



Rudolph mCdONALD Smith

November 13, 1945 - December 28, 2020

Rudolph McDonald Smith, affectionately known as Rudy, passed peacefully in his sleep, on December 28, 2020, at Autumn Lake Nursing Home. He was born on November 13, 1945, in Kent County Maryland, to proud parents, Hazel Rebecca Harris Smith and the late Norbert Francis Smith II. Rudolph was the eldest of the Smith boys.

Rudy attended Sharptown Elementary School for his early education and graduated from Henry Highland Garnett High School in Chestertown, Maryland. During his earlier adult years, he worked for Campbell Soup in Chestertown, Maryland. Later he decided to relocate to Wilmington, Delaware, where he worked as a delivery driver and at a grocery store.

Rudy's hobbies included, but were not limited to, hunting, shooting and street racing fast cars. Two of his favorite cars were a white 1966 Chevy Impala and a green 1969 Chevy Chevelle SS, with a white vinyl top.

Rudy was a bit of a free spirit and liked to do what Rudy liked to do. He was very self sufficient and quick to befriend strangers. He lived life on his own terms and went wherever he wanted to go, staying for however long he decided to stay. But he'd always check in with his elder sister, Hilda, letting her know he was okay. As with all things, time eventually caught up with him and he slowed down and moved in with his sister, Hilda, in Newark, Delaware.

Years later, after having some age related medical issues, Rudy became a resident of Autumn Lake Nursing Home.

Rudolph was preceded in death by his father, Norbert Francis Smith II and his younger brother, Norbert Francis Smith III.

Rudy leaves to cherish his memories, his mother, Hazel Rebecca Harris Smith; three sisters, Hilda Johnson (Howard) of Newark, DE, Deborah Marlene Waters of Pondtown, MD and Elnora Beach of Exmore, VA; brother, Kenneth Lee Smith (Mildred Hawkins) of Rock Hall, MD; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.