



Harold Gene Smith

July 29, 1935 - May 20, 2011

Harold Gene Smith passed from this world on May 20, 2011 in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. He was born at his home in Byars, Oklahoma on July 29, 1935, the oldest of three children. Gene lived on his family farm in Byars until his junior year in high school when he moved to Purcell, Oklahoma from where he graduated. He attended both Oklahoma State University and the University of Oklahoma. Gene worked as a conductor for the Burlington Northern / Santa Fe Railroad for 42 years and retired with his family in Pauls Valley in 1997. He attended and was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Pauls Valley.

Gene is preceded in death by his parents, Frank M. and Doris Milford Smith. He is survived by his wife Mary Jernigan Smith and his children and their spouses; Rt. Rev. Michael Smith and his wife Lisa, David Smith and his wife Julie, Diane Fredell and her husband John, Lisa Campbell and her husband Doug, and Jack Hobson. Gene was also the loving grandfather of 11 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. He is also survived by his siblings, Bettye Smith and Frank D. Smith.

Gene was an avid golfer and gardener and loved spending time with his family. He enjoyed many sports, cheered the OSU Cowboys, but most importantly he supported the State of Oklahoma. Gene was a supportive spouse and loved each of his five children. Also, he loved all of the students and staff of Whitebead School.

Services for Gene will be at the First United Methodist Church of Pauls Valley at 10:00am on Wednesday, May 25th followed by interment at the Whitebead Cemetary. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be given in Gene's name to the Valley Hospice of Pauls Valley General Hospital, P.O. Box 368, Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, 73075, 1-800-738-6142.

Previous Events

Service

MAY 25. 10:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church- Pauls Valley
407 N. Willow Street
Pauls Valley, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Wooster Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Harold Gene Smith*



Wooster Funeral Home & Cremation Services - May 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Harold Gene Smith*

November 12, 2022 at 02:44 AM



“ *I was so sorry to hear about Gene. He was always extremely sweet to me while I was growing up. May God keep the family in his hands.*

Nancy Kay###imported-begin##Nancy Pulliam Crosswell###imported-end##

May 31, 2011 at 02:08 AM



“ *Jane, I am so sorry for the loss of your beloved grandfather. Our hearts go out to you and your family at this time.*

With love,

Mary Ellen and Larry Moltumyr

Brandywine, MD###imported-begin##Mary E. Moltumyr###imported-end##

May 26, 2011 at 05:24 PM



“ *I have wonderful memories of my boyhood friend and neighbor, Harold Gene Smith. My love and prayers are with the family. God bless, Danny Beller.###imported-begin##Danny Beller ###imported-end##*

May 25, 2011 at 03:53 PM



“ Lisa, Doug, Sarah Jane, Abigail, and Nate,
I am so sorry for the loss of your Dad/Grandpa, and for the extremely difficult time you are going through. Yet we can only marvel at God's timing... I know Gene is suffering no more, and it is some comfort to me personally to know that he is sharing the good times with Rat in a place with no pain, no sorrow, no confusion, no tears.... God bless you all as you face these times of trial and triumph. I love you,
Skip###imported-begin##Skip Campbell###imported-end##

May 25, 2011 at 03:23 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers to Gene's family and especially to David and Lisa...alot of great memories in Purcell. Remember fun times watching Gene at tennis courts and golf course.###imported-begin##Tom-Tom & Betsy McCurdy###imported-end##

May 25, 2011 at 02:08 PM



“ I'm so sorry at hearing of Gene's passing. I workrd with him for over 25 yrs. I got to know him better when we started going to golf touirnaments. I ws his roommatte at the tournaments and have fond memories that I will keep forever. You and your family will continue to be in my prayers in this difficult time.
Sincerely yours, R.K.Kniss###imported-begin##Ronny Kniss###imported-end##

May 25, 2011 at 10:30 AM



“ I played tennis with Gene many years ago and found him to be a true gentleman on and off the court. Always with a warm smile and a nice greeting when met on the street. My deepest sympathy to his family. Sincerely, Sharon Agee###imported-begin##Sharon Agee###imported-end##

May 25, 2011 at 10:23 AM



“ Lisa and family,

Our heartfelt sympathies go out to you and your family (immediate and extended) as you mourn the loss of your daddy/granddad. Our prayer is that God will grant you the peace and understanding that Gene suffers no more. Our prayer also includes the strength to cope with two losses at once and the stress that is encountered with that. Peace, patience and acceptance to you and yours.

All our love,

Lori, Jorge, Andrew and Nico Suarez##imported-begin##Lori Suarez and Family##imported-end##

May 24, 2011 at 11:44 PM



“ My prayers go out to family and friends of Gene. He was a special person to me and others.##imported-begin##T.k. Mcgehee##imported-end##

May 24, 2011 at 09:09 PM



“ Mary and Family....

