



Samuel Smichnick

March 13, 1946 - May 23, 2025

Samuel (Sam) Smichnick, a proud U.S. Navy veteran of the Vietnam era, passed away peacefully in his home on May 23, 2025, surrounded by his loving family.

Born in North Charleroi in 1946, Sam graduated from Bellmar High School in North Belle Vernon in 1964. Shortly after, he answered the call to serve his country and enlisted in the United States Navy, where he served as a dental technician, with a duty station in Millington, Tennessee.

Sam was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. For 55 years, he treasured and devoted his life to his wife, Paula Witmyer Smichnick. Together, they built a life rooted in love, faith, family, and friends. Their daughters and their families survive him: Suzanne and Eric Russell of Boca Raton, Florida, and Jessica and Paul Glace, currently residing in Frankfurt, Germany. He was a proud grandfather to Samantha & Heidi Russell and Elizabeth & Cameron Glace. He is also survived by his beloved grand-dog, Maple.

Sam was a loving brother to Linda Sue and his deceased brother Jimmy, his sister-in-law, his brother-in-law Jane, and Chuck Forsythe. He is close with many cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

During his working years, he worked as a Journeyman Millwright with U.S. Steel in McKeesport, PA. He retired from working as an HVAC technician at

Hershey Medical Center in Harrisburg, PA.

Sam was an active and faithful member of the First Christian Church of Belle Vernon, where he served over the years as an elder, deacon, treasurer, and financial secretary.

He was also a dedicated member of American Legion Post 659 in Belle Vernon. In his role as Vice Commander, he provided support to fellow veterans and often had the honor of presenting the flag to families of fallen servicemen and women.

In his leisure time, he enjoyed showing and driving his classic 1996 Camaro. He always took pride in his vehicles. When Sam was not enjoying gardening and his cars, he loved traveling abroad and around the United States. He enjoyed traveling to the United Kingdom, Germany, Poland, France, and Japan. He enjoyed traveling to National Parks in the United States, often visiting family and friends along the way. When he was at home, he enjoyed following sporting events at Belle Vernon High School, including football, softball, and basketball.

Sam's legacy is one of service, devotion, and strength. His kindness, integrity, and love will continue to inspire all who knew him.

The family would like to thank Advantage Health Care for their support, and Gabby and Ashley especially thank them for their compassionate care for our loved one.

Friends will be received on Sunday, June 1, 2025 from 2 to 4 P.M. and 7 to 9 P.M. in the Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc., 700 Broad Avenue, Belle Vernon. 724-929-5300. www.FergusonFuneralHomeandCrematory.com. A funeral service will be held on Monday, June 2, 2025 at 12:30 P.M. in the funeral home with Pastor Sam Batton officiating. Interment will follow in Belle

Vernon Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to a veteran's organization of one's choice.

Cemetery Details

Belle Vernon Cemetery

1000 Broad Avenue
Belle Vernon, PA 15012

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 1. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc.
700 Broad Avenue
Belle Vernon, PA 15012
(724) 929-5300

Visitation

JUN 1. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

JUN 2. 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AH

“ Audrey Halgas lit a candle in memory of Samuel Smichnick



Audrey Halgas - June 01, 2025 at 10:36 PM

SE

“ Sincere condolences to all family and friends of Linda and her brother Sam 🙏

Susan Elliott - June 01, 2025 at 08:54 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Samuel Smichnick.



May 28, 2025 at 06:11 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Samuel Smichnick.



May 28, 2025 at 06:06 PM

SE

“ I looked for you and missed seeing your face at the recent Naomi Club appreciation luncheon for Veterans. And now I say to you, Rest in Peace, friend. You have truly been the example of living the life of a steward of God. Sue Ann Mancuso Edwards

sue ann edwards - May 25, 2025 at 10:53 AM

PD

“ Patti Sterner Davis lit a candle in memory of Samuel Smichnick



Patti Sterner Davis - May 24, 2025 at 01:29 PM

MR

“ My very sincerest and deepest sympathy to Paula, Suzanne, Jessica and Linda and all other loved ones of Sam. Sam was one of the kindest, loving persons I've known. He was already ready to help anyone who needed it. My prayers for peace and comfort knowing he is in the hands of God. 🙏 Marlene Runatz

Marlene Runatz - May 24, 2025 at 12:52 PM

PS

“ Our Heartfelt Sympathy to Paula and family . Your beloved will be dearly missed but treasure the memories for he lives on in your hearts. May God bring you peace and comfort during this difficult time. Paul and Evelyn Sedlak

Paul/Evelyn Sedlak - May 24, 2025 at 12:46 PM

JM

“ *My very deepest sympathy to Paula, daughters and families and sister Linda. I've known Sam since high school and am so very sorry. Rest in Peace Sam.* 🙏🙏🙏

Jill (Alberta) Marcy - May 23, 2025 at 06:15 PM