



Donald E. Smith

June 12, 1950 - November 1, 2024

Donald E. Smith, 74, of West Plains, passed away on November 1, 2024, at his home, with his wife Barbara and his family at his side.

Don was born in Chicago to a family with a strong Italian heritage. A jack-of-all trades, he earned his living doing electrical work. Don was very intelligent, with strongly-held opinions. He was a voracious reader with a thirst for knowledge and a love for nature. He never met a stranger and enjoyed a good conversation or debate.

On February 14, 1971, Don and Barbara were married in West Plains after six years of dating. Through 53 years of marriage, they experienced many trials and triumphs by each other's side. Don and Barbara were committed to one another and the family they raised here in West Plains over those many years. Don loved playing and interacting with children, whether rocking a baby, singing a lullaby, or wrestling with them on the floor, and they adored him for that.

Don is survived by his loving wife Barbara, five children: Sonia Holt, Serena Seeley, Eric Smith, Evan Smith, and Shaina Tinsley; 22 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews, as well as his sisters Madeline Slager and Debra Carey.

He is preceded in death by his siblings: Bill O'brien, Gene O'brien, Terry Smith, his parents, and other extended family members.

His family would like everyone to know that Don hasn't made it to Heaven just yet because he's at the Pearly Gates still talking to Peter, giving him an earful, pontificating on politics and religion.

Services for Donald are going to be Thursday, November 7, 2024, at 11 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 2800 Christie Drive, West Plains, MO.

Previous Events

Service

NOV 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (cst)

Church Of Jesus Christ Of Latter-Day Saints
2800 Christie Drive
West Plains, MO 65775

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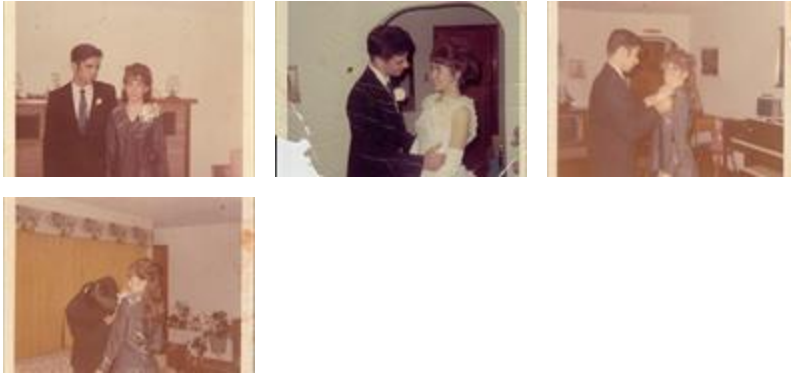
“ *Love, Corey, Lynn, Kevin, and Christina purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Donald E. Smith.*



Love, Corey, Lynn, Kevin, and Christina - November 05, 2024
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“ *Don was six years older than me. I remember him as my knight in shining armor. He always took the time to listen to my ideas, my complaints and even my occasional rants, and took the time to share his advice and sometimes his discipline. I always knew he and Barbara would be there for me and they always welcomed me even though I might have five kids in tow. I will miss him very much.*

Debra Carey - November 04, 2024 at 10:39 AM

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Serena Seeley - November 03, 2024 at 09:52 PM

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Serena Seeley - November 03, 2024 at 08:08 PM

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“ *Very sad at Uncle Don's passing. More of a big brother than an uncle we always had a lot to share. There was no limit to what Don would give you if he could, like helping me wire a new bathroom for several hours - over the phone! Very patient and generous with his time. God's Speed Uncle Don.*

Corey Smith - November 03, 2024 at 06:58 PM