



Smith, Bruce

March 31, 2013

Smith, Bruce, age 54, of New Martinsville, WV, died Sunday, March 31, 2013 at Ruby Memorial Hospital, Morgantown, WV.

He was born April 4, 1958 in Ripley, WV, the son of the late William Reger and Betty Jean Wilson Smith.

Bruce was a patrolman with the New Martinsville Police Department; a member of the WV Blue Knights Chapter 2; Wetzel No. 39 A.F. & A.M. Masonic Lodge; and the North Baptist Church in New Martinsville.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Ronnie Lee Smith.

Survivors include his wife of 32 years, Kim Drain Smith; a son, Steven Cole Smith; a daughter, Erin Danielle Smith, and a granddaughter, Emily Grace Baker, all of New Martinsville; four sisters, Lynette Williams of Wheeling, WV, Jo Sutton of Houston, TX, Barbara (Joe) Burdine of Weirton, WV and Melissa (John) Hengstler of St. Augustine, FL; a brother, William Alan Smith of Wheeling; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Family will receive friends on Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. with Blue Knight Services at 7:45 p.m. at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 751 Third Street, New Martinsville, and where funeral services will be held on Thursday at 1:00 p.m. with Rev. Charles Halsey officiating.

Interment to follow in Northview Cemetery, New Martinsville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Rosenbaum Family House, Medical Center Drive, P.O. Box 8228, Morgantown, WV 26506-8228.

Tribute Wall

SS

“ Bruce was as kind hearted as a person as you would ever meet. He would stop in the Coffee Cup on many of nights to drink a coke and grab a sandwich and just talk. I remember this 1 night Bruce passed and noticed a window opened and didnt know my number so he went to Choo Choo and had a friend call and tell me I forgot to shut a window, and when I got back to the Coffee Cup Bruce was there waiting for me to make sure everything was ok. He would come by almost every night and as Jackie said earlier he would always shine a light to make sure everything was ok. I will miss Bruce as well and may God be with the family during such a tough time.

Skip Smith - April 05, 2013 at 10:17 PM

RP

“ So sorry to hear about the passing of Bruce. Years ago he was my partner on the Wetzel County Sheriff's department. He was always very professional in his approach to law enforcement and was a very likeable man. He will surely be missed! My condolences to his wife, Kim, and the family!

Ralph Price - April 05, 2013 at 04:24 PM

CS

“ sorry to hear about cousin bruce. we will miss his soft spoken voice & visits to memphis. we will keep friends & family in our prayers. God sent a special angel to get bruces spirit. hes in heaven with his uncle Joe .singing praises unto God. we love you bruce & family keeping you in our prayers..

catherine smith - April 04, 2013 at 12:21 PM

SV

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Bruce is such a respectful, kind, and gentle soul, and we will miss him dearly at Presto Lunch.

Santina Vigliotti - April 04, 2013 at 09:24 AM

LR

“ Sorry for Mr. Smith family and friends for there loss, He fought a hard battle against Cancer, He will be missed by so many, many prayers for each of you, God Bless

Leann Renigar - April 03, 2013 at 07:15 PM

RD

“ Our hearts go out to all of Bruce's family and want them to know how much we appreciate the years of service Bruce gave to protecting the New Martinsville area. You are in our prayers — and hope you find strength and comfort in the Lord.

Russell and Raechel Daniels - April 03, 2013 at 05:17 PM

RH

“ Sorry for Your loss . Bruce and I started out in Law Enforcement about the same time .At that time He worked for WCSO and I worked for HPD . I have not seen Him in several years, but have always remembered Him as He left a great impression after meeting Him.

Richard Himelrick - April 03, 2013 at 05:15 PM

LW

“Gone from this earth were you suffered so much, no more to bear because you endured it all. Many memories of you brother when we were growing up in Jackson county, you were the youngest of seven and I the oldest. So much more that I could say about how great you are, our morning walks at Ruby , all that time you spent in BMTU wishin' that you could sneak out for a hamburger;you had your moments. And now you are gone, no more memories to make , these tears that I have are more for me than you as you are at rest and I am still here. Those who have gone on before are in Heaven to greet you and when it's my turn the stories we can tell. I love you Bruce and I miss you even more. Your sister Lyndy

Lynette Williams - April 03, 2013 at 04:23 PM

ER

“Kim, Sorry to hear of the passing of Bruce. He was a good man and a great friend.

Eric Ritz - April 03, 2013 at 11:05 AM

AL

“I would have liked to have known my brother better.

Alan - April 02, 2013 at 10:13 PM

LC

“Never forgot who he was and where he came from, always a "Yes Sir" or "Yes Mam", always ready with a good "Long" story Lol, always ready with that ornary smile at a funny story. I will miss you Bruce ! Your suffering is over and now you can ride that Motorcycle anytime you want !

Larry Couch - April 02, 2013 at 05:57 PM

BM

“ Erin I am so sorry about the loss of your father. He was a great person. I enjoyed working with him when I worked on the esquad. Miss Mitchell

Betty Ann Mitchell-Thomas - April 02, 2013 at 04:42 PM

DG

“ Bruce was a high school classmate and always made a point of enjoying conversation with all of us at our reunions. I know many will miss his gentle spirit. May peace and comfort surround all of you.

