



Arvil Smith

April 4, 1928 - March 7, 2010

Arvil C. "Buddy" Smith, 81, of Elm Park, Arkansas took his heavenly flight on March 7, 2010 from his home. Buddy was born on April 4, 1928 in the Freedom Community to the late Andrew and Irene (Jones) Smith. Buddy served as a deacon for 51 years to the Freedom Freewill Baptist Church where his passion for serving God and his fellow man was always evident. He was retired from the Arkansas State Highway Department. Buddy leaves behind his wife of 56 years, Joyce (Henriksen) Smith of the home; one son, Terry and Wife Janet Smith of Fort Smith, Arkansas; two daughters, Carla and husband Donnie Hardin of Booneville, Arkansas, Becky Smith of Elm Park, Arkansas; four grandchildren, Alan Smith, Melissa Smith, Jessica (Hardin) Smith, Jonathan Hardin; eight great-grandchildren, Logan, Austin, Makenzie, Callie, Cade, Dylan, Ellie Maggie, and Cale. He is also survived by one brother, Jackson Smith of Greenwood and one sister, Minnie Bonds of Elm Park, Arkansas. Buddy was preceded in death by three brothers, Billy, Jay and Leonard Smith; and one great-granddaughter, Cambry Paige Smith. Buddy's funeral service will be 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at the Freedom Freewill Baptist Church with interment in the Freedom Cemetery. Arrangements are being entrusted to the Heritage Memorial Funeral Home & Crematory in Waldron, Arkansas. Pallbearers will be Mark Curtis, Nelton Henley, Jerald Hattabaugh, Shawn Hattabaugh, Steve Hattabaugh, and David Smith. Honorary pallbearers will be Edmond Brewer, Ed Hine, Sonny Tuck and Sam Harwell. Visitation will be 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday, March 8,

2010 at the Heritage Memorial Funeral Home where the family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.. Memorials may be made to Mercy Hospice and Palliative Care, P. O. Box 1700, Fort Smith, Arkansas 72917.

Tribute Wall

MS

“ We are so sorry for the loss of your husband, father and grandfather. I know how much you all loved him and what a special place he has in your hearts. I pray God's healing power will bring you comfort and peace in this very hard time.

Melinda & Robert Smtih - March 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Becky,if you need a shoulder im just down the hall. I faced the same thing this past Feb. We can support each other.

Tina Brewer - March 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Joyce, I am so sorry we missed the funeral Jim has not been well. Our thoughts and prayers have, and will continue to be, with you and your family.

Jim and Cookie Bonds

Jim and Cookie Bonds - March 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

FC

“ We always enjoyed the company of Buddy! He was blessed with a wonderful, loving family and friends! We know he is rejoicing with the Lord today!

Frank/Betty Cope - March 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ To the Smith family, Buddy was a special friend to the Montgomery family and I know he was very special to his family. Please know your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. Your Friends, Jerry & Judy Montgomery

Jerry & Judy Montgomery - March 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ND

“ Your family is in our hearts and our prayers at this difficult time.

Norhtwest Scott Volunteer Fire Dept. - March 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ We are so sorry to hear about Buddy passing away. He was a great man who will be missed dearly. Our hearts are with you at this difficult time.

Gary & Christy Hattabaugh - March 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Becky- so very sorry for your loss. God be with you and your Mother.

Judy Knapp - March 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ We were saddened to hear about Buddy passing away. Paul grew up in Elm Park, being part of the Hattabaugh family, and knew Buddy and his family. The family is in our prayers.

Paul and Kay Key - March 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *My prayers and love are with you. He will be missed by everyone. I remember when Buddy would come to the store and visit and pick on me. I will miss his visits and his humor. God bless, Jo Ann*

Jo Ann Smith Harrison - March 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *Arvil Smith*

Justin & Tammy Jones - March 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ *Sorry for your loss. Our thoughts & prayers are with all of you. May God comfort your hearts. Hollis & Shirley Gillis*

Hollis & Shirley Gillis - March 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ *Joyce, Terry, Carla and Becky,*

Buddy was probably the most humble and tender hearted man I have ever known. His love for God, his family and his church was evident in everything he said and did. He was a rare man indeed and I am so thankful that I had the opportunity to know him.

Buddy has attained what we must continue to strive for. We will someday see Buddy and all our loved ones in Heaven and what a wonderful time that will be. My love and prayers go out to all of you.

Always,

Paula

Paula Freedle - March 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *Becky, I'm so sorry to hear about your dad. Remembering you at this time.*

Sharon Brigance - March 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *Aunt Joyce, Terry, Carla & Becky, I am so sorry for your loss. Uncle Buddy was a wonderful Uncle. My thought and prayers are with you.*

Cindy Christians - March 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ *Becky I'm so sorry to hear about your Dad. Please know that you and your family are in my prayers.*

Joni Essman - March 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Becky (Bryan) Neisler - March 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ *Joyce, Becky & Family,*

*Buddy was such a joy to be around.. He always made me smile. I'm so glad I got to be in his presents. People like him are few and far between..He was just a real jewel. I know this must be hard for each of you but , I know the 'Lord' will see you through this. Buddy is now in heaven where someday we will see him again. God Bless you and we will continue to keep you in our prayers. With much love,
Buffy, Cameron, Katie*

Buffy, Cameron, Katie - March 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ *Becky... so sorry to hear about your loss...we will be praying for you and your family. May God wrap His arms around you and comfort you during this time.*

Dyiana & Matt Kane - March 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM