



## Maurice E. "Moe" Smith

June 22, 1948 - May 6, 2015

Maurice E. (Moe) Smith Jr., 66, passed away May 6, 2015 at his home in Bloomington, Indiana. He was born June 22, 1948, in Portland, Maine, to Maurice E. Smith Sr. and Geneva Maude (Roberts) Smith. Moe was a 1966 graduate of South Portland High School in Portland, Maine. In 1969, he met his wife Linda Brawn while an engineering intern at the Portsmouth (New Hampshire) Naval Shipyard. He received his B.S. in Industrial Engineering in 1971 from Northeastern University in Boston. He and Linda married on August 21, 1971 in North Hampton, New Hampshire. He received his M.S. in Industrial Relations in 1973 from the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

Moe worked as a Labor Relations Manager for the City of Philadelphia from 1973 to 1977 and then moved to Bloomington where he has lived happily ever since. He was research associate at the Midwest Center for Public Sector Labor Relations in the School for Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University from 1977 to 1981. Moe then joined the University's Human Resource Office and served in multiple roles including Director of Labor Relations until retiring in 2013.

Moe loved the Boston Red Sox, IU Basketball, and the Colts (in that order) and was strongly biased against the NY Yankees, Kentucky Basketball, and the Patriots (in that order). He was an avid supporter of IU Student Theatre. His favorite activities were discussing sports and sports statistics with his children, his Dinner Group club, and travel adventures all over the world. More recently, he added play with his grandchildren to his most favorite activities. He was an active participant and leader in the Indy Carcinoid Awareness Network (ICAN), a support and information

group for patients with Carcinoid and Neuroendocrine Tumors.

Maurice is survived by his wife Linda; by his son Gordon Brawn Smith, daughter-in-law Erin Dudley Smith, grandson Jackson Dudley Smith, and granddaughter Grace Elizabeth Smith, all of Jupiter, Florida; and by his daughter Evann Geneva Smith of Cambridge, Massachusetts. He is also survived by four siblings all still living in Maine: his sisters, Linda Brown of Ocean Park, Jude Elliot of Standish, Susan Pelletier of Sebago; and his brother, Michael also of Sebago.

A celebration of his life will be held Monday, May 11, 2015 at the Allen Funeral Home at 4155 South Old State Road 37. There will be a reception for friends to visit with the family and each other beginning at 4:00 pm, immediately followed by a memorial service at 5:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the IU Simon Cancer Center. Please make memorial gifts payable to IU Foundation. Please indicate "In memory of Maurice E. Smith" on your gift. Mail to: IU Simon Cancer Center, PO Box 7072, Indianapolis, IN 46207

Condolence may be sent to the family at [www.allenfuneralhome.org](http://www.allenfuneralhome.org)

# Comments

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“ Moe was a fellow Band Parent at BHSS. Had a wonderful 4 years working the pit crew with him. Jessica Trudell (my daughter) always considered Moe another father figure while the band was on trips. He will truly be missed. Then there is the Moe I knew from HR. Sometimes it was hard to keep our roles straight at HR meetings as we both tried to have fun like we did as band parents and that sometimes did not correlate to a serious HR meeting :-)

**Deb Speer** - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

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“ As President of AFSCME Local 832 and a 31 year employee of IUB I have had the pleasure of several interactions with "Moe". He was always professional, honest, honorable and genuine. Moe always took the time to listen to issues and he could understand both sides. I respected Moe and I learned from him. Thank you for sharing Moe with us @ IUB. Sincerely Scott Rugenstein

**Scott Rugenstein** - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

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“ It was my great fortune to work for Moe in Human Resources for 15 years. He always treated me as an equal and as a friend. At the beginning of our weekly meetings, he would sometimes say full of enthusiasm, "Let's get through this and then I want to hear about your trip," or he would tell me which piece of art he wanted to buy. Then it was his turn and he'd talk about a new restaurant or his dinner club event, his and Linda's overseas travels, Evann's blog and studies, Gordon's research and wedding plans, politics. We talked about Boston. We traded recipes. Towards the end we talked about his treatments and options. The last time I saw Moe he and Linda were sitting outdoors at the Runcible Spoon Cafe. He was eating a big piece of pie with two scoops of ice cream, grinning from ear to ear. He was so happy. Sincerely, Mika Van Vooren

**Mika Van Vooren** - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

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“ Dear, Linda, Gordon, Evann, and all of Moe's family:

My life was touched very meaningfully by Moe's grace, generosity, and support.

