



Larry Thomas Smith

January 14, 1938 - March 29, 2026

Larry Thomas Smith, 88, of 4519 Wards Road, Evington died Sunday, March 29, 2026 in Lynchburg at the Health Care at Home facility. He was the husband of Rachel Hunt Smith for sixty-nine years.

He was born January 14, 1938 in Richmond, a son of the late Novel Thomas Smith and Pearlle Mae Dawson Smith. Larry worked as an electrician, retiring from the CB fleet after 23 years of service, and found great joy in fishing, race cars, and time spent with his family. He proudly served his country as a member of the United States Navy.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Phillips Edward Smith and his wife, Sylvia of Altavista and Barry Dean Smith and his wife, Eva of Concord; two daughters, Roberta Smith Libel and her husband, Ralph of Altavista and Elizabeth Dawn Fellers and her husband, Jimmy of Dixon, TN; one brother, Fred Smith of Volines; two sisters, Shirley Short of Halifax and Janie Cocke of Altavista; ten grandchildren; a host of great grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a son, Charles Eugene Smith; and a brother, Edward Smith.

A graveside service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 1, 2026

at Altavista Memorial Park by Larry Evans, Minister with military honors by American Legion Altavista Memorial Post 36 and Gretna Post 232.

The family will receive friends from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m., Tuesday at Finch & Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista and other times at the residence.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider the National Center for Healthy Veterans, 980 Wards Road, Altavista, VA 24517 (www.HealthyVeterans.org).

Cemetery Details

Altavista Memorial Park

642 Wards Road
Altavista, VA 24517

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Finch and Finch, Altavista
809 Main St.
Altavista, VA 24517

Graveside Service

APR 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Altavista Memorial Park
642 Wards Road
Altavista, VA 24517

Tribute Wall



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Larry Thomas Smith*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - March 31 at 10:50 AM

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“ *Sorry for your loss. Prayers*



Gwenda Willard - March 31 at 06:34 PM

JR

“ *Jay Rice lit a candle in memory of Larry Smith*



Jay Rice - March 30 at 03:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Larry Thomas Smith.*



March 30 at 06:41 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Larry Thomas Smith.

March 30 at 06:41 AM



“ *Jamie Burgess Holt lit a candle in memory of Larry Smith*



Jamie Burgess Holt - March 29 at 05:32 PM