



Wendell Davis Smith

June 17, 1935 - May 18, 2016

Wendell Davis Smith, 80, of Magnolia Springs, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 in Baldwin County, Alabama. He was born June 17, 1935, in Ripley, Mississippi – the oldest of four children born to Clinton Barth Smith and Hoyte Bounds Smith. He attended Mississippi State University and was a proud MSU Bulldogs fan.

While stationed at the U.S. Army's Military Receiving Station in Dallas, Texas, Wendell met Mae Dean Ellington, whom he married on New Years Eve 1958. He and Mae Dean raised two daughters and remained married for 57 years until his death. They traveled often, and after retirement traded their city life for a motorhome and began a new adventure as full-time RV'ers. This allowed Wendell to volunteer his time and talents in various Visitor Centers while he and his wife enjoyed what he described as their own "perpetual vacation". They often vacationed in Orange Beach, Alabama, and eventually retired to Baldwin County.

Wendell is preceded in death by his two sisters, Judith Smith Roth and Rev. Patsy Ann Smith. His spirit is continued by his wife, Mae Dean Smith, his daughters, Angie Smith of Memphis, Tennessee, and Carla Thomas of Olive Branch, Mississippi, his brother, Kerby Smith of Booneville, Mississippi, three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation in Wendell's memory to the charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **21**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Pine Rest Funeral Home
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wendell Davis Smith*

October 04, 2023 at 01:12 PM



“ *Wendell Davis Smith*

November 08, 2022 at 06:34 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Wendell Davis Smith.*



June 06, 2016 at 10:05 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Wendell Davis Smith.*



May 20, 2016 at 02:16 PM

TP

“ Mae Dean, Martha and I send our sincere condolences to you and all of your family. Wendell was a true friend from the time I first met him in the 10th grade. We shared many great times together and I remember when we two young "country boys" from Tippah County spent a week with my uncle in Birmingham. We reminisced about this at one of our early high school reunions. I always respected Wendell. He was personable and kind hearted yet he stood up for what he believed. I am grateful we had the chance to renew our friendship during our high school reunions and that Martha and I had the opportunity to meet and get to know you. We fondly remember having lunch with you and Wendell in Memphis. We will miss Wendell but are grateful he came our way and was our friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Tommy and Martha Pegram, Memphis, TN

Tom and Martha Pegram - May 20, 2016 at 02:03 PM



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Pine Rest Funeral Home and Memorial Park, LLC - May 20, 2016 at 12:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wendell Davis Smith.*



May 20, 2016 at 11:16 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Wendell Davis Smith.*



May 20, 2016 at 09:38 AM



“ *Karen and Gene Darmer purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Wendell Davis Smith.*



Karen and Gene Darmer - May 19, 2016 at 03:19 PM



“ *Gene and I will never forget the wonderful times we had with Wendell, Mae Dean, and the "gang" when we all lived in Mississippi. We laughed ourselves silly sitting around the campfires or on our numerous trips to the cabins. Though many years have passed since we've all been together....these friendships will always be cherished and remembered forever. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Mae Dean, Carla, and Angie. With much love, Karen and Gene Darmer, Tega Cay, SC.*

Karen Darmer - May 19, 2016 at 02:27 PM

CS

I will always miss my friend Wendell who named me Chrissybob, and love my dear friend MaeDean who introduced me to the Computer and helped me set up my first email account. We spent many hours around the campfire, camping out, and visiting in homes and talking by way of computer when we were unable to visit otherwise. Love you forever and we will all meet again someday in Heaven. Chris Sanders

Chris W. Sanders - May 20, 2016 at 06:18 AM

PL

Our Hearts go out to your Mae Dean. We pray GOD wraps his arms around you, and walks you thru the grief, and provide light when times seem dim. Smitty will forever remain dear to us in our hearts. "Fly high Smitty". ~ Phyllis and Glenn Lewis

Phyllis Lewis - May 20, 2016 at 09:31 AM

MS

*Kinda funny how just read all of these and appreciate them all. Thank you, our friends.
Mae Dean Ellington Smith*

Mae Dean Ellington Smith - August 24, 2016 at 11:02 AM