Please know that I share your sorrow at this time and offer my best thoughts to all.

Sincerely,

Mike Van Vooren

**Michael VanVooren** - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

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“ What shocking and very sad news it was to learn of Moe's death. Although I've not been in touch with Moe for a number of years, I will always remember him as a gentle, talented, thoughtful, and kind person. It was my very good fortune to know and work with Moe at IUPUI; Moe is a key reason for my happy and fond memories of my 14 years at Indiana. Thank you, Moe. Now, my thoughts are with Moe's family, colleagues, and friends as they (and I) grieve the loss of this wonderful person.  
Chris Keeley (Former Director of HR at IUPUI)

**Chris Keeley** - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

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“ Moe was a kind, special person and I loved our weekly chats each week when he was my supervisor in HR. He was one of the rare people at IU that still held the Herman Wells vision of the university as a family and he lived that vision. I can't count the number of things I learned from him.

But most of all, Moe cherished his own family and he was so proud of Gordon and Evann. I feel fortunate to have been able to know him.

Our condolences to Linda, Evann and Gordon.

Tim, Lynda, Aubrey and Carly

**Tim Dunnuck** - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

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“ The Lord gained another great angel with Moe's passing. While my time in knowing Moe was short, the impression he left on me will last a lifetime. His quiet ways and smile will forever stay in my mind as I continue my work in the field of HR. I am thankful to have known him and count him as one of the valuable mentors I've had in my career.

May God bless you and your family during this sad time.

Jamie

**Jamie Gayer** - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

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“ Dear Linda,

Our thoughts and sympathy are certainly with you and your family at this difficult time. May you find the strength to carry on.

**Tom and Kay Gruenenfelder and Mueller** - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

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“ To Moe's Family

Moe was a mentor to me when I was an inexperienced grad student. He guided me, edited my writing, and insured I succeeded, not only as a student but also as an employee at IU. I always knew I was in good hands when he was around. He was patient, kind, supportive and showed me what life could lie ahead. I know how much he loved his family, you were what defined him, you were his life. But then, I am not telling you anything you don't already know! Bless all of you.

Liz Clerkin

**Liz Clerkin** - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

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“ Dear Linda and family,

I was so very sorry to learn of Moe's death. I always thought he was a wonderful, smart, caring, helpful, and interesting man. He and I shared a real affinity for IU student theatre and I will really miss seeing him at performances on campus. All my love and sympathy - Jocelyn

**Jocelyn Bowie** - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

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“ Like Paula, I knew Moe--or as I cheekily called him, Elmo--through UHRS. He was a champ of a boss and a true friend. I often share one of my favorite memories of him: He was in the midst of allergy tests, and his doctors had narrowed it down to red wine or shellfish. I laughingly said, "I hope it's shellfish," while he simultaneously said he hoped it was red wine. His East Coast palate would have had it no other way! A light has indeed gone out in the world, but his influence has made so many of our own lights shine even brighter. I will always be grateful for his kind ear and deep thoughtfulness. Many warm regards from Texas!

**Carrie Davie (Cline)** - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

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“ Linda and Family,  
I've not met you but I joined the ICAN group this past year and met Moe. I regret that I will be out of state on Monday. But I wanted you to know that talking and listening to Moe has given me info and encouragement that I need as I go down this new path. (He also shared photos of your wonderful grandchildren) He was definitely a proud Grandfather.  
I will miss his big eyes and big smile that gave me a sense of comfort.  
I am so sorry and pray that you will receive God's Comfort at this sad time and beyond.  
I feel blessed by knowing your beloved Moe.  
Sincerely,  
Nancy Waltz

**Nancy and Greg Waltz** - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

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“ Stunned and saddened. I am so glad I bumped into you and Linda just a few weeks ago, it was great to chat if even for a moment. Go Red Sox!

**Peter Kaczmarczyk** - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

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“ There is no one like you, dear friend. Thank you for getting me through all the adventures of HRS.

May you always walk in sunshine and remember how you touched the lives and people in your amazing journey, dear Moe...I love you and Linda forever.

You have always held a special place in my heart.

PBFaith

**Paula Bourne** - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM