



# William (Bill) Kelly Smith

October 5, 1942 ~ August 14, 2020 (age 77)

## Obituary

William "Bill" Kelly Smith

Of Beckley, WV

William "Bill" Kelly Smith 77, of Beckley, WV passed away unexpectedly on Friday, August 14, 2020.

Born in Beckley on October 5, 1942, he was the son of the late William H. and Floretta Smith. In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his wife Nancy Jean Moore Smith.

Bill leaves behind his son David Smith of Coal City, WV; daughter Kelly Smith of Beckley, WV; Grandchildren Sgt. R.J. Bragg and wife Mimi

stationed in South Korea, Patrick Smith, Colby Bragg, and Victoria Smith of Beckley; Great-grandsons Dominic and Mateo Bragg in South Korea; a sister Cathy Taylor and her companion Bob Matson of Beckley; and his loving companion of the last 10 years Tennis Parrish of Beaver, WV; her children and grandchildren Austin, Jared and Caroline whom he adored as his own, as well as a host of extended family and friends.

Born and Raised in Beckley, Bill graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1960 and afterwards enlisted in the US Navy, proudly serving on the USS Boston. For years, Bill has attended annual reunions to visit with his lifelong Navy friends. After serving our country, Bill relocated to Virginia and worked for AT&T, met and married his wife Nancy and together they moved back to Beckley to help his father manage Beckley Cabinets. He then purchased Beckley Mower service, becoming well-known to his community- acquiring nicknames such as "Mr. Bill" and "The Lawnmower Man". After many years, he closed the mower service, and worked at Beckley Feed and Hardware and Adams Power Equipment. Bill loved traveling-especially to Daytona, Florida; collecting antiques and ebaying.

All that knew Bill well, knew that he loved to eat. His local favorite food spot, Chic-Fil-A knew his order as soon as he walked thru the door. Those close to Bill joke about knowing not to touch his popcorn or his Bacon. He will be greatly missed by many.

In accordance with his wishes, his body will be cremated. A celebration of Bills life will be held at New River Park in Beckley, WV; Shelter #2 on Saturday August 22, 2020 from 1pm to 5pm.