



## Gregory Smith

July 19, 1955 - October 6, 2021

Princeville, Hawaii – Greg “Smiling Smitty” Smith passed away on October 6, 2021. He was born in Exeter, NH on July 19, 1955, the son of the late Murray and Donna (Dunbrack) Smith of Hampton, NH.

Greg attended the Hampton school system and graduated from Winnacunnet High School. He then attended the University of New Hampshire graduating with a degree in Education.

Greg’s passion was athletics. He was a professional freestyle skier, an avid big wave surfer, competed in the Boston Marathon, the Iron Man in Hawaii, the Molokai to Oahu Paddle Board Race, swam to the Isles of Shoals and back, and was featured in a Warren Miller movie ski jumping off the headwall at Tuckerman’s Ravine at Mount Washington.

Greg’s greatest accomplishment was raising his daughter Sofia who survives him at the age of 13 and lives in Hawaii. He is also survived by his younger siblings; Rhonda, Gary, and Gia. Greg was predeceased by his parents and brother Murray, Jr.

A gathering with a traditional “Surfer’s Paddle” will take place to honor and celebrate Greg’s life at Rye Rocks, Rye, NH on October 24, 2021 at 4:30 pm. There will also be a “Surfer’s Paddle” for Greg at Hanalei Bay, Kauai, Hawaii

in November with a specific date to be determined. In lieu of traditional remembrances, donations may be made to the Sofia Smith Scholarship Fund ([https://www.gofundme.com/f/sofia-smith-scholarship?member=14605479&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=customer&utm\\_campaign=p\\_email%2Binvite%2Bspider1c](https://www.gofundme.com/f/sofia-smith-scholarship?member=14605479&utm_medium=email&utm_source=customer&utm_campaign=p_email%2Binvite%2Bspider1c))

# Previous Events

## Surfer's Paddle

OCT **24**. 4:30 PM (ET)

Rye Rocks  
Route 1A  
Rye, NH 03870

# Tribute Wall



“ Gregory Smith

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM

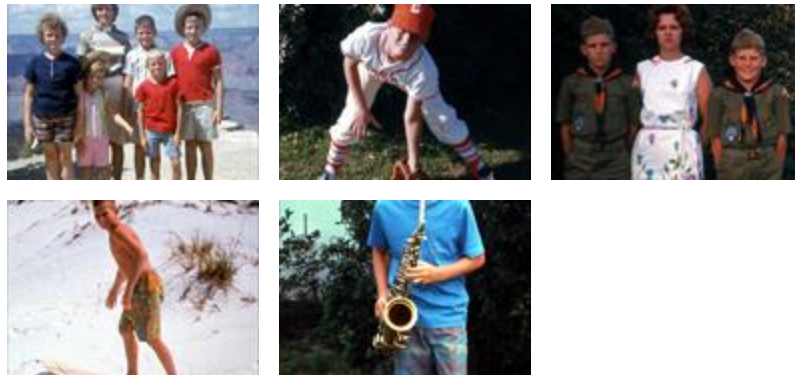


*I was sorry to hear of his passing  
He was very gracious to those coming up in the surfing industry  
We had the best equipment  
We had no money to pay for this stuff we got. He got blamed for all sorts of things. creditors and people who helped him out took it out on him but it was us. He did what he could for everyone around him that he cared about.  
He was one of the best athletes from this area  
He also landed a Cessna aircraft in the ocean and survived  
God bless Greg and his wonderful family. Troy McKenzie*

Troy Mckenzie - December 07, 2024 at 11:18 AM



“ 9 files added to the album Memories Album



Gary Smith - October 25, 2021 at 08:27 AM

MS

*Just learning about Greg's passing. I graduated with him from Winnacunnet and also Unh. He was a special breed and very memorable. Was his cause of death an accident or had he been ill? He leaves a beautiful daughter. "Smiling Smitty" an apt nickname. He was always edgy and kind. I will remember him fondly.*

Meredith Steele - August 01, 2023 at 11:59 AM

DG

*“ Deb And Jack Gendron lit a candle in memory of Gregory Smith*



Deb and Jack Gendron - October 24, 2021 at 12:22 PM

DG

*“ Rhonda, Gary, and Gia I am so sorry to hear about Greg's passing. So sorry for your loss. Thinking of all of you and your family. Xx*

Deborah Gendron - October 19, 2021 at 06:32 PM

BT

*“ Barbara Tyler sent a virtual gift in memory of Gregory Smith*



Barbara Tyler - October 18, 2021 at 02:17 PM

GS

“ Smiling Smitty was one of my coaches at the 1974 Salomon Freestyle Skiing camp at Squaw Valley, CA. He was cool and so kind to me as a 14 year old kid. Thank you Greg. Rock In Perpetuity. Greg Stump.

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**Greg Stump** - October 15, 2021 at 01:21 PM

CP

*Smitty is a legend in the ski and surf world. He always went big doing aerials and jumps and surfed some of the heaviest waves Hawaii had to offer!! He was a good friend to those he respected and and will be missed by all. Most important, Greg was a great Dad to his daughter Sofia. He watched her grow into a beautiful young lady and she was the most important thing in his life. Greg shared many memories with me in his last years and his past adventures were incredible times shared with his favorite people!*

*He influenced many young skiers to become the "Fresstyle" skiers of the future. RIP, my brother. "Long May you Run"*

*Cliff Pappas*

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**Cliff Pappas** - October 20, 2021 at 10:58 PM