



James Smith

December 26, 1946 - July 16, 2010

Funeral services for James Harold Smith, 63, of Roswell will be held at 11 am Saturday, July 24, 2010 at Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. R.L. Smith officiating. Burial will be at 11:30 am Monday, July 26, 2010 at the Santa Fe National Cemetery in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Visitation will be at Anderson-Bethany funeral home Thursday, July 22, 2010 from 8 am to 9 pm and Friday, July 23, 2010 from 8 am to 7 pm. Saturday until service time.

JAMES HAROLD SMITH was born on December 26, 1946 in Paris, Texas, the second child to Thomas Jefferson Smith and Vera Mae (Boyd) Smith. JAMES received his formal education in Roswell, New Mexico. He successfully completed his Masters Degree in Social Work from New Mexico Highlands University.

JAMES married Rose Turner. To this union was born three children: Cobey LaHarold Smith and twins, Anthony Renard Smith and Antoinette Renee Smith.

JAMES served in the United States Air Force and was honorably discharged on November 5, 1973.

During his lifetime, JAMES dedicated his time and efforts to serving his family and community. He spent countless hours counseling adults and youth so that they could find hope and purpose in their lives. JAMES provided love and support to his family and families throughout the community. He received love and respect from them in return.

JAMES loved his church, Galilee Baptist Church, and worked tirelessly to

make sure it was presentable to GOD. Most of the time he worked alone and well into the night. JESUS was the center of his life and he was not remiss to give HIM all glory and praise. The love GOD gave to him he shared with others.

GOD called James to a well-deserved rest on July 16, 2010. He leaves to cherish his memory his mother Vera Mae Dennis; sons Cobey LaHarold (Mary) Smith and Anthony Renard Smith; three grandchildren, Anthony Smith Jr., Ezander Smith and Chazity Smith; sisters Jo Ann (Sterling) Keys and Mae H. Dennis-Bryant; brothers Rev. Stanley Smith and Reginald Dennis; and uncles Richard J. (Florence) Boyd and Paul Wayne Smith. He also leaves a host of many relatives and dear friends and special friends Veranda Stogden and Peggy (Bailey).

JAMES was preceded in death by his father, Thomas Jefferson Smith, daughter Antoinette Renee Smith and brothers Thomas Jefferson Smith, Jr. and Larry Dennis.

JAMES, we love you and miss you, but GOD loves you more.

Please share your thoughts and memories with the family in our online register book at andersonbethany.com

Services are under the direction of Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home & Crematory.

Tribute Wall



“ James Smith

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ I cant believe its already been four years since you left us. I still miss you as much as i always have. I think about you all the time still, and every time i talk to grandma we talk about how much we wish you were still with us. I love you papa james and i know i havent talked or seen you in 6 years, but i just want you to know that i do love and miss you very much. Ill see you again some day until then continue to watch us grow from above.
p.s and yes i remember what you used to tell me and Ant. " what did Rodney King say?", " Cant we all just get along".

Chardnay - July 23, 2014 at 03:00 PM



“ MY HUSBEN SILVER GOT TO MEET N TALK TO HIS SON ,I WISH N PRAY I GET TO MEET HIM SAME DAY.MY HUSBAN SAID JAMES LOOKED GOOD N PEACEFUL JUST LIKE HE WAS A SLEEP WILL I WANTED TO REMEMBER THE HELLO N GODBLESS,SMILE N HUG, HE ALWAYS HAD FOR US ALL!!!!MAY ALL HIS FAMILY KNOW JAMES MY FAMILY WILL HAVE HIM IN OUR HEARTS>>GODBLESS U ALL.