Deeply sorry for your loss. May the arms of God envelope you with His comfort.##imported-begin##Allen, Lisa & Ebby Eubanks##imported-end##

May 24, 2011 at 01:34 PM



“ Lisa, Doug and Family,

We are so sorry to hear about your beloved Gene passing away. I am sure you are comforted as we are knowing that he is with the Lord now, in no pain and living in glory. May you all be comforted knowing that our prayers are with you and that he has a great golf partner in heaven! He raised beautiful children with beautiful families, what a legacy to leave behind. God bless the whole family! Love and miss you! Kari, Dave and kids##imported-begin##Campbell Family-Dave/Kari/Matt/Daniel/Faith/James##imported-end##

May 24, 2011 at 12:32 PM



“ We are so happy to have Gene watching over Mom in heaven. May they be blessed with many great rounds of golf until we see them again. Our prayers are with all of you as you mourn the loss of a great man, yet celebrate that he has been made whole and is with his Savior. Peace, hugs, and kisses to all. We love you!

D, C, M, C, & G##imported-begin##Dan and Cari O'Rourke##imported-end##

May 23, 2011 at 10:42 PM



“ We were sorry to hear about Gene. You and your family have our deepest sympathies.

Sincerely,

Wallace and Virginia Dougherty

Gainesville, TX##imported-begin##Wallace Dougherty##imported-end##

May 23, 2011 at 01:24 PM



“ Dear Mrs Smith & Family

So very sorry for your loss, I remember Mr. Smith coming out to Whitebead when I went to school there, He was always smiling. I have always thought you were such a beautiful couple. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

God Bless

Christy##imported-begin##Christy Stewart Harris##imported-end##

May 23, 2011 at 10:13 AM



“ Gene was such a wonderful husband, father, brother and friend. He had a positive impact on my life and I know on the lives of others. We are praying for you and your family during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Randy & Nanette Belicek##imported-end##

May 22, 2011 at 10:33 PM



“ My name is Clegg Hazel I would like to say Gene was special person to me. I met Gene when he rented my parents garage apt in Gainesville. I was about 14, he took me to hit golf balls, I've been playing ever since, I'm now 60. My Dad, Clarence Hazel, worked with Gene at the railroad. Sorry for your lost I know he will be missed. God Bless your family.##imported-begin##Clegg hazel##imported-end##

May 22, 2011 at 10:16 PM



“ Mary we are so sorry for the loss of Gene. If there is anything we can do for you please let us know. We will continue to keep your family in our thoughts and prayers.

Jeff, Kerri , Thomas and Katlyn Davenport##imported-begin##Jeff Davenport Family##imported-end##

May 22, 2011 at 07:33 PM



“ Our family regrets the passing of Gene. We will be forever thankful for the wonderful memories that Gene and his family brought to our family. May the Lord be of comfort to all your family at this time.##imported-begin##Rick & Connie Banta##imported-end##

May 22, 2011 at 02:11 PM



“ Mary, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my prayers. If there is anything I can do for you please call me.##imported-begin##Pam Woods##imported-end##

May 21, 2011 at 09:37 PM



“ Mary and family, In hospice care I have found that every person is special and unique in their own way, but sometimes there are patients we care for that touch our hearts and leave their handprint forever. Gene was that kind of patient. Although we did not care for him long, he was indeed a wonderful man.##imported-begin##Ramona Henry##imported-end##

May 21, 2011 at 06:32 PM



“ Dear friend,
Jimmy and I grieve with you and your family over the loss of Gene. He was a good man, and the two of you were truly a loving couple. We know you would not have wanted him to remain as he was, but we also know you'll miss him greatly. We send you all our love.
The Bairds###imported-begin##Mary/Jim Baird###imported-end##

May 21, 2011 at 08:11 AM



“ Mary and Family, There are no words to express how saddened I am for your loss. But during this difficult time, know that your Whitebead family is praying for you and your family. May your treasured memories bring you comfort each day.

With Sympathy,
Vicki###imported-begin##Vicki King###imported-end##

May 21, 2011 at 03:23 AM



“ Mary and family,

Our deepest sympathy to you all in this difficult time. Gene will be missed by many. One thing for sure, John 5: 28,29 Jesus himself promised the guarantee of a resurrection. True comfort we get from the scriptures and loved ones .

Warm Christian love,
Dave and Trisha Martin###imported-begin##Dave and Trisha Martin###imported-end##

May 20, 2011 at 09:48 PM



“ J.R. and I first remember Gene from when the both of you came to the fitness center in town. I think J.R. and Gene might have done more talking than exercising on occasion! I remember Gene's smile and the kindness in his voice. You and your family are in my heart and my prayers, Mary. May God shower you with His tenderness, comfort, and care.###imported-begin##J.R. & Linda Williams###imported-end##

May 20, 2011 at 08:36 PM



“ Mary and family, I am sorry to hear about Gene. He was such a wonderful neighbor and friend. I'm so sorry that he has died but so glad that he lived. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Mary, let me know if there is anything that I can do. Sincerely, Sharon##imported-begin##Sharon (Cook) Brown##imported-end##

May 20, 2011 at 05:25 PM



“ I thank God that He has sent the Holy Spirit to comfort each one of you like nothing else can and to remind us that no matter what happens in our lives He is a God of grace and mercy. I pray the Lord's richest blessings on all of your family.##imported-begin##Mary & Nolan Nelms##imported-end##

May 20, 2011 at 03:13 PM