

Bonnie Make Love Smart

Goodbye, Dad

My dad was the definition of dignity and decency. He so loved my Mother, cherished his family, enjoyed his friends and displayed a courtesy that was so ingrained in him toward everyone he met.

My dad was one of the gentlest spirits I ever knew. He always looked for the good in people even when it took some looking.

He didn't make great discoveries, never wrote a book. What he did was to be an example for his family, neighbors, coworkers and his friends.

He was a husband for 67 years, a father for 65.

Dad was born on a farm Southwest of Nevada on January 11, 1915, to Inez and Floyd Smith. To hear him tell about it he and his brothers were hell raisers as youths, but all that stopped when he met the beautiful Edoline Brous from south of Lamar.

Mom and dad lived in the Chicago area for a few years before returning to Vernon County to raise their family. Dad started his long and dedicated career with State Farm Insurance. After retiring he and mom traveled with that "silly" trailer, going all over the U.S. with mom's sister and husband. When the trailer got to be too much they enjoyed many winters in Florida.

He provided for his family with hard work but after work you could always find my dad on the golf course. As a young man he caddied at the golf course south of Radio Springs Park and from that grew one of his true passions. The golf along with hunting and fishing probably bring back happy and fun memories for many of you.

Dad loved his church. He served as treasurer and watched it grow from the church at Main and Austin to the one we sit in today.

I was proud of my dad, and he was proud of me. I am relieved that his pain is over, but his life continues in love and memories

Children: Ron and Suzy Smith, Bonnie and Fred Teel
Grandchildren: Shelly and Dave Adams, Jeff and Amy Smith,

Terri and Don McDonald, Beth and Scott Galante

Great Grandchildren: Ryan and Hillary Adams, Dillon and Cooper Smith, Margaret Galante and Crayson McDonald.

Sisters: Cleo Barrett and Jewel Faye Durst

Funeral Services

For

Cecil D. Smith

January 11, 1915

December 8, 2003

United Methodist Church

December 11, 2003

10:00 a.m.

Officiating

Pastor Ralph Clark

United Methodist Praise Band

Tim Wells Guitar
Scott Hillier Drums
Marion Shrimplin Bass
Mary Alice Shannon Keyboard
Sharron Johnson Vocal
David Killmer Vocal
Sonja Wells Vocal

Selections

"Lord I Lift Your Name On High"

"Great Is The Lord"

Soloist

Dave Killmer "The Lord's Prayer"
Karen Hertzberg Organist

Pallbearers

David Swearingen Paul Hirschman
Dave Adams Dean Lewis
Chris Barrett Tim Wells

Honorary Pallbearers

Bill Bales Louis Crowe
H. A. Kelso Byron Hallam
Jim Rinehart Franklin Norman

Interment in

Moore Cemetery

"Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers."

Proverbs 17:6