



Bruce Allan Smith

August 16, 1942 - November 21, 2021

Bruce Allan Smith, age 79, of Garland, Texas, died November 21, 2021, at home.

Mr. Smith was born on August 16, 1942, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to Bob and Opal (Gunsaulis) Smith.

He married LaGwenda (Gwen) Burnett on December 7, 1967, in Dallas, Texas.

He graduated from Richardson High School in Richardson, Texas. He continued his education at the University of Texas at Dallas, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics and Computer Science in 1987.

Bruce was employed at Eclipse Electronic Systems as a Documentation Manager. Past employment was at Sci-Communications as a Drafting Manager and an Engineer for Satellink.

He enjoyed taking cruises with his family. And antique exploring with friends. He and his late wife, Gwen, were avid campers.

He was preceded in death by his wife LaGwenda (Gwen) Smith and father Bob Smith.

He is survived by his mother, Opal Smith; son Scott Allan Smith and wife Claudia, and sisters Merrill Dilley and husband Michael, and Janis Tolley, grandson Jeremy Dorton, great-grandchildren Kymberly and Jackson Dorton. Also, sisters-in-law Jaquita Bunch, Winnetta Morrow and Rowena Liford, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, November 26, with visitation from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m., and the funeral service at 11:00 a.m., at the funeral home chapel, with Reverend Matt Henslee officiating. Burial will be in the Farmersville IOOF cemetery. Arrangements are with Hurst's Fielder-Baker Funeral Home in Farmersville, Texas.

Memorials

Bruce and I worked together for 10 years and they were great years working with him. It was Bruce that started a lunch group that brought all of us together away from work. He was always bringing everyone gifts back from his family cruises and boy did he love giving out holiday and birthday cards. He wanted everyone to feel special and that is how he treated you, we all had a special place in his heart and he had a special place in ours. Bruce was missed when he started working from home but there is an empty spot in my heart with his absence from earth. No more pain Bruce, RIH, Gone but Never Forgotten!

LINDA WEDLOW, DECEMBER 2, 2021

I met Bruce in January 1985. We worked together until I retired in May 2018 but we have stayed in touch since then. There were many sides to Bruce and I enjoyed listening to him talk about his travels or what he found at the sidewalk sale or what he saw on one of his camping trips. When it got to where Gwen couldn't walk, she still went on camping trips, he'd film his hikes so they could still enjoy them together. Bruce I will miss you, the cards you always gave us for every occasion, and your latest recipe for the crockpot. I will always think of you on Taco Tuesdays Rest In Peace my friend. Jo Ann

JO ANN PAGE, DECEMBER 2, 2021

I worked with Bruce at Scientific Communications, and I always enjoyed our interactions. Nothing ever seemed to get him very upset, he was a calming presence in a sometimes-hectic environment. He was generous, had a great sense of humor, and was very competent at his job. The world would be a better place with more people like him. RIP, Bruce.

JOE HENCHAL, DECEMBER 2, 2021

Bruce and I were co-workers for several years. I only met him in person once, but we communicated frequently by email and phone. I appreciated his humor, his professionalism, and his excellent attention to detail. I was so sad to hear from him earlier this year that he was sick, and will miss our working

relationship. He's the kind of guy I would have liked to know better on a personal level, and I know his family and friends must be missing him terribly.

Sincerely, Margaret

MARGARET HEATH, DECEMBER 1, 2021

Dear Bruce & Family, Bruce, even though we only spoke over the phone, a few times, I felt a connection with you, and I am greatly saddened by your passing. I pray for You and your Family. Please say Hi to my Dad, Roger Sr., when you get to heaven ... God Bless, until we meet again, on your side My Brother.

Sincerely, Rog

ROGER SIMOND IN MANASSAS, VA., DECEMBER 1, 2021

I will miss my old friend who always had a kind word to say, a smile on his face, and seemed to always be looking on the bright side. Whenever I walked away from a conversation with Bruce I would have a smile. He was just that kind of person.

DOUG CARAWAY, DECEMBER 1, 2021

Please accept our sympathy. Bruce and I were cousins. Our mothers were first cousins. In the fifties when to Smith's lived in Cedar Rapids we would get together. In the last few years, Bruce would me at the Dallas Airport or we would go out to dinner if I was in Dallas. Karlene and I were in Dallas following an Iowa State Bowl Game in San Antonio and Bruce met us at our hotel.

Those were special times. We were hoping to have him visit us in Phoenix or in the summer time on the Mississippi River near Lansing, IA. Those plans are now changed. Until we meet again Bruce, Rest In Peace. Arlen and Karlene Wonderlich

ARLEN WONDERLICH, NOVEMBER 22, 2021

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