



John Smith

December 25, 1931 - November 20, 2009

Buck Smith, 77 of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, died November 20, 2009, at his home. Born December 25, 1931, in Summers, Arkansas, he was the son of Earl William Smith and Zylpha Augustine Gardisser Smith. Buck lived in the Siloam Springs area for the past 13 years. He served 10 years in the airforce and was a veteran of the Korean War. He spent many years in Inola, Oklahoma. He worked as an air traffic controller for Tulsa International Airport and retired in 1977. He owned and operated Smith Service Company and was also Rogers County building inspector for 5 years. He was a Deacon and member of the Chouteau Assembly of God Church. He was a pilot and loved to fly and to help others. When a critically injured young man had to be transported from Wyoming, Buck was able to secure an air ambulance and flew it himself. On the flight to Tulsa, they encountered a severe thunderstorm and were advised to not land due to poor visibility, but that was not an option for their patient whose oxygen tank had run out. Using all his skills as a pilot and an air traffic controller, Buck approached the airport and descended into the storm, finding the runway and waiting ambulance with no time to spare. He was preceded in death by his brother William "Sonny" Dwayne Smith, Williams's wife Florine Smith, and brother-in-law, Dean Baker. Survived by his wife of 59 years Ordeania Marge Hutchison Smith, one son, John Dean Smith of Bartlesville, Oklahoma; one daughter, Adara Lynn Rich and her husband Dalton Rich of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; two sisters, Jenece Baker of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; Mary Jane Palone and husband Irvin Palone of

Westville, Oklahoma; two grandchildren, Dallon Staggs and LaDara Staggs; two great grandchildren; and a host of neices and nephews. Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, Novmeber 24, 2009, at Wasson Memorial Chapel, Siloam Springs, Arkansas, with Reverend Raymond Shann officiating. Burial will follow in Weddington Cemetery. Visitation will be Monday from 6:00 – 8:00p.m. at Wasson Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

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“ When I was growing up Bucky and Deanie used to bring Hazel down every summer to visit my grandparents (Percy and Annie Lloyd) and the family. We had so much fun and looked forward to them coming down. Buck and Deanie would come down to our house also to visit with Adara who is close to our ages and John Dean a bit older and we used to have so much fun swimming in our pool! I haven't seen Bucky for several years now but the memories will always be there. I am glad that he is in a better place now. My sympathy goes to Deanie, John Dean, Adara and family.

Tracy Lloyd (Heiba) - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

CW

“ John was a patient man in his latter weeks. Unable to move much at all except from bed to chair and back, he persevered--his only complaint was that he wasn't able to attend worship services anymore. All our best to John's family and friends.

Chaplain Paul Woodhouse - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

RL

“ When I was a child we used to go down to Arkansas once a year. It was a big deal then to travel 1000 miles. Buck and Deannie always welcomed us and did all they could to make us welcome. I remember at the time that Buck always drove big Cadillacs. That always impressed me. We visited Buck and Deannie several times. Once they were in Plainview Texas and he took us up flying. That was a great experience.
It is sad to hear of his passing but I am sure he is in a better place and will no longer be suffering.

Ron Lloyd - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

DW

“ I am honored to have known John Smith. He was a wonderful man and a great person to have in your corner. Though I've not seen him in many years, I have thought about he and Deana over the years, with fond memories. I am so sorry for your loss. It will be quite different to make decisions without his input, and you will miss him tremendously. But, there is coming a reunion that will be better than anything you've ever known, and there will be no more sad goodbyes when we are reunited in Heaven. May God comfort you through this time of sorrow, as only He can, until the memories bring a smile instead of tears. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Daryl Watkins - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

JW

“ The trumpets in Heaven have sounded loudly, welcoming home this wonderful man of God. Many years ago I worked for John and while I learned a lot about electricity and air conditioners, it was John's many lectures on life's lessons that was most treasured. I love this family and may God bring peace to them at this difficult time.

Joel Wilson - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

SS

“ Tweety and LaDara: Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We love you.

Sam and Monica Sprafke - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM

FM

“ many many years ago,when deanie and bucky came with deanies parents to Glenwood, ontario, to visit percy and annie lloyd , we would see each other. My mother (edith lloyd) and hazel were cousins. Our condolences to the family at this very sad time...

florence mckenzie - September 19, 2012 at 12:04 PM