



## Louis E. Smith

November 14, 1922 - January 30, 2012

Louis E. Smith, son of the late Thomas Beverly and Cora (Adams) Smith, was born November 14, 1922 in Ilmo, Missouri. Louis grew up in Missouri and Illinois and eventually his family moved to the Waynesville area where he graduated from Waynesville High School.

On January 25, 1943, Louis enlisted in the United States Army and served his country faithfully during World War II. He was honorably discharged on November 16, 1945 and had attained the rank of PFC. He earned five Bronze Service Stars for Campaigns.

On January 30, 1942, Louis was united in marriage to Grace Smith. They shared over 57 years of marriage together before Grace preceded him in death on May 5, 1999. They shared eight children: Edward, Louis, Richard, Linda, Peggy, Charles, Nancy and Paul.

On August 17, 2000, Louis was united in marriage to Opal (Fuller) Shelden. They shared over 11 years of marriage together and many wonderful memories.

Louis was a hardworking man. He was a driver for MK&O Bus Lines. He was the driver of choice for Evangel College Choir and Band. In fact, he was given an honorary choir membership. At the time of his retirement, he had over 1.5

million accident free miles.

In his spare time, Louis enjoyed being outdoors: whether it was horses and trail riding or fishing. He also loved to garden. He was known for growing more tomatoes than he could ever use and he shared generously with the community.

Louis was a member of the Odd Fellows. But most importantly, he had made a decision early in his life and had accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as His Savior. He was a founding member and very active at Westside Baptist Church and had served as Deacon and often worked to help build the church. In his later years, he became a member of Hickory Hills Baptist Church of St. Robert.

Louis went home to be with his Lord at 3:55 p.m. Monday, January 30, 2012 in the Life Care Center of Waynesville having attained the age of 89 years, 2 months and 16 days. He will be sadly missed by all those that knew and loved him.

Louis leaves to cherish his memory his wife: Opal Smith of St. Robert, MO; 8 children: Edward B. Smith (Shirley) of Waynesville, MO, Louis E. Fieser (Pat) of St. Louis, MO, Richard R. Smith (Karen) of Rolla, Linda J. Woods (Gregg) of Rolla, Peggy A. Peterson (Greg) of Ellston, IA, Charles L. Smith (Kim) of Bellingham, WA, Nancy L. Meli (Tom) of Kansas City, KS, and D. Paul Smith (Valerie) of Spokane, WA; 1 brother: Robert Smith; 26 grandchildren; numerous great and great-great grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents and wife Grace, Louis was preceded in death by four sisters and three brothers.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, February 4, 2012 in the

Westside Baptist Church with Rev. Lindell Sheldon and Rev. Leo Gladden officiating. Soloist Noel Murray sang "Come to Jesus", Soloist Becky Lercher sang "Amazing Grace" and Soloist Greg Gabel sang "Beulah Land". Serving as escorts were Sam Gifford, Chad Alexander, Cody Weitzell, and Sean, Mark, Daren, Eric, Grady, Devin and Ryan Smith.

Burial with military honors followed in the Waynesville Memorial Park Cemetery with honors provided by the Missouri Honors Team. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

Westside Baptist Church  
801 Historic 66 West  
Waynesville, MO

# Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Louis E. Smith*

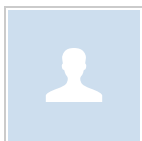


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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - January 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM



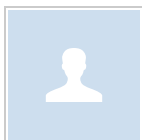
“ *Louis E. Smith*

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January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *To Karen and Dick and all the family.  
I was so sorry to find Louie's obituary. He was a true christian man  
and our loss is heaven's gain. Bless you all##imported-  
begin##Cathy Henry Bruce##imported-end##*

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February 13, 2012 at 09:43 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss, Ed & Shirley. I'm glad your dad lived  
such a long productive life. I'm sure you will have many memories to  
cherish, but we are praying that the Lord will comfort and guide you  
through this difficult time.##imported-begin##Annette & Bill  
Catts##imported-end##*

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February 08, 2012 at 03:11 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers to family in this time of greif.##imported-begin##William D. & Susan Anderson##imported-end##

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February 03, 2012 at 06:23 PM



“ I enjoyed going out to the Smith's Sunday's afternoons. If Louie happened to be home it was a real "treat" to help Paul clean out the bus and we would get to keep any money we found. I think Louie got the best of that deal!  
I'm sorry for his passing, he was a good man.##imported-begin##Clifton Dudley##imported-end##

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February 02, 2012 at 10:40 AM



“ I have some wonderful memories of Louie and Grace Smith. One by one our friends of many years go on to meet the Lord but they leave behind memories to bless our hearts.  
  
May God's blessings be with each of the family.##imported-begin##Bill Dudley##imported-end##

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February 02, 2012 at 09:01 AM



“ Just want the family to know how sorry I am for your lost. May God comfort you during the days ahead.##imported-begin##Sandy Biggs##imported-end##

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February 01, 2012 at 08:38 PM



“ Dear Family,

*Marty and I send our condolences to you all. Please know our thoughts are with you and we wish we could be with you, too.*

*With love and sympathy,*

*Deborah##imported-begin##Deborah and Marty Lynch##imported-end##*

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February 01, 2012 at 04:15 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to all my Smith Cousins. Uncle Louis gave me some pretty good pointers on vegetable gardens. I remember too, his personal experiences in the army during WWII were truly amazing.##imported-begin##William Graham##imported-end##*

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February 01, 2012 at 03:53 PM



“ *To the family of Louis. We were sorry to hear about your loss. You will be in our thoughts and prayers##imported-begin##William & Sue Anderson##imported-end##*

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February 01, 2012 at 09:18 AM



“ *Smith family: So very sorry to hear of Louie's passing. He was a wonderful person and a man of God. Our loss is Heaven's gain.##imported-begin##Pamela Cox##imported-end##*

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January 31, 2012 at 04:53 PM