



Edward N. "Ed" Smith

January 27, 1938 - November 3, 2013

Edward Nathan (Ed) Smith

Edward Nathan (Ed) Smith, 75, of Huntsville, Texas, passed away on November 3, 2013. He was born in Patterson, Louisiana, on January, 27, 1938, the son of Dayton and Mary Bellard Smith.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Love Smith, his son, Edward Anthony (Tony) Smith, and daughter-in-law, Betsy Ann Hiers-Smith of Alexandria, Virginia. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Katherine Anne Smith, and his sister, Edna Louise Clark.

Ed graduated from China High School, in China, Texas, in 1955, and then entered Sam Houston State Teachers College where he completed a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics with a focus in the field of computer science, still in its infant stages. It was at Sam Houston the summer of 1964, that he met his future wife, Margaret with whom he shared 48 wonderful years. After college, he began his 30 year career as a system's analyst, first at Southland/St. Regis Paper Mill in Lufkin, Texas, where he designed and implemented a paper trim program that garnered attention from mills as far away as New York and Canada. After ten years at Southland, he had an opportunity to join the City of Austin as Systems Manager for the city. Under Ed's leadership, the water billing system was converted from a manual system

to computerized version. Then, in 1977, Ed and his family moved to Huntsville where he accepted a position with Administrative Data Processing at TDCJ. After several years in that department, he transferred to New Construction, ending his career with TDCJ as Data Administrator to the Engineering Directorate.

After leaving TDCJ, he focused his energy on his herd of Red Brangus cattle, tending to the family farm in San Jacinto County, and on his “retirement job” as a math specialist at Montgomery College, now Lone Star College, for almost ten years.

Ed was active in community affairs for many years. He was instrumental, along with a group of other men, in establishing the first youth soccer league in Huntsville. He was a supporter as well as a coach of both Little Dribblers and Huntsville Youth Baseball during the years of his son Tony’s involvement in youth league sports. Ed served the city as a member of the Huntsville Planning Commission for ten years, and was involved in a number of important decisions regarding the city’s future growth. Although not a member of Rotary, he and Margaret hosted a number of foreign exchange students over the years who were sponsored by the Rotary Club. During the ranching years, Ed and Margaret were active in the Walker County Calf Scramble program, donating a calf each year for a young person to raise and show. Ed was blessed to be part of a loving church family at the Huntsville Church of Christ.

Visitation will be from 6-7:30 p.m., Thursday, November 7, 2013, and a memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 8, 2013, at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, Huntsville, Texas (1700 Normal Park, 936-295-7300). Burial will be at Oakwood Cemetery in Coldspring, Texas, later in the afternoon.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that a memorial be made to the charity or organization of your choice.

Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Edward N. "Ed" Smith*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about Eddie. You have our sympathy. Eddie was such a good and honest fellow. He was always an upbeat person in school. He was a good friend to his classmates and a generous friend to the China School scholarship fund. We mourn the loss of such a personal friend. In sympathy-Shirley Benson.*

shirley benson - November 11, 2013 at 02:45 PM



“ *Margaret, Tony, and Betsy, keeping you in my thoughts and prayers at this time.*

Loretta Lawson - November 08, 2013 at 08:40 AM



“ *Margaret, I was saddened to learn of Ed's passing. I am so sorry for your loss. I enjoyed working with Ed years ago at TDC. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. Sincerely, Winkie*

Winkie Maples - November 07, 2013 at 07:01 PM



“ *Dear Margaret, I am so sorry to hear of Ed's death. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Please let me know if I can do anything for you. May God wrap his loving arms around you and give you strength. Dorothea*

Dorothea Tarver - November 07, 2013 at 06:12 PM

JS

“ So sorry to hear about Ed. Many fond memories of when the boys were young. May our Lord keep you in His loving care.

Joe & June Smith - November 07, 2013 at 11:46 AM

KR

“ Mrs. Smith, Tony & Betsy, We are sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May you find strength in our Lord Jesus. Kirby & Aimee.

Kirby & Aimee Roundtree - November 06, 2013 at 10:11 PM

LM

“ Mrs. Smith, Tony & Family,
I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

LeeAn Muns - November 06, 2013 at 04:23 PM

ZS

“ Mrs Smith and family,
We are sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Zach, PT and Lisa PTA (from Rehability Therapy Svcs) - November 06, 2013 at 03:01 PM

PL

“ Margaret, Tony and Betsy, we are so sorry for your loss. You and Ed have always been wonderful neighbors and have marked such an important part of our years in Huntsville.

Our thoughts and prayers with all of you. Cindi and Paul Loeffler

Paul and Cindi Loeffler - November 06, 2013 at 11:49 AM

KD

“ *Mrs. Smith and Tony, I am so sorry for your loss, I haven't seen you in awhile but always think about you when I drive past Pine Valley. Sincerely keeping you in my thoughts. Karen Carlile Denman*

KAREN CARLILE DENMAN - November 05, 2013 at 04:38 PM

LO

“ *Even though Ed had been very ill for a while, it is never easy to say goodbye for now. I will be thinking of you and your son and pray that you can support each other through this time.*
Linda

Linda & Turner O'Banion - November 04, 2013 at 09:32 PM