



Craig S. Smith

August 1, 1950 - March 5, 2026

Craig S. Smith, 75, left a family void when he passed away peacefully in his home on Thursday, March 5, 2026, in Houston, Texas.

He was born on August 1, 1950 in Lynbrook, New York to Shirley and Felix Smith. A native New Yorker, Craig grew up on Long Island, graduated from The University at Buffalo, spent his twenties in Manhattan and raised his family in Rockland County. He most recently relocated to Houston, Texas to be closer to his children.

The youngest of three children, Craig was known for his mischievous and playful behavior. He had a quick wit and a great sense of humor, providing the entertainment throughout his childhood and into his college years. After graduating, he found success as a salesman in the garment center of New York City and eventually settled upstate with his wife, Colette, and their two children, Lindsay and Justin. Craig followed several different opportunities to work in various industries throughout his later years. Although divorced, he and Colette maintained a close relationship and co-parented with ease.

In 2025, Craig suffered through a life-threatening accident that left him on a ventilator and in a coma for two months. Through a miraculous turn of events, he was given a second chance at life and worked tirelessly to talk, walk and live independently once again. His family will forever cherish the extra time

they were blessed to share with him.

Some of Craig's happiest moments were spent playing outside with his three grandsons. He thoroughly enjoyed good Chinese food and was constantly in search of the perfect wonton soup. As an avid sports enthusiast, he could often be found watching the New York Giants and Yankees games with his son. When the television turned off, the music came on and his dancing shoes came out. Craig lived a happy, simple life and loved being surrounded by family.

Craig is survived by his former wife, Colette Smith, his daughter, Lindsay Steinberg (Zach), his son, Justin Smith, his brother, Bruce Smith, and his sister, Janis Mills. He is remembered lovingly by his grandchildren, Gavin, Rory, and Bryce Steinberg.

Craig's legacy of joy, warmth, sense of humor and unconditional love for his children and grandchildren will live on through all who knew and loved him.

A funeral service will take place on Friday, March 13, 2026, at 11:30am at Cedar Park and Beth El Cemeteries in the Sanctuary of Abraham & Sarah Mausoleum, 735 Forest Avenue, Paramus, New Jersey 07652.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the American Lung Association (www.lung.org/donate), or a charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Park and Beth El Cemeteries

735 Forest Avenue
Paramus, NJ 07652

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 13. 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Although I only had the pleasure of being around Craig a handful of times, his charisma, sarcasm, charm and warmth were very hard to miss. To my amazement, his personality remained unchanged after the accident. It takes a pretty resilient and motivated person to bounce back from such an incident, and with appreciation and positivity. The last time I saw Craig, he was walking inside his daughter’s house to see his grandsons, looking bright and happy. Our sincerest condolences to the whole family.

Elizabeth Lucas - March 23 at 05:42 PM

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“ The bottom line is, I love you dad. It’s a bittersweet symphony, but that’s life.

Lindsay Steinberg - March 10 at 10:44 AM

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“ Craig always made me feel special. As a young pre-teen and even as an adult with a family of my own. One particular encouraging memory that has always stood out was at Gavin’s first birthday party. Lindsay announced she was pregnant with Rory and after celebrating the moment I stepped outside. Craig joined me, gave me a hug and in the embrace simply said “your time will come sweetie.” He saw me. He acknowledged me. In a joyful moment for his daughter, he took the time to support me. His words were brief but exactly what I needed to hear. And he was right.

Craig was full of life. He always brought a smile to my face and made me laugh. He had the most fun playing with his grandsons who absolutely adored him. He fought so hard to be with his boys, and Lindsay and Justin after his extended stay in ICU. He lived for them and now he continues to live on in them.

Erica Pickenpack - March 10 at 10:37 AM

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I am so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you and your family during this difficult time.

Adam Russin - March 13 at 05:47 AM