RAMONA MOLINA BARRON - November 26, 2010 at 12:42 AM

RB

“ SO JAMES HAPPYLY WROTE IT DOWN N I STILL HAVE IT.:(WILL THEN WE GOT TO SEE JAMES AGAIN ON FRIDAY IN THE DAY TIME ,GOT OUR HELLO GODBLESS, HUG AND A SMILE.N SADLY TO HEAR THAT THIS HAD HAPPENED TO A MAN THAT WAS SO GOOD,LOVEING,KIND.N ECT.I KEPT ON SAYING NO WE SAW HIM FRIDAY IT ISNT HIM.CAUSE HE WAS SO DEAR TO OUR HEART THAT I JUST COULD NOT N HAVE NOT ACCEPTED IT,WHEN MY BROTHER CALLED ME I COULD NOT TELL HIM.WILL HE CALLED AGAIN N I TRY TO SAY SAMETHING N BEFOR I COULD SAY ANYTHING MY BROTHER TOLD ME,SISTER I HEARD JAMES DIED,IT WAS A SAD TIME ON OUR PHONE,I TOLD HIM THAT I HAD JUST SEEN HIM N GOT HIS ADDRESS FOR HIM,SO IT WILL STILL BE WAITING FOR HIM,CAUSE JAMES WROTE IT FOR HIM IN HIS WRITING.BUT WE ALL PRAY WE WILL SEE HIM AGAIN WHEN THE LORD CAMES.....WILL SECOND OF ALL,I WOULD LIKE TO SAY IM SO DEARLY SORRY I DID NOT GO TO ANYTHING I AM HAVEING A HARD TIME KNOW WRITEING THIS TO U ALL I HAVE NOT LET IT HIT ME I KNOW ITS BETTER LETTING IT OUT THEN HOLD IT IN,I HAVE LOST BROTHERS, DAD N LOTS OF FAMILY BUT JAMES WAS A ANGEL TO OUR FAMILY THAT I JUST CANT LET GO I STILL HAVENT READ HIS OBITUARIES.BUT I HEARD IT WAS A GREAT GREAT SERVES FOR N ABOUT HIM.,

RAMONA MOLINA BARRON - November 26, 2010 at 12:38 AM

RB

“ FIRST OF ALL IM SORRY FOR ALL OUR LOSS,JAMES WAS A VERY SPECIAL MAN IN ALL MY FAMILYS LIFE,HE AS HELP US ALL IN ONE WAY OR AN OTHER WITH OUR KIDS FINDING JOBS OR JUST ENCOURAGING WORDS THAT ALWAYS,ALWAYS CAME WITH A SMILE,N N HUG.IT DIDNT MATTER WERE WE WERE HE ALWAYS MADE TIME TO STOP N SAY HELLO N GODBLESS,N GOT A HUG.HE NOT ONES FOR GOT TO ASK FOR MY BROTHER ROBERT THAT HE HELP THROUGH OUT MY BROTHERS LIFE,MY BROTHER HAS BEEN GONE IN JAIL FOR 8YRS,N HE ALWAYS HAD TO KNOW HOW HE WAS DOING.WILL WE SEEN HIM THE WEEK BEFOR THIS HAPPENED TO HIM,N WE GOT TO TELL HIM MY BROTHERS CAMEING HOME HE WANTS UR ADDRESS N # SO HE CAN CAME SEE U FOR MORE GUIDES TO FINDING HIS WAY TO A JOB N A GOOD LIFE SO THAT HE CAN CAME HOME N TAKE CARE OF HIS KIDS.

RAMONA MOLINA BARRON - November 26, 2010 at 12:34 AM

NG

“ First of all i met Mr.James Smith when i was workin through the summer program he was such a kind loving person, he meant alot to me he was such a awesome person he always wanted the best for me and everyone, im so saddened but i will rememeber all the good times we had all the talks laughs, my condolences go out to his family,"James" was an awesome person and he will be missed...

Naomi Gabaldon - September 26, 2010 at 11:14 AM

MM

“ To all that have experienced the loss of a loved one.
Mr. James Smith was a kind, gentle soul, who indeed cared for the Adults and Youth of Chaves County. He served as a Counselor and helped numerous close relatives steer away from a foolish future, myself included.
Patient he was with himself and others he encountered. During the course of a rainstorm, he offered a ride; safely took me out of that rainstorm.
God Bless people like him. The Spirit of the Lord sure rested upon his soul and was engrained spiritually.
Taught me a lesson on endurance. Not to give up, when things are not so great.
Upon finding out the news of the passing, was sad. Then God took that sadness, turned it into mourning, then joy.
My Upmost Sympathies for a man(now a soul) I once referred him " A Man after God's own Heart" because truly his physical loss was temporal;spiritual gain eternal.
Faithfully-in-His Service, Mr. Victor Madrid

Mr. Victor Madrid - July 31, 2010 at 09:25 PM

AA

“ James was the most thoughtful and caring person I have ever met. Wether you listened to what he said or you chose not to take his advice he was always making sure that you were headed in the right direction. My thoughts and prayers are with his entire family during this time. He will be deeply missed by all those whose lives he entered and touched. Thank you James for all the things that you tried to do for my brothers.