Denise Winkler Gates - April 02, 2013 at 04:28 PM

CM

“ KIM, SO VERY SORRY TO HEAR OF THE PASSING OF BRUCE. HE WAS A GOOD NEIGHBOR AND MOM FELT MORE SECURE KNOWING THAT BRUCE WAS CLOSE BY . HE WILL BE MISSED BY MANY. HE WILL ALSO BE MISSED BY MAGISTRATE COURT. TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AND THE KIDS AND LET GOD HANDLE THE REST. KNOW THAT BRUCE IS IN A MUCH BETTER PLACE THAN WE ARE NOW AND THAT HE WOULD WANT YOU TO NOT WORRY. IF THERE IS ANYTHING I CAN DO PLEASE LET ME KNOW

CATHY MORRIS - April 02, 2013 at 03:39 PM

CL

“ So very sorry for your loss. Bruce and I went to high school together. At the last reunion, he spoke of his wonderful family. He was very proud of you. Such a nice guy.

Chris Terretti Leonard - April 02, 2013 at 03:16 PM

PT

“ Prayers go out to the Smith family on their loss! Bruce was a good neighbor and friend. He will truly be missed.

Penny Thomas - April 02, 2013 at 01:56 PM

DW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

DEBBIE AND NEIL WILLIAMSON - April 02, 2013 at 11:07 AM

RF

“ Sorry to hear of your loss Kim. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Rita Smith and family - April 02, 2013 at 10:54 AM

NM

“ He was a great friend and will be missed. Prayers to his family

Nicole Mavety - April 02, 2013 at 10:28 AM

DV

“ Kim, so sorry to hear about Bruce. prayers for you and your family. He will be missed by many

Donnie & Lou Ann Virden - April 02, 2013 at 09:25 AM

SH

“ Kim, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Bruce. I know that you loved him so very much. He will definitely be missed by many people. You and the kids are in my thought's and prayer's. Love you.

Sherry Clark Hammond - April 01, 2013 at 07:26 PM

JS

“ I don't consider Bruce a friend, he is family. So blessed to have known him. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Julie Snider - April 01, 2013 at 07:19 PM

DS

“ he was a very nice person , He was there to help when every you need help. I like working with him at the footballs. He was a blessing to know. God bless to the family, relatives, friends. My prays are with you all in the sorrow of the time with lost of the best person of the world. God bless amen

david schupbach@jeanie - April 01, 2013 at 06:31 PM

BA

“ Kim So sorry to hear about Bruce. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your kids. We love you. Love Barb & Bill

Barbara & Bill Allawat - April 01, 2013 at 04:13 PM

JA

“ I really got to know Bruce Smith when I worked over at the 7/11. He would often come by and get a drink and/or a snack and made sure we (the people that worked there) were safe. He would also circle the building and shine the spotlight in the dark corners to make sure no one was lurking around. I always felt safe when he was on patrol. He was a nice guy and will be missed.

Jackie Powell Auenson - April 01, 2013 at 04:00 PM

RB

“ Bruce was a wonderful neighbor, always felt safer knowing he was close. Our sympathy is with you Kim, your family and loved ones.

Rich and Barbara Beaver - April 01, 2013 at 03:43 PM

IV

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you Kim and your family. May God be with you in your time of need.

Irene Veatch - April 01, 2013 at 03:22 PM

RH

“ Each of you are in our thoughts and prayers. Heaven has gained a special angel.

Roger and Janice Hall - April 01, 2013 at 02:54 PM

CY

“ I found out this morning that my good friend Bruce Smith had entered into the kingdom of Heaven. There is no doubt that tonight Bruce is walking the golden streets and rejoicing with God . Bruce never drove past without stopping just to ask how we were doing . Bruce was a great man and he was a TRUE friend !! I will miss you my good friend !!! Prayers go out to your family and may Gods Angels surround you and your family We will see each other again someday and again we will share our stories .

charles young - April 01, 2013 at 02:25 PM

SC

“ I am very sorry for your loss. Bruce was a wonderful man...always a smile and a kind word to say. May he rest with the angels!

Sheri Connolly - April 01, 2013 at 12:09 PM

GD

“ I have known Bruce for several years, always enjoyed having him out to go 4-wheeler riding and just hanging out and talking. Bruce will be deeply missed by so many. Prayers for the family. R.I.P. Bruce, We will miss you.

Greg Dulaney - April 01, 2013 at 11:55 AM

KB

“ We are so sorry to hear of Bruce's passing. Words can't bring you the comfort we want you all to feel, but praying you feel God's embracing love as so many lift you up in prayer. Bruce will be missed greatly.

Kim Geho Blackwell - April 01, 2013 at 11:48 AM

KY

“ I have known Bruce for many years, and had him as a neighbor for a period of time. He always took the time to speak and was always friendly. Prayers for the family, and I will miss Bruce.

Kevin Yeager - April 01, 2013 at 11:18 AM

PR

“ I was sorry to hear of your loss. Bruce will be missed by many. It seems like he was at my home in minutes if I needed a police officer. May he rest in Jesus.

Patti Roberts - April 01, 2013 at 11:12 AM

TF

“ I was very sorry to hear about Bruce's passing. Please know that he will be missed very much. Our thoughts and Prayers will be with his family and friends. Terri, John, James, Kara, Alyssa, & Sean Boggs and Mary Lou Miles

Terri Boggs and Family - April 01, 2013 at 11:10 AM

ST

“ Bruce and his family lived in the trailer behind the trailer I lived in while going to high school. He was never sure of which one of us Wright girls he was talking with mixing up names and faces.. lol anyway it became a habit of his and mine too to say Howdy Neighbor anytime we saw each other. I'll certainly miss my neighbor. Until we can say Howdy Neighbor again.. Rest in Peace and Many Thoughts and Prayers for his family and friends

Suzanne Wright Taylor - April 01, 2013 at 11:05 AM

DS

“ I am very sorry to here this my payers are with the family . He was a good neighbor and friend

debbie& junior smith - April 01, 2013 at 09:26 AM