



Robert Dean Smith

July 2, 1928 - May 12, 2017

Robert Dean Smith departed this life on Friday, May 12, 2017. He was born on July 2, 1928, the second of eight children born to Dean and Clora (Jacques) Smith in Dade County, Missouri. After attending college, he served in the Navy from 1950 to 1953, primarily as an Ensign on the USS Hambleton (DMS-20). He married Lois Alene Murray on May 6, 1951.

Bob and his family moved to Bolivar in 1960 and joined First Baptist Church, where he later served as a deacon. He taught Physics at SWBC, later SBU, for 31 years, retiring in 1991.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Eddie Smith, Archie Smith and by a sister, Helen Smith Fulcer.

Bob is survived by a brother, H. Guy Smith, three sisters, Bonnie Smith Jedrey, Betty Smith Piper, and Glenda Smith Miller, his wife of sixty-six years, Lois Alene Murray Smith, three children, Carol Smith Wright and her husband Bill, Robert Nelson Smith and his wife Carolyn, and David Murray Smith and his wife Loree, five grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

Bob enjoyed classical music, woodworking, and running the scoreboard for Bearcat Basketball games. His expertise at small electrical appliance repair was appreciated by many. Above all, Bob was a Christian. His family and friends will miss him and live in hope of seeing him again in Heaven.

Visitation will be Monday, May the 15th from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Butler Funeral Home, Bolivar, MO with the funeral service will be conducted by

Pastor Bill Hooper, 10:30 AM at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at White Chapel Memorial Gardens, Springfield, MO.

Cemetery Details

White Chapel Memorial Gardens

5234 State Hwy EE
Springfield, MO 65802

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 15. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar
407 E. Broadway
Bolivar, MO 65613
(417) 326-5233
<https://butlerfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

MAY 15. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Dean Smith*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Robert Dean Smith*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Alene and family we have you in our thoughts and prayers. Our family remembers many good times together when we were all much younger and Bob and Harlie taught at SBC now SBU. Bob will be missed but not forgotten. Harlie and Nancy*

Harlie and Nancy Gallatin - May 13, 2017 at 06:12 PM



“ *Sorry to hear about Mr. Smith's passing. I sure remember him running the scoreboard for the Bearcat games in the years I played there (1963-1967). He had a sense of humor that made you wonder if he was just teasing you, or was he jabbing you. Ha Ha Ha! One thing he and I agreed on was we both were fortunate that I would not be able to pass his courses, and he felt he was probably better off without me being in them. I remember him talking with me and other students out on campus, and he was always very pleasant to everyone. I also remember he and his wife being members at First Baptist Church, and I am grateful for his Christian beliefs and values.*

Harold Burton, Senior Class of 1967

Harold Burton - May 13, 2017 at 11:35 AM

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“*"Smitty" was a "running" buddy for many years. He taught me many things as the head rigger. His mind continually amazed me, even as late as a few weeks ago. I will miss you old friend.*

George Williams - May 12, 2017 at 06:05 PM