Anthony Archuleta - July 30, 2010 at 05:29 PM

VG

“ *Dear Vera and Family,
James was a caring and giving person to all he came in contact with. My husband Richard and I wish to express our deep felt sympathy for your loss.
The community has lost a good man that served the youth and folks in general by his selfless and kind service.
We will all miss a fine man.
Sincerely, Richard and Virginia E. Garcia*

Virginia E. Garcia - July 29, 2010 at 11:52 PM

TJ

“ *James Smith Family
Please know my thoughts and prayers are with James and your family during his bereavement.
Having known James for many years we all will miss his calm, cool ways and demeanor. He always had a smile and kind word to share. It was always good to see him as he was a man of fashion and class.
Unfortunately I was out of town and unable to attend the service, but please know my thoughts were there.
We each were fortunate to have known and befriended James in our own way. And I know those fond memories of James, his smile, kind voice, and style will always be treasured. James was a great man and true friend. Our children will be fortunate to have received his service making our community better through his efforts,
With kind thoughts, I remain,
Tom Jennings*

Tom Jennings - July 27, 2010 at 09:08 AM

YA

“ I'm back again to say more. Anyone that knew James would agree that there is not enough words to express the way His presence will be deeply missed! I never been in the position to have not been able to tell someone how I feel after death. My heart hurts to know I can't see your reaction as I express this, but here goes. I seen you James as a person that I believe to be a prophet! Two months ago myself an Joe Olivares talked to at auto zone. I cried when we drove away because honestly I was overwhelmed with your humbleness, joy, beauty, an above all the way you made me feel I was two just as great as you! I looked over at my friend, an said I quote, "I Want To Be Just Like Him"! So My Last Words To You James Are, Thank You For Being My Prophet!!! MY Condolences To The Family!! An I Feel Lucky to have known you. more Importantly to have you around any time I ask For nothing less but pure beauty to help along the hard times. AS you always have, An I Know You Always will!!! It's Gods turn to joy you now, I love You, See You there!!!

yvonne acosta - July 26, 2010 at 07:48 PM

PI

“ Hello Family , Friends who love James Smith (MR Smith is what I called him). I will always miss you! You have been in my thoughts and heart for all these years I am 36 now. I have 5 children Alicia 20, Paul 19, Sebastian 8, Jasper 7, Tristin 6. I must say that this family probably wouldnt exist if it weren't for Mr. Smith. He was my counselor when I was young in trouble in Roswell New Mexico. He talked to me often even coming to my house and I always stopped by his home or wherever I would see him to relate to him my progress. But he showed me a different life that I could have through hard work. I always wished I could have gotten rich somehow so that I could go back to Roswell and Help him get elected or Help him in anyway that I could. I have always followed his progress over the years through my mother who still lives there and I am now in tears to hear of his Passing. I just wanted You the Family and Friends know How special he was and is to Me and my whole Family. I wish I could be there now for his service. James Smith I can still see your smile and hear your voice as I write these words from home I will always think of you and cherish you in my heart. Forever and Ever and Ever. Sincerely Paul Vincent Vera II

Paul Vincent Vera II - July 25, 2010 at 11:25 PM

TM

“ james smith was awonderful man..we will always cherish his memory... he was always there for me and my family.. r. i. p.

terry madrid - July 25, 2010 at 02:20 PM

BB

“ Our prayers and deepest sympathy go out to the Smith Family. We have known and Love the Smith Family for many years, keep us in your prayers as we will do the same. James will be missed but we know that God has other plans for him.

Berkley & Joyce Bolden - July 24, 2010 at 07:37 PM

JD

“ To the family of James Smith, I would like to first start by expressing my condolences. For those who did not know James unfortunately did not have the opportunity of meeting a great man. A respectful man, a man of wisdom of the youth. Although I avoided him as he chased me through the streets of Crazy Town, we call Roswell, he was able to influence me to do the right thing. As I sit here today with 11 years in the Marine Corps, I can honestly say we have both shared the same responsibilities of securing our country. I am proud to have known James Smith. He did great things for the children of Roswell, and without saying, saved the lives of many. From the Dutchover family, James you are much respected by many, and there will be no one else like you. Thank you for all your dedication and loyalty to the City Of Roswell my fellow service man. You will be missed.

