



Joseph " Joe" E. Smith

October 8, 1936 - February 12, 2022

Joseph "Joe" E. Smith, passed from this life into heaven on February 12, 2022. Joe was born on October 8, 1936, in Dresden, and graduated from Hopewell High School in 1954. He spent his youth hunting and playing sports, especially baseball. He would go on to play ball for the Zanesville Merchants and developed a lifelong love for the game. Joe was an avid hunter and enjoyed deer hunting with family and friends.

He was a great storyteller, one who knew how a story ought to be told. Humorous stories were his favorite and he told them often after which he laughed his wonderful laugh, the kind you couldn't help but join. Woodworking was his hobby and he built many beautiful things he was proud of. But if you asked him what he built that he was most proud of he would have told you the relationship he had with his sweetheart, Janie, and the family they built together.

Joe also enjoyed reading Zane Grey novels, watching Western movies, and coaching little league. When friends and family needed help with household projects he was always there to lend a hand.

Joe is survived by his wife of 66 years Janice S. (Gard) Smith of Hopewell; two daughters Cindy [Mike] Bandom of Zanesville and Lori [Paul] Jared of Middletown. A son Joseph E. [Angie] Smith Jr. of Columbia, South Carolina,

and a sister, Flora Noland of Dresden, and six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was deeply loved and will be missed by all.

Mr. Smith was preceded in death by his parents, Carl E. "Bud" Smith and Lillian Summers Smith and a brother Larry Lee Smith of San Saba, Texas.

The Smith family would like to express their gratitude to the staff, nurses and doctors at Altercare for their dedication and care. Your love for Joe was genuine and a great comfort to all of us. A celebration of life will be held at a later time. To sign the online guestbook or leave a personal note of condolence please visit www.hilliscombsnestor.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph " Joe" E. Smith*

October 06, 2023 at 04:22 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss. Joe was a great guy always had a smile on his face*

Shirley Drushal - February 18, 2022 at 11:41 AM



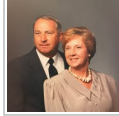
“ *What a great guy in every aspect of life. Joe and I worked together at Mock Woodworking Company. We were a two man team in the field installing cabinets and countertops and finish carpentry. We worked well together and enjoyed each others company; which of course made the project at hand much more enjoyable. He was a pleasure to be with. I have thought of him many times since retirement. Rest in Peace Joe. I will say many prayers in his regards...*

Doug Forker - February 18, 2022 at 12:26 AM



“ *janice I am so sorry for your loss Joe was a great friend hunting buddy . although many years have past my memories of our good times and him as my best man see only like yesterday > I still remember he always called me SAM this week we lost a good man and heaven gained a new angel*

Thomas A wilson - February 16, 2022 at 02:24 PM



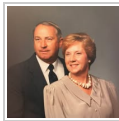
Those memories bring me comfort. Indeed there is a new angel in heaven. Thank you Sam.

Janice Smith - February 16, 2022 at 08:05 PM

LC

“ I am so sorry! Joe was such a kind man. I have so many fond memories of him. Prayers! Linda “Drushal” Cummings.

linda cummings - February 15, 2022 at 08:39 PM



Linda when you came to visit Lori and us there was always laughter and fun. Thank you for sharing those memories. Janice

Janice Smith - February 16, 2022 at 08:14 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph " Joe" E. Smith.



February 15, 2022 at 01:27 PM

TV

“ Janis and family my thoughts and prayers for strength and comfort are with you during this very difficult time. I am so sorry.



Tammy (Gard) Vanderbeek - February 15, 2022 at 10:41 AM

JK

“*Janice and family I am very sorry to hear about your loss. Joe was a great friend of mine. I worked with him at Mock for years and when we had our golf outing we always golfed together. he was a great story teller he always kept you involved so you would want to hear more. He loved to laugh and talk about his wonderful family. he will be missed
my thoughts and prayers are with the family. God Bless.*

John King - February 15, 2022 at 06:50 AM

SL

“*Janice and Family,
My heart and prayers go out to all of you.
Although I didn't get to see cousin "Joe Earl"
a lot after I grew up. I sure have a bundle of
fond memories, like playing touch football in
Grandpa Smith's corn field, he forgot it was Touch football, and I
ended up with a chipped front tooth. One year we tried to collect
grain off the railroad tracks, where the feed mill loaded trucks and
rail cars. The Dresden Marshal didn't think that was a very good
idea, perhaps we were on the feed mill side of the road? All we
wanted to do was get a little feed for the chickens. Marshal Jim
gave us a short talking to and sent us home. And then there was the
time at Uncle Buds. His hard cider was a magnet. We sneaked into
the barn and thought we were really getting away with something,
but it was so terribly awful and ugly tasting that all we managed to
do was swallow, spit and gag and run out before anyone caught us.
{I only did that once.} Joe Earl was a really great cousin. I only wish
I could have seen more of him. He was a country cousin and I lived
in the village of Dresden, but we did have fun when we got together.
In later years I found out how well liked he was by the Dresden farm
boys who knew him. I am sure he will be missed by many others
unknown to us. I shall never forget him God Bless him. Sherry Lane*



SHRRY R LANE - February 14, 2022 at 09:47 PM

BB

“ I truly thought Joe was a very special person loved him and his whole family were all special

Brady brandom - February 14, 2022 at 09:35 PM

CA

“ Sending our love and prayers to the family. I loved seeing Joe with daddy (John Keller) and watching them laugh so hard they'd cry. So many great memories getting together as kids. Love you all so much.
Love. Christine Keller Angerer

Christine Keller Angerer - February 14, 2022 at 09:31 PM

HR

“ Janie and family,
I am so sorry to hear about Joe. I did not know he was ill so reading about him was quite a shock.
Sending you sincere sympathy and lots of love.
Cousins Hazel and Claradell

Hazel Ritchie - February 14, 2022 at 04:27 PM

TV

Janice and family , so sorry to hear of your loss. Prayers for strength and comfort during this difficult time.

Tammy (Gard) Vanderbeek - February 15, 2022 at 12:33 AM

DP

Janice and family

Sorry to hear of Joe's passing. May God bless and comfort each of you at this sad time.

Always enjoyed talking to Joe when I would see him or at one of the Gard's reunions.

Sure you have many precious memories, keep them close to your heart.

Rest in peace, Joe

Dick Powell - February 15, 2022 at 08:42 AM