

David L Smith

November 28, 1943 - November 14, 2013

Smith, David L., age 69, of New Martinsville, WV died Thursday, November 14, 2013 in VA Medical Center, Pittsburgh, PA.

He was born November 28, 1943 in Proctor, WV, a son of the late Okey and Rosa Kocher Smith.

He was a retired mechanic for Matlack Trucking, a U.S. Army veteran, a member of Immanuel Baptist Church New Martinsville, where he was a deacon, a member of American Legion Post 28, New Martinsville.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Dorothy Smith and Thelma Ingold, and a brother, Arnold Smith.

Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Edna Smith, three sons, Jeffery (Kathy) Smith, Joseph Smith and Thomas Smith, all of New Martinsville; two daughters, April Summers and Amber Smith, both of New Martinsville; 17 grandchildren; three brothers, Ralph Smith, Milton Smith and Sonny Smith; one sister, Mary Lou Thomas all of New Martinsville.

Family will receive friends on Sunday from Noon-2 & 6-9 pm at the Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 751 Third St. New Martinsville, where services will be held on Monday at 1:00 pm, with Pastor Bruce Taylor officiating.

Burial will follow in Northview Cemetery, New Martinsville, with military graveside services.

Cemetery Details

Northview Cemetery

219 N. State Rt. 2
New Martinsville, WV 26155

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 17. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - New Martinsville
751 Third Street
New Martinsville, WV 26155
(304) 455-1800
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

Visitation

NOV 17. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Service

NOV 18. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JF

“ *Edna and family:
So sorry to hear about your loss. All the good memories will carry
you through the dark hours.
Bill & Jill Fleske*

Jill Fleske - November 22, 2013 at 03:04 PM

SR

“ *Their are so many!!!! One of my favor one was when me Edna and
David went shopping for a Christmas vest!!!! I took a hr. He waited
and didn't get mad!!!! Most men would of!!!! He never let me forget it
tho. We all have so much fun!!!! David was one of the best men I
know!!!! David and Edna helped me out in so many ways!!!! He was
a true man of God!!!! A true friend and I will never forget David
smith!!!! Prayers for Edna and family always!!!! Love you all!!!! I will
see David again in heaven!!!*

sandy rial - November 18, 2013 at 06:57 AM

WS

“ *To Dave family, friends, i am related to
Dave,through his Grandpa Oscar Smith-
Oscar he my Great Uncle.... I knew Dave
always put other folks before himself..Dave
will be greatly missed, by his good spirit of
love to all people..my Condolences go to his Edna, Children,
Grandchildren other family members...RIP Dave,you touched many
, many folks hearts..I just saw you helping out with Edna down at
community food bank, 1 month and half, i had no clue you had been
sick, but i am glad i got to talk to you & Edna that day..
Willa Smith Sargent with 2 kids-Laine & Stephanie*



willa sargent - November 17, 2013 at 05:04 PM

MV

“ *Martie Vogel-Howell lit a candle in memory of David L Smith*



Martie Vogel-Howell - November 17, 2013 at 11:32 AM

MV

“ *I have known David since I was 10 yr. old. My Mom, Bea Vogel, owned the M&K Bar and I grew up knowing most of the family. Some of the best times were spent at Taylor & Nellie Suters having big dinners, playing music, dancing and playing games. Those are the memories I have of him when I was growing up. Have knowen Edna since she and David got together. He and my husband, Willie Howell, were good friends and the 4 of us used to spend enjoyable evenings in the M&K. Now most of the times I would see him and Edna was at Save-a-Lot, where I work.*

You will certainly be missed my friend by a lot of people. And Edna believe it when I tell you time will dull the pain but it will never go away, it will just get easier. If you ever need to talk, and think it will help, I am only a phone call away.

RIP David and I am sure my Mom, Willie, Nellie, Taylor and a lot of our friends are waiting on you. Be sure and tell my Mom & Willie I love them and miss them more.

Martie Vogel-Howell - November 17, 2013 at 11:22 AM

ES

“ *The first memory I have of David is when I was 14. I had just started dating their son Joey and called their house for the first time. David answered the phone his voice was gruff it startled me I thought about hanging up. (LOL) But I didn't. The first time I met him and shook his hand his appearance matched the voice, he was tall and looked tough. As time went on I found more out about this man. I found out that he was a hard working man who loved his large family, that he was kind hearted, had a sense of humor, and was wise. I got the privilege of calling this man my father-in-law for 19 years. He accepted me into his family. And just like he would do with any of his children he would scold me when he thought I needed it, and just like he would with his own he showed me comfort and love. He was always there, reminding us to check our oil, to fix our cars, to mend things around our homes when they would break or needed improved. I would have been lost at times if it weren't for him and his wife Edna. He was also a wonderful grandfather who didn't mind doing things like fixing bikes, or reading to his grandkids. I'm going to miss the man I thought of as my second dad, but I know his suffering is over. There's no doubt where this man is now I know we will see him again and until then I will cherish the many memories I have of him and his family.*

Elizabeth Smith - November 16, 2013 at 09:58 PM

PT

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time. David will be missed by many..*
Bill and Pansy Tharp.
Mike and Susie Quinn and boys.

Pansy Tharp - November 16, 2013 at 08:41 PM



Joe
Smith

“ There is no way I can pull one memory from all I have. My dad always had advice for my problems and a nice smart remark when I didn't listen, but I got that from him. He had alot of stories to tell, and he usually told them two or three times but they where just as good no matter how many times I heard them. I've had to say goodbye to the greatest man I've ever known. I love you dad.

Joe Smith - November 16, 2013 at 07:58 PM



MS

“ I'll never forget the Sunday morning I met Dave and his wife Edna; we were at church and my son Tyler Kiger and I were talking with them after church service. I come to find out I knew their daughter April; we worked together at REM. Dave always had very kind words, he was a great christian man who loved serving the Lord! Love the Shafer family

Melissa Shafer - November 15, 2013 at 09:25 PM



“ I so remember the many things he taught me in church and listened to my problems from the past he listened no matter what thank you Dave I will miss you!!!

Cindy Lasure - November 15, 2013 at 09:05 PM



JP

“ I will never forget the day that David and Edna stopped by for a visit and led Megan to The Lord as a lil girl. Thank you Dave and I will miss you soo much but I know I will see you again . Thanks for being a great example of what a Christian should be. I love you soo much. Love Jeana

Jeana Pursley - November 15, 2013 at 07:55 PM



“ *I remember meeting Dave and Edna and their family at Barkcamp state park. As kids we hung out at their camper all the time, I will miss you dearly, thoughts of you always.*

Tabatha Parks - November 15, 2013 at 04:25 PM

BS

“ *Bob & Dians Smith lit a candle in memory of David L Smith*



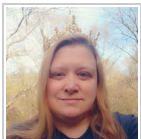
Bob & Dians Smith - November 15, 2013 at 03:17 PM



“ *Michael Daugherty lit a candle in memory of David L Smith*



Michael Daugherty - November 15, 2013 at 03:16 PM



“ *One of my fondest memories of my Uncle David was him pulling me out on the dance floor for a two-step when I was about seven or eight. He sure knew how to spin someone around a floor. Even when I hear music of the right style now, I remember how dizzy and winded I got, but also how exhilarating it was almost like I could fly. It takes me hours to lose my little-kid grin when I think of it. If you have to measure someone's stature by heart instead of height, there would be no scale big enough. We all feel a little hollow...a little like we're missing a piece of ourselves. Love endures. <3*

Crystal Smith - November 15, 2013 at 02:00 PM



“ Jennifer Young Miller lit a candle in memory of David L Smith



Jennifer Young Miller - November 15, 2013 at 12:59 PM



Ever since I was little I remember u calling me ur "little colored girl" lol. It makes me smile and always will. So many people love u and although we are hurting, we know u are no longer in pain. U r free to fly with the Angels. Looking down on us all, smiling. I love you Uncle David!!!!

Jennifer Young Miller - November 15, 2013 at 01:01 PM



“ Cynthia Lasure lit a candle in memory of David L Smith



Cynthia Lasure - November 15, 2013 at 12:39 PM



“ DONNA STRAIGHT lit a candle in memory of David L Smith



DONNA STRAIGHT - November 15, 2013 at 10:53 AM

DD

“ Daniel, Rhonda & Stacey Durig lit a candle in memory of David L Smith



Daniel, Rhonda & Stacey Durig - November 15, 2013 at 09:41 AM

CY

“ My heart goes out to my Aunt Edna and all my cousins. Uncle David was an awesome man that would do anything for anyone. I remember all the squares dances we spent with him and he could dance your legs off....loved every minute of it. I Love You Uncle David with all my Heart!!!

Carol Young - November 15, 2013 at 09:31 AM

CY

“ Carol Young lit a candle in memory of David L Smith



Carol Young - November 15, 2013 at 09:23 AM

 Donna
Walter

“ Donna Walter lit a candle in memory of David L Smith



Donna Walter - November 15, 2013 at 08:38 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time May you come to know that the love of God is with you always, may your memories of David L. Smith, give you peace, comfort and strength...*

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your work on earth is done. I thank you for your service and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.

David L. Smith, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - November 15, 2013 at 07:22 AM

AS

“ *Amy Schultz lit a candle in memory of David L Smith*



Amy Schultz - November 15, 2013 at 05:59 AM

CS

“ *Ciny Starkey lit a candle in memory of David L Smith*



ciny starkey - November 15, 2013 at 05:51 AM

JS

“ *Jim Tammy And Jonathan Strother lit a candle in memory of David L Smith*



Jim Tammy and Jonathan Strother - November 15, 2013 at 04:25 AM

AM

“ *I love you, dad. You are my hero. You are the best daddy a girl could ask for. I will think about you everyday and tell the kids stories so they will rememer you. I miss you so much.*

Amber - November 14, 2013 at 10:12 PM

 Sandra Smith

“ *Sandra Smith lit a candle in memory of David L Smith*



Sandra Smith - November 14, 2013 at 08:16 PM

JH

“ *Janice Hall lit a candle in memory of David L Smith*



Janice Hall - November 14, 2013 at 07:26 PM

DM

“ *Dorothy Masters lit a candle in memory of David L Smith*



Dorothy Masters - November 14, 2013 at 06:51 PM

DM

“ *I will always carry Uncle David in my heart!He will NEVER be forgotten!Prayers are being sent to carry Aunt Edna and all my family threw this heartbreaking time in our lives,I know he and all the other family members that has made that journey is rejoicing being able to receive him home to Heaven!Love you forever!!*

Dorothy Masters - November 14, 2013 at 06:50 PM

VR

All of the Paul and Rosalind (Kimble) Riggerbach family send our deepest sympathy and prayers to each of you during this time of your great loss. Our hearts are with you, and, we send hugs to help comfort you and may your memories stay close to your heart in this challenging time...We are thinking of you!!

Vicki (Riggerbach) & Dick Reed - November 15, 2013 at 10:53 AM