Jericho Dutchover - July 24, 2010 at 12:14 AM

VW

“ My prayers go out to the family in this time of your loved one's passing. May God give you strength and remember the goodness that you shall carry in your heart.

Valerie Wilburn - July 23, 2010 at 05:28 PM

RO

“ I have known James most of my life, and he has been my saving grace more than once. He never gave up on any of us kids, and genuinely cared about us and believed in us when no one else did and stood up for us when no one else would. Words can't express the huge impact he made on my life and the valuable life lessons he taught me whether he realized it or not. He will be greatly missed and my thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Robyn Ochoa - July 23, 2010 at 04:57 PM

YA

“ I WILL greatly MISS YOU JAMES. you help me so much in my life sence i was 13 years old. im 28 now and trying to change my life because of you resent talking to me about the lord. you even got me to go to your church a few weeks ago. im now talking to my mom again. you help me thier to.my mom say thank you and we will miss you.god bliss you

Yvonne Acosta - July 23, 2010 at 04:40 PM

MS

“ I was acquainted with James through work in adult education. I found James to be very dedicated in his work with youth and adults alike. He was always friendly and had a ready greeting when I would see him over the years. My sincere condolences to his family and friends. He will be missed, but his influence will be felt for a long time.

Mary Salyards - July 23, 2010 at 04:12 PM

HD

“ James -- who was one of my students in the Law & Ethics course in the Highlands University MSW program -- was one of a kind. A more compassionate, kind-hearted person would be hard to find. In and out of class both, he was a delight, and he was one who was lead by his inner light. I will miss him dearly, as I know will many others. Godspeed, James. We love you.
Henry Dickson

HENRY DICKSON - July 23, 2010 at 12:12 PM

MS

“ I knew James through work in adult education and found him to be a very forthright, honest man who always did his best to help youth and adults alike. He was very kind and friendly and it was always a joy when I would see him over the years. I am so sorry to learn of his passing and would like to express my deepest condolences to his family and friends. He will be missed but his influence will live on.

Mary Salyards - July 23, 2010 at 10:29 AM

MC

“ James was a wonderful customer, always brought a smile. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. James will be missed by many.

McCoy's Building Supply Center - July 23, 2010 at 08:58 AM

IU

“ im so sorry to hear about james he was such a loving, respectful man. i knew him for a long time he was my brothers counselor he was such a good person to my brother. he helped my brother out in so many ways. he will be dearly missed...

isabell ulibarri - July 22, 2010 at 11:33 PM

RT

“ James Smith was a very good friend of mine. He has always been from when I was growing up a punk kid on the streets to becoming a productive man today. I can probably thank James for me becoming somewhat of a man cause he was always there to tell me when I wasn't doing the right thing. James always treated me with respect and in return I treated him with respect also. James was almost like a father to me growing up, and it breaks my heart to see he is no longer here. I could probably write a book of all the memories and things James has did for me. I could always remember the way he would lean back when he would laugh. You were a lucky person to have known James and if you didn't.....well let's just say he was unforgettable. my thoughts and prayers go out to his Family. and to James we will miss you and you will always have a place in my heart.

Richard Toscano - July 22, 2010 at 11:03 PM

SC

“ James was a kind man. He was so proud to be a graduate and recieve his MSW. I will miss our brief chats when our paths would cross (at the store, post office). He always made time to visit. James was a proud and good citizen of Roswell. My sincere and deep felt condolences to his family. Sue Carpenter

Sue Carpenter - July 22, 2010 at 10:40 PM

CG

“ It is my prospective that we all should live our life like its GOLDEN. We should smile, laugh, sing, dance, love those who love you, help those who need help, respect everyone to the utmost, do what we like to do and go where we would like to go. Death is the next cycle in this thing we call life; take total advantage of it every day you are here and when you die you will have a smile on your face and love in your heart.

On behalf of myself my Brothers Johnny Lee, John Earl, Marvin and Sisters Beatrice, Verna, Ola Mae, Irma Jean and Marva we offer our sincere condolence for your lost. We love you.

