



## Caesar Edward Smith Jr.

July 24, 1940 - August 2, 2020

Caesar Edward Smith Jr., known as “Skip” and “Sweet Pea” by loved ones, passed away in his Napa home on Sunday, August 2, at the age of 80.

Caesar was born on July 24, 1940 the only child of the late Caesar Edward Smith Sr. and Ruth Etta White in Marshall, Texas.

He is preceded in death by his parents and is survived by his wife, Velma Smith, children Felecia Hansen, Caesar Smith III, and Velma’s children, MeShelle Keel and Charles Davis. He is also survived by nine grandchildren.

A resident of Napa for over 30 years and a member of Calvary Community church, Caesar graduated in 1958 from H.B. Pemberton High School in Marshall, Texas and promptly enlisted in the United States Navy that same year, where he served aboard the USS Ranger during the Vietnam war. After being Honorably discharged, Caesar embarked on a career as a Merchant Marine, traveling the world and collecting stories and memories that he would fondly share with family, friends, and strangers alike.

Caesar traded a life on the sea for a more terrestrial vocation and was a true renaissance man, working in a variety of jobs before ultimately deciding to pursue a career in construction. Caesar became a General Contractor, starting his own company that served the Bay Area until his passing.

Caesar was an optimist, he believed in others and that their best days were always ahead of them and worth living for. He mentored and provided job opportunities to many throughout his life, reminding them that, "You are equal to any, and second to none." He loved to cook and entertain, discuss politics and current events and was quick to offer an opinion on any topic.

If you had the pleasure of knowing Caesar Edward Smith Jr, you are a better person for it. He will be missed deeply by family and friends, but never forgotten.

Military Committal services were held for Caesar Edward Smith Jr., at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery on Friday, August 14, 2020 with Pastor Hanson Rogers offering the final Word in prayer.

# Cemetery Details

## Sacramento Valley National Cemetery

5810 Midway Road  
Dixon, CA 95620

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall

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“ Skip will always be remembered as my favorite cousin. We were the only two children of his mother and my father. Skippy was a historian and made it come alive. His view points were always based on facts and his knowledge of historical and daily affairs. Skip was loving, wise, articulate and an all around good person .Your memories be a blessing to all of us. All the best!!!! Rest on in Peace!!!

*Always, Ivan JR.*

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*My dad was definitely one of a kind. I miss him terribly!*

*Felecia*

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