



# Raymond Smallwood

June 24, 2024

A loving husband, father and grandfather, Raymond Smallwood, 75, of Smyrna, Delaware passed away on June 24, 2024. Born in Wilmington and raised in Penns Grove, Ray was the son of Rose (nee: Bracale) Smallwood. After graduating from St. James High School, Ray began working at DuPont Chamber Works and would be there for the next thirty years until retiring. It was also during this time that Ray decided to commit his life to the Lord and he would work daily on strengthening that relationship. He began attending Sharptown UMC and joining weekly bible studies. Because of his willingness to learn more and live a more Godly life, he also found it very important that he serve as a role model and encourage his kids to do so as well. Through Sharptown UMC he taught Adult Sunday School as well as Diciphship Classes. He became involved with the Prison Ministry with several of his friends and would spread the good news to as many prisoners and as often as he could. He also attended services at the River Church in Penns Grove, New Jersey and Townsend Baptist Church in Delaware, while also enjoying all Philly Sports Teams, golfing, bowling, fishing, listening and playing music.

He is survived by his wife Joan; his children, Lisa Marsh, Cathy Coleman (Joel) and Mickey Dixon (Mandy); grandchildren, Danny DeRicco (John), Melissa Coleman, Gregory Coleman, Robert Smallwood (Kirsten), Ashley Gates, Jaylen Sanchez, Colby Dixon and Madison Dixon as well as eleven great grandchildren. In addition to his mother Rose, his daughter Kristine Gates predeceased him.

Service will be held at the Sharptown UMC on Tuesday, July 2, 2024. The family will be available starting at 10 AM to greet those who wish to stop by and pay their respects with the service following at 11 AM. In lieu of flowers the family has suggested that donations can be made to the Sharptown UMC Memorial Fund in Ray's name.

[adamsfuneralhome.org](http://adamsfuneralhome.org)

# Cemetery Details

**Private Interment**

## Previous Events

### Memorial Visitation

JUL 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Sharptown Methodist Church  
3 Chapel Street  
Pilesgrove, NJ 08098

### Memorial Service

JUL 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

CA

“ So very sorry for your loss. I knew Ray from high school; he was a fun good guy. Prayers for his family. Carla Villanova Abernathy

carla Villanova Abernathy - July 11, 2024 at 10:26 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Raymond Smallwood.



July 01, 2024 at 01:14 PM

YF

“ Your Townsend Church Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond Smallwood.

Your Townsend Church Family - July 01, 2024 at 01:14 PM

JP

“ Jeff and Leslie Perry purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Raymond Smallwood.



Jeff and Leslie Perry - June 29, 2024 at 11:02 AM

LM

“ Lisa and Keith Miller purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Raymond Smallwood.



Lisa and Keith Miller - June 27, 2024 at 11:56 AM

MC

“ Mark A. Campia purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Raymond Smallwood.



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**Mark A. Campia** - June 27, 2024 at 09:16 AM

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“ From: Mark A. Campia planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond Smallwood.

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