



Arnold Smith

July 28, 1937 - January 21, 2013

Bluefield, WV- Arnold J. Smith, 75, of 2320 Cliffmont Avenue, Bluefield, WV passed away Monday January 21, 2013 at Bluefield Regional Medical Center. He is the son of the late James and Martha Smith and was preceded in death by his sister, Stella Sadler. Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Sandra Webb Smith; daughter, Marsha J. Smith of Huntington, WV; son, Norman W. Smith of Bluefield, WV; sisters, Bea Perry and husband Bob, Helen Lawless, Karen Porshia and husband Elwood, and Brenda Aldridge and husband Doug; beloved dog Abby and grand-dog, Petie. Addition survivors include various nieces and nephews. Arnold served with the U.S. Army during the Berlin Crisis and was stationed in Germany. After returning from active duty, he served in the 304th Military Police Co. of the Army Reserve. With a special love of music and an amazing talent, he was one of the original Blue Chords of the 1950's. Throughout the years, Arnold played with various bands, most recently with The Emeralds. The family will receive friends at Mercer Funeral Home on Thursday January 24, 2013 from 12:30-2:00 p.m. A graveside service will follow on Thursday at Maple Hill Cemetery in Bluefield, VA at 2:30 p.m. with Minister Dan Webb officiating. Military graveside rites will be provided by the Mercer County Veterans Council and the West Virginia Honor Guard. Serving as pallbearers will be Ron Sagedy, Dwight Bryant, Jack McCormick, Mark Webb, Ronnie Basconi and Mike Webb. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to the McDowell County Humane Society. Those wishing to share memories or condolence

messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Arnold J. Smith.

Tribute Wall



“ *Arnold Smith*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathies are with you and your family. Chris and Jerry*

Chris Bruckner Elswick - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *Sandy so sorry to hear about Arnold. I was out of the country and didn't know until Sunday. Keeping you in my thoughts*

Elaine Harper - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *I had the pleasure of being in the Blue Chords with Arnold in 1960 and 1961 when we performed at Va Bch during the summers and various functions in and around the Bluefield area. Arnold was one fine person with a big smile and an outstanding musician. I remember him just like it was yesterday. I am so glad that he kept playing music all these years!*

John Laughter - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

PB

“ Dear Sandy, My sincere condolences on your great loss. All my memories of you and Arnold are so sweet. I hope your family, friends, and the sweetest of your memories sustain you in this sad and lonely time. I like to think he's rocking it out for some bobbysockers somewhere right now -- free of pain at last, full of music and fun and waiting for the distant day when he will be together again with his favorite dance partner. love, pam

Pam Barrow - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

KH

“ Norman
My thoughts & prayers are with you and your family.

Kelli Hicks - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

NF

“ MY uncle Arnold was one of the kindest most gentle souls this world will ever know. We miss him dearly and will love him forever.

Noah Marshall Fuller - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

GR

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Norm, if there is anything I can do, let me know.

Grace Rolan - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

CS

“ Sandy, Dan and I were so sorry to hear of Arnolds passing. We are out of town now but our thoughts are with you, Marsha and Norman.

Connie and Dan Shortridge - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

EC

“ Sometimes in life we meet someone where there is an instant bond and you know this is a person you want as a friend. A.J. was just such a special man. We grieve with you all at his loss, but are so grateful that our lives touched. The world is a much better place because of his many contributions and our lives are better for having known him. Our love and prayers are with you during this time of such great sorrow.

Ed & Diana Canterbury - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

DA

“ I was truly saddened to hear that "Smitty" had passed over!! I can fondly remember all the good times we had [;aying music together!! I will always remember him as a very good friend! We can't personally be there for the services but you can be sure we will be there in sprit!! Just know, he`s in that Great Heavenly Band aand playing with some of the Greatest Musicians ever!! Love you all; Danny

Danny - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JA

“ I was so sorry to hear of Arnolds Passing. We were first cousins. Arnolds Dad and my Mom were Bro & Sister. My prayers will be for all of the family. Jack Austin, Nashville, Tn.

Jack Austin - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JC

“ To all of the family of Arnold, My Name is Jack Austin, I am a First cousin to Arnold. His Dad and my Mother were bro & Sis. I was so sorry to hear of Arnolds death. My Prayers will be for all of the family. May God bless you. Jack Austin, Nashville, Tn.

Jack Austin, cousin - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

EF

“ So sorry for your loss

Elaine Farrington - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JL

“ Marsha, I was so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Joe

Joe Litz - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

BH

“ Marsha and Family, So sorry to hear of your loss. I remember the good times with your mom and dad. Such a sadness. May God comfort you and your family. God Bless! Love you all!!!

Beth Martin Howell - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

DW

“ Sandy, Marsha and Norman - thoughts and prayers with each of you during this most difficult time. I fondly remember many good times at the Smith home. May these memories sustain you over the coming days.

Dona WalkNeal - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

SW

“ I love you all and am thinking of you. I wish I could be there for the service. Please know that I will be there in spirit. Arnold was a wonderful man and I know I will (as well as many others) miss him dearly. Sending you all comfort and love. Sheri

Sheri Snow Wood - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

DM

“ Sandy, I was deeply saddened to hear of Arnold's passing. Though it has been many years, I can still hear him sing. It makes me smile. I'm glad that I was able to talk with him a few months ago. My best wishes to you and your family. Darrel

Darrel Massaroni - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

KB

“ I was so sorry to hear that Mr. Smith passed away. I know that your grief is overwhelming at this time. Please find consolation in the fact that your loving husband and father is now at peace with our Heavenly Father in his glorious kingdom.

Kathy Bell - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

AS

“ Bea, Karen and Family, so sorry and yet Praise the Lord..another Son who has won victory over death. I'm sure that Aunt Marthy, Maw Maw Mom and the rest of the Family are having quite a celebration...Oh Beaula Land...Will keep you in my prayers and Love you.

Al Sturdivant - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

KN

“ Marsha, I am so sorry to hear about your dad. May God comfort you and your family at this difficult time. Thoughts and prayers coming your way.

Karren Mays Neal - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

TG

“ I was saddened to hear of Arnold's passing. He was a wonderful and talented gentleman, and He had a great family. To Sandy, Marsha, and Norman, please accept my heartfelt sympathy. You are a special family, and you will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Tom Goforth - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

Jl

“ I know this is a very difficult time for the family. Something that has always given me comfort is a scripture at Revelation 21:4, it says, "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." I sincerely hope this brings you some comfort.

Jill - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JP

“ Sandy, I am so very sorry for your loss. Thinking of you, Marsha and Norman during this sad time. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you. Jinkie

Jinkie Peacock - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

KS

“ Sandy, Marsha and Norman., I am so very sorry for you r loss he was a special man. You all know I am here for you and will keep you in my prayers. love you all!!!!

Karen Hoops- Simon - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM