



Gordon Smith

March 30, 1925 - April 21, 2010

Gordon L. Smith, 85, of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, died April 21, 2010, at Siloam Springs Memorial Hospital Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Gordon was a man of many talents. Most commonly known as “Gordon” by his Sunday School class, the class remained his passion and personal mission in life since 1952, and continued until March, 2010, when he became ill. Gordon L. Smith ended his earthly journey when he passed away on Wednesday morning and he now begins the ultimate journey by entering heaven and spending eternity with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Gordon is leaving behind a sizable Sunday School following. His Bible class reached a record number of nearly 100 people each Sunday back in the 1960’s, consisting of young married couples and singles. Many people over the years enjoyed Gordon’s in-depth explanation of the Bible so much that today the class still numbers in into the 50’s. Most of those people had begun their study of the Bible with him decades earlier. Gordon’s lessons were intertwined with history of the region, stories of his travels to the Holy Land, and then how the application of “The Word” fit into our personal lives today. His ability to relate to people caused many to consider Gordon to be a self accomplished scholar even though he had not received formal education from a seminary. In 1990, Gordon and his wife Gene, who have been married for over 63 years, retired from their small family business. They owned and operated a local landmark hotel for 43 and half years. Gordon established a reputation in the community for fairness, good judgment and was also an advocate for small

business owner/operators in the early years when Siloam Springs was beginning to grow and expand. Gordon is survived by his wife Gene, and son Rex who lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was affectionately known and loved as "Mr. Gordon" by his grandchildren Sarah (21) who serves in the U.S. Army, Joshua (19) and Isaiah (18) as well as their mother Cheryl who also lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Saturday, April 24, 2010, at First Baptist Church, Siloam Springs, Arkansas, with Rev. Clifford Palmer officiating. Burial will follow at Benton County Memorial Park, Rogers, Arkansas. Visitation will be 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., Friday, April 23, 2010, at Wasson Funeral Home, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Memorial contributions can be made to First Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 356, Siloam Springs, Arkansas 72761, or Grandkids Scholarship Fund.

Tribute Wall

BP

“ *A wonderful man who has always been a part of my life. Always enjoyed the visting and fellowship of his family over the years, My love and prayers to Gene and Rex.*

Becky Kay Coffelt Pierce - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

AH

“ *Love and Sympathy from Alma Lee & Jack*

Alma Lee Walden Halstead - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

JK

“ *I first met Mr. and Mrs. Smith in 1972, through Rex, and have very fond memories of that time. Even though we have lost contact, it is very important to me to express my condolences to both of you. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Jan Ketcher - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

RW

“ *Gordon will be missed at Siloam Springs First Baptist Church. He and Gene were fixture leaders there since before we were married in 1956. Gordon was the first to welcome us back to church after being away for a few years. We send our best wishes to Gene, Rex and others in the family.*

Rodney & Melanie Warder - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

SU

“ Gordon was a friend, mentor, & teacher.
I will miss him very much but I know he is walking with Jesus. I will see him again.

Jean & Rex I know you will miss him but God was ready for him to come home. Please know that we are praying for God to comfort you and give you His strength during this time.

Love
Harold & Sandy

Sandy & Harold Umholtz - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

DV

“ When I first joined Gordon's bible class I was new in the community and he immediately made me feel so loved and important. He was by far the best teacher I ever had. Although we have moved , never have we forgotten our affection for Gordon or Gene. What a blessing to have known him.

don and joyce voss - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

BH

“ Gordan taught me in training union. He was a great teacher. He gave me a nice Bible for winning a daily Bible reading contest. I still have that Bible. Joan Terry Hubbard

Bob and Joan Hubbard - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

TR

“ I met Mr. Smith when I used to run A-AAA Self Storage many years ago. Every time over the years when I would see him out and about town he would always smile, ask me how I had been and tell me it was nice to see me! He will surely be missed by many! I pray that God bless you his family as you go through this very hard time in your life. Heaven must be a little brighter today because Mr. Smith is there! May you find strength from God, each other and the memories you all have! God bless you each and everyone.

Tonya Roberts - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

LN

“ Dear Friends:
My deepest sympathy and prayers are with you at this time. May the Lord grant you comfort and strength in the knowledge that Gordon was a great man of God. I so much cherished sitting under his teaching in the "Upper Room" Sunday School Class. He will be greatly missed.

*with loving concern,
Lottie*

Lottie Nast - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

DH

“ Dear Gene and family,
So sorry to hear about Gordon, We think so much of you both. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. He was a true christian man and so very kind to everyone. We will miss him too.

Our deepest sympathy,

Donley and Connie

Donley and Connie Harrington - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

ER

“ *Gordon Smith is (not was) one of the finest Christian gentlemen I have known in my seventy five years. Gordon was a genuine follower of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Precious memories!*

Evangelist Charles Rosson - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM