

Travis Wendel Smith

December 6, 1931 - June 2, 2013

Services for Travis Wendel Smith, 81, of Tyler will be held on Friday, June 7, 2013 at 11:00 AM at Lanes Chapel United Methodist Church. Burial will be held Saturday, June 8, 2013 at 10:00 AM in Florien, Louisiana.

Mr. Smith passed away June 2, 2013 in Tyler.

He was born December 6, 1931 in Orange, TX to the late Cecil Coleman and Bonnie Sibley Smith of Florien, La.

Mr. Smith was a graduate of Louisiana Tech, with a bachelors' degree in Mechanical Engineering. He retired after 25 years of aeronautical service at Lockheed Martin to Lake Palestine.

He was married to Jacquelyn Thomas Smith for 56 years and was a devoted husband and father who loved his family. He loved camping, water-skiing, fishing, hunting, travel, and above all, his Lord. For years his Christian ministry included every area of church responsibilities but teaching and leading the youth was his love.

He is survived by wife, Jacquelyn (Jackie) Thomas Smith; children, Wendelyn Ann Smith, Karen Smith Lewis and Thomas James Smith and wife Angie; grandchildren, Stephanie Bacon McLemore, Mason Glasscock, Kayla Lewis,

Jacob Smith, Brooklyn Smith and Turner Smith; five great grandchildren; sister, Doris Edwards; brother, Carl Smith and wife Sally; cousin, Earline Carr; sister-in-law, Mary Lillian McHalfey and husband Ronnie; numerous nieces and nephews and special friends Frank and Marilyn Miller.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, June 6, 2013 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway in Tyler.

Cemetery Details

Sibley Cemetery

Florien, LA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Graveside Serv.

JUN 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

Sibley Cemetery
Florien, LA

Tribute Wall

CJ

“ *Wendel and Jackie have always been godly examples of faithfulness in marriage and Christian service. They have influenced so many of us thru the years. God has blessed us with the privilege of knowing this godly man. So many memories. The good news is we get to spend eternity with him!!! Our sympathy, prayers, hugs, and love, Fred and Claudia Jackson*

Claudia Jackson - June 09, 2013 at 07:05 PM

TC

“ *The Edwards, The Cauleys and Castles purchased the The Endless Sky Spray for the family of Travis Wendel Smith.*



The Edwards, The Cauleys and Castles - June 05, 2013 at 02:52 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Travis Wendel Smith.*



June 05, 2013 at 08:26 AM

NC

“.....through love serve one another.” Galatians 5:13 That is the heart of my Uncle Wendel lived out in his words and actions. How very special he will always be in my heart.

Nancy Edwards Cauley

Nancy Edwards Cauley - June 04, 2013 at 05:32 PM


LC

“ Uncle Wendell was a kind, gentle man. He put God and family first, setting a great example for all of us. He walked in integrity and all who knew him are blessed.

David and Laura Castle



Laura Edwards Castle - June 04, 2013 at 04:33 PM



Melissa
Long

“ *Wendel was like dad #2 to me for many, many years and despite the number of miles and years that seemed to separate us, he always remained in my heart and I will forever be grateful for the impact he made on my life.*

I have so many fond memories, but in particular I have one very special memory of Wendel... While on one of our Kirkwood youth choir trips, he saw me eyeballing this little turquoise butterfly necklace at one of our stops. He was so sweet to take it out of my hand and to the register where he bought it for me. He didn't say a word, just smiled and winked. I knew without a doubt at that very moment that he truly loved me - not because of the gift - but by the look in his eye... I still have the necklace some 30 years later and think of him every single time I see it.

I love you Wendel and will miss you until we meet again...

Melissa Capell Long

Melissa Long - June 04, 2013 at 04:28 PM

NE

“ *Uncle Wendel was a sweet, caring person. I will never forget his beautiful smile. Like my daughter Krista would say: he was a good man...a man of God :)*

We will always love you uncle Wendel....

Norma and Brad Edwards

norma edwards - June 04, 2013 at 03:02 PM

BC

“ *Wendel and Jackie were my Sunday School teachers at Kirkwood United Methodist Church in Irving TX in the early 70's. They also worked with the youth. I still recall how much Wendel loved the Lord and how he loved teaching and sharing the Bible. He had such a tenderness about him. He will be greatly missed!!!*

Bryan Crowson

Bryan Crowson - June 04, 2013 at 02:21 PM