



David Smith

December 20, 1955 - July 21, 2011

A memorial service for David Smith, 55, of Roswell will be held 7:00 pm, Friday, July 29, 2011, at St. Andrews Episcopal Church with Father Tom Grey officiating. He passed away Thursday, July 21, 2011 in Roswell.

David was born December 20, 1955 to George R. Smith and Alice B. Kennedy Smith in Roswell, NM. He was a graduate of New Mexico State University, and worked his entire career as a 6th grade teacher for the Roswell Independent School District, retiring in 2010. He was an avid guitar player, working in local bands. He was an active member of the Spring River Band. He enjoyed the outdoors and fishing. He leaves behind a great legacy of guitar players that he has taught throughout the years. David has touched many lives in his time. He will be deeply missed by all his family and close friends.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are his parents George and Alice Smith of Roswell, brother G. Raymond Smith III of Roswell, sister Kathleen Freeland of Roswell, nieces and nephews George R. Smith IV, Molly Smith, and Matthew Smith, great niece and nephew Hailey Smith and Ryder Herbert, aunts Marta Smith, Kathryn Fant, and Mary Luker, uncle Alfred Kennedy and wife Dolores, and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents Raymond and Wanette Smith and Bill and Cleola Kennedy, and brother in law J.R. Freeland.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the assurance home, 1000 E 18th Street, Roswell, NM 88201 in honor of David Smith.

Desiderata—Wishes Who Are You? You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees & the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive him to be, and whatever your labors & aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace with your soul. “Strive to be happy”

Tribute Wall



“ *David Smith*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Always loved and forever remembered...*

Cheryl - January 14, 2016 at 02:43 PM



“ *David - Always has been and always will be in my heart. Forever loved.*

Cheryl - January 12, 2016 at 06:40 AM



“ *Dear Mr. Smith I think you where a rockin awesome teacher you where the best 6th grade teacher ever I think you where a great guiter player and you always told your awesome storys I WILL MISS YOU AND THE WHOLE SCHOOL AND FRIENDS OF YOURS WILL MISS YOU TO love Jaden Lawrence*

Jaden Lawrence - August 16, 2011 at 06:25 PM

BB

“ *The world has truly lost a great musician. No one was more dedicated to his music, the music world, and especially the guitar! than David. I spent many hours with him and his passion was incredibly contagious. He truly loved it. We had lot's of good times and I will truly miss him. I didn't get to see David much after I left Roswell, but the few times we did talk were great - just like things never changed. David was a great guy, with a wonderful zest for life and playing music! When you were around him, you wanted to be a member of the band! Here's to you, David. You will be greatly missed, but I know you're still playing the guitar, and making heaven a better place.*

Bob and Sharon Blair - August 01, 2011 at 06:49 PM

PG

“ *Smith Family:*
Just a few minutes ago I learned of Dave's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time. May your many fond memories of Dave comfort you and bring a smile to your face.
I met Dave at NMSU where we shared good times, many laughs, and created long lasting memories. Dave was an ATO Brother, roommate, and good friend. A talented musician, Dave, Rex, Mike, and Bobby brought Rock-n-Roll to NMSU. One of my best memories was the day they played with REO Speedwagon at the Regatta. Dave was a good person, honest, loyal, dependable, and caring. God Bless you Dave on your new journey. In the evenings, when I look up to the night sky, I will see your star shining bright. You will be missed.
Your Friends Always, Pat & Josie Geissler

Patrick Geissler - July 31, 2011 at 01:47 PM

WO

“ David, you were my friend for many years and we shared some great times together playing music for folks or just hanging out and picking. I thought that we would be doing this for ever but one can never tell what will happen. I miss you and hope that your family will get through the loss of you somehow. I know that wherever you are, you are picking up a guitar and playing music. This is what you did well and I appreciated all the times that we did just that. Thanks David and good journey to you my friend.

Wm. W. Osborn - July 29, 2011 at 07:06 PM

PL

“ Its so hard to believe ur gone,so many good memories u shared with all ur students while teaching.I remember when i was in ur class at Nancy lopez wow its been a while but i still remember when u would play ur guitar and sing to us u sure played that guitar like u were a rock star i thank u for sharing such good memories with me u are truly gonna be missed!!!!My prayers go out to ur family may god be with u..

philisha Salazar lazos - July 29, 2011 at 01:21 PM

RS

“ George,Alice,Raymond,& Kathy my prayers are with you. David is was & always will be the best friend, band mate, room mate, & road warrior a man could ever have.I have truly been blessed by GOD by getting to share forty years of life with Dave. I am deeply sorry for your loss, but I share your grief and pain. I will keep David in my heart always.I miss him. Love Rex

Rex & Lynda Shafer - July 28, 2011 at 07:07 PM

RO

“ My deepest sympathies to Dave's parents, brother, sister and other family. Dave was a fraternity brother of mine who I have kept in touch with via periodic emails and truly enjoyed seeing him several years back at an ATO reunion in Las Cruces. He was a great friend to many and one who was always honest, sincere and positive. I will miss him. Ross Orr

Ross Orr - July 28, 2011 at 05:15 PM

DF

“ I am saddened to hear of Brother David's passing at such a young age. He was a founding father of our ATO Fraternity at NMSU. Because of him and his fellow founding brothers, I was able to experience a great college life and gained lifelong brothers including Dave. He attended our 25th and 27th Anniversary reunions and we all had a great time. RIP Brother. VTL Always

Dr. Joe Favia - July 28, 2011 at 03:55 PM

OG

“ rest in peace, brother.

oscar gomez - July 28, 2011 at 03:49 PM

OL

“ David was a great guy with a love for music. He will be missed.

Olivia Langley - July 28, 2011 at 01:53 PM

PH

“ Dear Alice and Family, I was shocked to read about David. I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that my thoughts are with you in this time of sadness. I always enjoyed visiting with David. My son, Jason Ashbrook, and David had a musical interest that we often discussed. He was a great help with the handicap ski program. He touched many lives. I will miss him. I will keep your family uplifted in prayer. Paula Hoover

Paula Hoover - July 27, 2011 at 11:50 PM

DW

“ The world lost a great musician and colleague. You will be missed.

Dawn Warick - July 27, 2011 at 06:19 PM

TT

“ You are my friend. You will be remembered, and missed. You were the best guitar player I ever heard. I will miss playing and singing with you. You always made me sound better when You were playing with us. Thanks for being my friend. TT

Terry Todd - July 27, 2011 at 04:27 PM

LL

“ So sorry for you loss. Thinking about your family during this very sad time.

Lane Leadingham - July 27, 2011 at 03:46 PM

DT

“ *Dear Alice and Family,
Steve and I were shocked to read about David. Please know that we are so very very sorry for your loss. We realize this is a very difficult time for all of you. Please know that our thoughts are with you in the sadness of having to say good-bye. Our hope is that sweet memories will give you peace and comfort in the days ahead...*

*With Love and Sympathy,
Steve and Dorothy Tarter*

Dorothy Tarter - July 27, 2011 at 01:36 PM

KA

Thank you Dorothy and Steve! Your words are comforting still!

Kathy - February 05, 2021 at 06:45 AM