



Billy Gene "Poppy" Smith

September 24, 1939 - November 12, 2011

Billy Gene Smith was born September 24, 1939, in Arlington, Missouri, to the late Walter Eugene and Dora Mae (Crossland) Smith.

He went home to be with his Lord early Saturday morning November 12, 2011, at his home surrounded by his loving family, neighbors and friends. Bill attained the age of 72 years, 1 month and 19 days. He assured himself everlasting life by accepting Christ as his Lord and Savior on April 10, 2011 at the New Friendship Baptist Church.

As a boy, Bill grew up and attended school in the Newburg area.

Bill was united in marriage to the love of his life, Norma Jo Perkins on June 20, 1959, by Rev. Earl Gladden in Waynesville, Missouri. Bill and Norma shared over 52 wonderful years and four loving children: James, Robert, Sheila and Dana. Bill was a devoted husband and dedicated father, grandfather and great grandfather.

Bill was an extremely hard worker. He was a master auto body craftsman. He was employed for many years at Bench Motors, Wiener's Auto Body and for the last seven years at Lowe Chevrolet. He had great ability and talent when it came to repairing a damaged vehicle, and making it look brand new again. Bill enjoyed gardening and caring for his yard and surrounding property. He also

enjoyed doing garden tilling and brush hogging for others. Bill was an avid horseman. He took great pride in showing "Big Red" and "Jim Reed" at various horse shows in the area.

Bill knew the greatest blessing in his life was his family; Norma, the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren were his pride and joy. He loved family gatherings on "the ridge" and the peacefulness of their love and support through his illness. He will be missed, but fondly remembered by all.

Bill is survived by his wife: Norma; four children: James Smith (Joy Lynn) of Waynesville, Robert Smith (Barb) of Richland, Sheila Smith (Jerry) of Linn and Dana Lane (Randy) of Waynesville; ten grandchildren: Shanna Taylor (Jason), Brianne Coleman, Jason Williams, Amee Dumas (Chris), Tozh Smith, J.D. Smith, Jodi Sapp (Matt), Bo Sumner, Mary Sumner and Heather Bays (Eric); fifteen great grandchildren: Trever, Skyeler, Taryn, MacKenzie, Kelsie, Bryton, Logan, Kyla, Karson, Myah, Conner, Madylan, Brandon, Brooklyn and Hunter; several nieces, nephews; cousins, other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by one granddaughter: Somer Smith and three siblings: Donna Jean, J.K. and Bobby Smith.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, November 14, 2011 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory with Pastor Gary Humphrey officiating. Soloist Becky Lercher sang "Serenaded By Angels" and Bill's brother-in-law, Alvar Velez sang "If That Isn't Love", "If We Never Meet Again" and "Amazing Grace". Serving as escorts were Donnie Cogar, Dean Cogar, Eugene Hendrix, Darold Wieners, Chris Dumas and Norman Gan. Serving as honorary escorts were John Smith and Tom Schlauch.

Burial followed in the Centerpoint Cemetery of Pulaski County, Missouri. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of

Waynesville / St. Robert.

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Billy Gene "Poppy" Smith*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - November 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Billy Gene "Poppy" Smith*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Please teach the rest of these internet holoaings how to write and research!##imported-begin##Keyaan##imported-end##*

December 29, 2011 at 06:30 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to each of you. I am so sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##KELLY MCCLENDON##imported-end##*

November 15, 2011 at 08:29 AM



“ *Norma and Family,
So sorry for your loss, you are in our thoughts and prayers. May
God Bless and keep you.##imported-begin##Charley and Joyce
Fritts##imported-end##*

November 14, 2011 at 09:36 PM



“ *So Sorry to hear about your loss! God Bless you all!##imported-
begin##Bill & Brenda Shell##imported-end##*

November 14, 2011 at 04:27 PM



“ *I am so sorry for the loss of Mr. Smith. I will keep your family in my
prayers. Carol Johnson @ St. John's Clinic in Richland##imported-
begin##Carol Johnson##imported-end##*

November 14, 2011 at 01:57 PM



“ *My heart goes out to you all at this time of great sorrow may you
find comfort in knowing that he is in the hands of a loving God and
no longer suffering. My hope for you is that you may find some
peace in your memories and that those same memories sustain you
in times of overwhelming grief.##imported-begin##Pam
Seda##imported-end##*

November 14, 2011 at 11:24 AM



“ *Norma, I am deeply sorry about your loss of Bill. Wish I could be
there today. You are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-
begin##Shirley Profest##imported-end##*

November 14, 2011 at 10:56 AM



“ Norma, my thoughts and prayers are for you. I know how it is to lose your soul mate therefore I pray for comfort for you.##imported-begin##Annette Troutt##imported-end##

November 13, 2011 at 10:48 PM



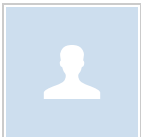
“ Norma we are so sorry for your familys loss##imported-begin##Ken and Audrey Ellis##imported-end##

November 13, 2011 at 09:56 PM



“ Sorry for your loss your in our prayers##imported-begin##Lisa Parrish##imported-end##

November 13, 2011 at 11:18 AM



“ Sorry to hear about Bill's passing. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Bill Anderson##imported-end##

November 13, 2011 at 09:50 AM



“ Norma & Family, I am soorry to hear of Bill's passing. Love Missy & Family##imported-begin##Missy Peterson##imported-end##

November 13, 2011 at 02:03 AM



“ Norma, We just learned of Bills passing. There are no words of comfort that we have to offer you, to take your terrible hurt & pain away. But just know that Bill, had accepted his LORD, and that God had a reason for calling him home just now when he did. Know that he is up in Heaven and that he is no longer suffering an in no pain. Trust that one day you to will see him again. If you need any thing PLEASE give us a call. ##imported-begin## Dennis & Janet Doss , Waynesville, Mo. ##imported-end##

November 13, 2011 at 12:42 AM



“ Norma and family, We are so sorry for your loss! Our thoughts and prayers are with you! ##imported-begin## Chuck and Velda ##imported-end##

November 12, 2011 at 10:21 PM