

Rev. Daniel Edmund Smith (February 2, 1953 – June 12, 2023)

Dan Smith was born on 2-2-1953 in Buffalo, NY to James and Irene Smith. He joined big brother Ron and his younger brother Gil would come along years later. Dan graduated from the State University of New York at Fredonia, NY where he majored in music. Dan registered as a conscientious objector of the Vietnam War. He attended Princeton Seminary and was ordained in the Presbyterian Church in June of 1978.

Dan served the First Presbyterian Church of Geneva, NY before coming to the West Hollywood Presbyterian Church in June, 1984. Within a year of starting at this More Light parish, the AIDS crisis came and overwhelmed the congregation. Dan led the congregation through "thick and thin" for 35 years before retiring February 29, 2020. In April of 2022 he was able to move to his "Dream Home" in Cathedral City California. He enjoyed more than one year of freshly squeezed OJ from his tree, Saturday nights free from sermon-anxiety, and many dinners with his friends in the desert.

Dan was predeceased by his parents, Irene and James, and by one brother, Gil. He is survived by his brother, Ron, and his sister-in-law, Karin Ziegler. He is also survived by four nephews, Brett (married to Ilana), Joshua, James, and Lucas, and two nieces, Shanelle (married to Abed), and Gabrielle. Also surviving are one great nephew, Jace, and two great nieces, Remi and Jasmine.

Dan Smith was loved and respected by many and will be missed by all of his family, friends, and congregants.

A Witness to the Resurrection Celebration In loving memory of Rev. Daniel Edmund Smith was held on Saturday, July 22, 2023, at 1:00 pm at West Hollywood United Church of Christ, 7350 Sunset Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90046.