



David Bell Smith

May 19, 1924 - February 23, 2012

David Bell Smith, 87, of 16 Quartermaster Drive, Salem, SC, husband of Dianne Reeves Smith, died Thursday, February 23, 2012 at Clemson Downs.

A native of East St. Louis, IL, he was the son of the late David and Enid Spellman Miller, and later adopted by his late stepfather, McKinley Smith. He worked as an Engineer with Fairfield Manufacturing of Lafayette, IN. He came to Oconee County to build and manage Fairfield Gear Manufacturing. Mr. Smith graduated from New Trier High School in Winnetka, IL, and later received a degree from Purdue University. After college, he joined the Army Aircorp and served in the Philippines. Mr. Smith also served in the Indiana National Guard.

He enjoyed his many hobbies, restoring old cars, sailing, and he had a private pilot's license. Mr. Smith also loved the game of golf. He played with golf groups in many upstate locations, including his home course at Keowee Key.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Smith is survived by a stepson, Scot Fisher and wife Beverly of Renton, Washington; daughters, Sheryl Ware and husband Jerry of Logansport, IN, Linda Post of Nashville, TN, and Debra Dumoulin and husband Les of Kokomo, IN; a sister Sue Ann Grenning of Mt. Prospect, IL; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held Tuesday, March 6, 2012, from 2:00 - 4:00 PM at the Keowee Key Country Club.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Hospice of your choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *David Bell Smith*

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *I was both shocked and deeply saddened upon learning of Dave's passing. We shared many great memories, and I've thought of him often since his moving to Oconee. Dave's greatest advice to me: "You can fix anything if you can read and you use the right tools for the job". I think of his words every time I embark on a project I have never dealt with before. He is missed.##imported-begin##Bob Freestone##imported-end##*

March 04, 2012 at 01:12 PM



“ *Dear Dianne and family,
So saddened to hear about Dave's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Lynn and Phil Mazzie##imported-begin##Lynn and Phil Mazzie##imported-end##

February 27, 2012 at 07:07 PM



“ *Dear Dianne,
So sorry for your loss. Our condolences to you and your family.
Dave and Wimp had such a great friendship, and I know that Wimp
cared for him like a brother.
Sailing, cars and flying...such a knowledgeable man.
Our thoughts are with you, Gail, CariWynn and Ryan##imported-
begin##Gail Altepeter##imported-end##*

February 27, 2012 at 12:59 PM



“ *hopefully this is to linda gayle smith formally of lafayette, indiana. i
have been looking for you 35+ years. i'm very sorry for your loss. i
only met your dad once and i'm sure you will miss him. linda please
get in touch. gail##imported-begin##gail wisler schafert##imported-
end##*

February 25, 2012 at 08:50 PM



“ *Dear Dianne and Family,
You are in my prayers and thoughts because of Dave's passing. I so
enjoyed him both as a person and as a boss. He was so full of life
and the world was a better place because of his intellect and his
love of life. I know he is in heaven restoring a car and playing a golf
game with Gabriel. May the Comforter be with you during this time.
Love,
Jane##imported-begin##Jane Warkentien##imported-end##*

February 25, 2012 at 06:15 PM



“ *Jerry and Sheryl*

So sorry to hear of your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Mary Jo & Jeff Woodruff##imported-end##

February 25, 2012 at 03:53 PM



“ *Dear Diane and family,*

I was grieved to see the news this morning of the passing of one of my mentors and friend.

So many memories and some very exciting. We frequently flew together in Dave's 310 or my Mooney.

I really enjoyed his visits to the factory during the last few years that I was there. I would borrow a golf cart and take him on an extended tour. His comments and advise were superb.

I loved him and will retain his memory for the rest of my life.

Sincerely,

Randy Engler##imported-begin##Randy and Carol Engler##imported-end##

February 25, 2012 at 10:41 AM



“ *My condolences to the family of Dave Smith. My father, Virgil Drake, always spoke highly of Dave and they shared a mutual love of cars and of Fairfield Mfg. I am sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Pam Drake Geist##imported-end##*

February 25, 2012 at 10:37 AM



“ *Mr Dave will be greatly missed. I have enjoyed taking care of him while at his office visits. My prayers are with you and the family Mrs Dianne.*###imported-begin###Georgie Marcengill###imported-end##

February 25, 2012 at 10:19 AM



“ *My prayers are with you.*###imported-begin###Reg Tatum###imported-end##

February 24, 2012 at 04:30 PM