

A MAN TO REMEMBER

On June 28 this chapter lost a very special soul. His name was James Smith. For those who are not familiar with the name and especially the man, in the late 1980's he led the Vietnam Memorial Committee as President. He dedicated himself to the task of securing funds and building the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, now known as the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park. He made it his duty to attend every Day of Remembrance and POW/MIA service at the memorial.

During the Memorial's beautification projects he always came by and thanked us for the work we were doing. He was a man who loved Staten Island and had a special place in his heart for us.

I know he will be missed and remembered throughout Staten Island. I know I will miss him and will always thank him in my prayers for the gift of The Vietnam Veterans memorial Park.



Your brother,
Gene