



Robert L. "Bob" Smith

May 17, 1928 - March 6, 2016

Robert L. "Bob" Smith, 87, of Cape Girardeau passed away Sunday, March 6, 2016 at the Ratliff Care Center.

He was born May 17, 1928 in Kansas City, Missouri to Marshall and Stella (Mann) Smith.

Bob and Violet Smith were married December 5, 1951.

Bob was a graduate of Northeast High School in Kansas City and earned a PhD in Chemistry at the University of Missouri. He taught chemistry at SEMO for 28 years. He served in the U.S. Army and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Cape Girardeau.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Violet of Cape; 6 children; Bruce (Barbara) Smith of New Orleans, Louisiana, Brian (Christy) Smith of Grandview, Missouri, Nancy (Jim) Welty of Lenexa, Kansas, Donna Smith of Cape Girardeau, Carol Zikmund of New Orleans, Louisiana and Roseanne Smith of Oakland, California; 1 grandchild, 3 step grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild; nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; 2 brothers, William and Alan; sister, Betty Smith.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 10, 2016 at Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home with Rev. Dr. Kim L. Nelson officiating.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to First Presbyterian Church.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR **10**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Keeping all of you in our prayers during this time of grief. Ruth and Bruce Hathaway

Ruth Hathaway - March 09, 2016 at 08:44 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Robert L. "Bob" Smith.



March 09, 2016 at 06:04 PM

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“ Nancy,
You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Please let your mom know I am thinking of her.
Kim



Kim - March 09, 2016 at 11:50 AM

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“ I have great memories of my travels to Medical Technology meetings with Bob. We always had lively conversations and I loved to hear his vivid description of various Civil War events. He was a good colleague. Bjorn Olesen

Bjorn Olesen - March 09, 2016 at 08:16 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert L. "Bob" Smith.*



March 09, 2016 at 08:02 AM



“ *I still have fond memories of PCHEM labs with Dr. Smith at SEMO back in the day. His stories and expertise were greatly appreciated. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Dr. Taylor Bahn*

Taylor Bahn - March 08, 2016 at 10:43 AM



“ *As a member of First Presbyterian Choir, both Jean and I enjoyed singing in the choir under Dr. Gary Miller's direction. Jean was always impressed that Dr. Bob would give his talent to our choir, for many years. We were blessed to have been in his presence. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.*

Nona Nan Chapman and the late Dr. Jean A. Chapman

Nona Nan Chapman - March 08, 2016 at 10:28 AM