James Funeral Home, Huntersville, North Carolina.

Jeff will be deeply missed but never forgotten. May "BooBoo" always rest in peace.



# Tribute Wall

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**Jamee Smart** posted:

To My Booboo, The day I met you was honesty "love at first sight" when you got to the top of the stairs cuz the bar was upstairs and I was meeting your brother Pat, his best friend and I was sitting at the bar and had a perfect view of anyone coming upstairs for "Happy Hour" you stood at the top of the stairs looking for who I thought was someone else until your brother saw you and said "Uncle Jeff we're over here!" My heart fluttered, butterflies were flapping and I knew right then and there I was going to marry you! Booboo you have and always will be my forever love, my best friend, my soulmate my Booboo!

June 17 at 10:17 AM



**Danielle Ford** posted:

My fondest memory of Jeff is the warm and loving greeting I got anytime I visited with him and my mom. Jeff was always willing and ready to be of any help he could and that was mostly served in the form of laughter because he had a joyful way about him. I will miss the love he shared by just being in his presence. There really wasn't anything Jeff wasn't willing to do for his loved ones and I'm grateful to have been able to share in the time he was given on this earth. Thank you Jeff for your love and light. From the Jenson-Ford family..we miss you and love you! Be ever wonderful, stay as you are Time is right, in your life tonight Find your place among the Broadway light and be ever wonderful, stay as you are - Earth, Wind, Fire

June 16 at 7:06 AM



**Jamee Smart** June 17 at 10:19 AM

Thank you Dani!!! ❤️



**Pat Smart** posted:

One of my greatest memories of my Little Brother was when he moved to Arizona. I got him a job with Insearch a company I worked for. I was assigned to "Show Him the Ropes" of how Belly Dumps worked. Knowing he had been driving Big Trucks way before me, it was kinda neat that I got to be the one to train him. I doubt it was my expertise that made him a Damn Good Belly Dump Driver, he was just a Damn Good Driver. I will always look back on the time we got to drive together as one of the high points in my life. I have fond memories of Uncle Jeff and Auntie Jamee in our time together in Arizona as well. Getting to hang out with them and getting to meet Jamee's Mom and Dad and hanging out with them as well. Two of the best things I have ever done is 1. I quit Smoking 30-35 years ago and 2. Having a small part in introducing Auntie Jamee to Uncle Jeff. Miss you "Squirt".

June 12 at 10:14 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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