Cheo Bahati aka Odell Grayson - July 22, 2010 at 08:56 PM

CL

“ James Smith

Cyndi Rae Lara - July 22, 2010 at 07:37 PM

RG

“ Words feel inadequate at a time like this ... but please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

RACHEL GONZALES - July 22, 2010 at 07:37 PM

BE

“ We are all so sorry to hear of your lost, may we all hold on to our good memories. We know there is a better place for our love ones Please be strong and know we love you all

Bea, Verna, Ola, Marva, Erma - July 22, 2010 at 07:33 PM

MS

“ *An angel was called home by God we will miss him so very much. All the love, kindness and support in very trying times given by Mr. James Smith will never be forgotten.*

marianne stark - July 22, 2010 at 07:18 PM

YM

“ *God bless all of the Smith family, from your other Smith family we love you and you all are in our thoughts.*

Yvonne Mayo - July 22, 2010 at 04:24 PM

DB

“ *I am so sorry for lost of such a wonderful Person, as had worked with James at help, we continue been friends I could not have ask for a better person than James Smith. Vera, my heart is all for you. Sorry I am out here in California and can not be there for you and rest of the family My prayers are with each and everyone of you. My the Lord give each one strength and Comfort*

Delia Bailey - July 22, 2010 at 03:56 PM

BB

“ *James was A good man and very careing i will miss him very much*

Bruce Bailey - July 22, 2010 at 03:42 PM

PF

“ TO THE SMITH FAMILY, YOUR FATHER, SON, BROTHER, GRANDFATHER WAS AN AWESOME AND VERY RESPECTED MAN. WE WILL GREATLY MISS HIM AND HIS GOOD WORKS. MAY GOD BLESS EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU, GOD WILL SEE YOU ALL THRU THIS DIFFICULT TIME. MAY YOU HAVE PEACE AND COMFORT KNOWING THAT THIS GREAT MAN IS GOING TO A BETTER/PEACEFUL HOME. WITH OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES.

PHILLIP, CARMEN AND NAVARETTE/ANAYA FAMILY - July 22, 2010 at 11:51 AM

KS

“ James was a very good man who would do anything in his power to help you if you needed it. I should know he helped me more then anyone I have ever known he will be deeply missed. My prayers go out to the family, you are in my heart. GOd Bless.

Krystle Smith - July 22, 2010 at 10:49 AM

BT

“ I knew James through Highlands University, he was one of our students here in Roswell. He was a wonderful man and will be missed by all who knew him. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.

Becky Thomas - July 22, 2010 at 10:49 AM

NS

“ To the family of James Smith. I recently moved to Nevada but have known James since we were in school together at East Jr. High and Roswell High School. My condolences to you the family and let it be known that James was the most cordial and likeable man that I have known. I always enjoyed running into James at the store or where ever because I knew there was a hand shake and greeting coming. He will be missed by all, including me. Perry S. (schoolmate)

N. Perry Stockard - July 22, 2010 at 08:48 AM

LC

“ i am so sorry to hear that this could happen to such a great man. i will truely miss him so much.. he use to be my counsler when i was young. he is like a father figure in my life.

lydia castillo - July 22, 2010 at 08:02 AM

MH

“ My depest condolences to the family, I have known James (aka-Smity, that's what we younger kids called him) I loved and respected Smity, He always has upliting words and encouragement. I was in Roswell on June the 25-27 I ran into Smity at the Albertson's parking lot, Where we hugged and talked for hours, I had not seen him in over 15 years because I moved to Dallas, I just thank God I got to see Smity and spend a little time with him. God is good. Smity you have always been in my memory and always will. Thank God you good men like you.

Marissa Hollings - July 22, 2010 at 12:09 AM

CL

“ I would like to thanks Mr.Smith for everything he did for me. he was an angel from heaven and helped me in many ways. Thank You YOU WILL ALWAYS BE IN OUR HEARTS! may you be resting in peace.For his family we share your pain in this loss God bless you.

claudia - July 21, 2010 at 06:51 PM

JB

“ I was so sorry to hear of James' death. We had worked on many projects over the years. I am blessed that I saw him late in the afternoon on the day that he passed away and was able to talk with him. We will miss him, but he is with God in a far better place. Jack and Jane Batson

Jane Batson - July 21, 2010 at 06:05 PM

LS

“ my sympathy to James' family. I worked with James for several years. May God bless you all.

Lydia Guajaca Saiz - July 21, 2010 at 05:47 PM

LM

“ To the family of James, I am sorry to hear about his passing , when I was employed with the Head Start program he was a community representative for the policy council and we shared many stories and laughter to and from the meetings. He had a way of making people,especially the youth think that they can do anything they put their mind to. May my friend rest in peace

Lupe Morales - July 21, 2010 at 05:12 PM