



Duane W. Smith

November 27, 1935 - November 7, 2015

Duane W. Smith age 79, of Dunkirk died on Sat. Nov. 7, 2015 at Bridge Hospice Care Center in Blanchard Valley Hospital. He was born Nov. 27, 1935 to the late Lloyd and Ruth (Rohler) Smith.

Mr. Smith married Shirley J. Thomson on Oct. 20, 1956, and she survives in Dunkirk. He is also survived by a son Craig (Terri) Smith, Bethel, grandchildren Jason (Amanda) Holtzberger, Aaron (Tammy) Holtzberger, Rachel (Chad) Bacon, Molly Smith, Caleb Smith, great grandchildren, Lyla, Brady, Sophia, Dylan, Addyson, Baylie, Taylor, two sisters Delma (Bruce) Biddulph, Parma and Mary Cary, AZ. He was preceded in death by a daughter Dawn (Dave) Holtzberger, Forest.

In 1953 Mr. Smith graduated from Forest High School. He received his Bachelor's in Education from Findlay College and in 1962 his Master's in Education from Bowling Green State University. He served in the US Naval Reserves for 3 years. For 30 years he taught at the high school level and retired in 1988 from Findlay High School as a guidance counselor. He was a member of Cornerstone Baptist Church in Findlay. Mr. Smith was member of Gideons International. He shared personal ministry of his teachings and the Bible with prisoners at Lima Allen Correctional Institution.

A funeral service will be held Sat. Nov. 14, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Clark

Shields Funeral Home with Pastor Walt Sheppard officiating. Interment will follow in Dunkirk Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Fri. Nov. 13 from 4-7:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Cornerstone Baptist Church and Gideons International in care of Clark Shields Funeral Home 301 S. Patterson St. Forest, OH 45843. To extend a condolence, share a memory or to view the life tribute video visit www.Shieldsfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Dunkirk Cemetery

Dunkirk, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 13. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Clark-Shields Funeral Home
301 S.Patterson St.
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bringman - Clark & Co Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Duane W. Smith*



Bringman Clark & Shields Funeral Homes - November 12, 2015 at 07:51 AM

RH

“ *We cherish the memories we have of Duane from Community Bible Church. He was such a special friend to the Hinebaugh family and so are you, Shirley. Such a blessing to have known him and we loved him. We pray for you and the family to be comforted in your great loss. We share in your sorrow, but, we know that we will see him in Heaven. We love you all. God bless you. With love and our prayers. Ron and Jean Psalm 23*

Ron and Jean Hinebaugh - November 28, 2015 at 08:41 PM

WM

“ *I will miss Duane so much. We did lot during our life times but I wish it would have been more. Duane was a good man. My prayers go out to Shirley and the entire Family. Duane suffered a lot but that has ended. He is in a better place. God Bless.*

William McDaniel - November 13, 2015 at 02:02 PM

JV

“ So sorry to hear of Duane's death. We go back along way to Forest school and riding the same school bus. Duane was in my 4-H club. Duane was a fine Christain man. He helped me join the Gideons years ago. We will miss him.

James Mc Vitty - November 13, 2015 at 09:29 AM

JF

“ Sending our sincere sympathies to your family. I have fond memories of first meeting Duane while visiting his parents, Lloyd and Ruth, with my parents, James and FairyBelle Fulton many years ago. We reconnected when he stopped by our house on his way to the Lawrence woods. We so appreciated him sharing some of his vast knowledge of birds with us. Always enjoyed his gentle spirit and kind heart. We know he will be deeply missed. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.

Jack and Diane Fulton

Jack and Diane Fulton - November 12, 2015 at 10:19 AM

KM

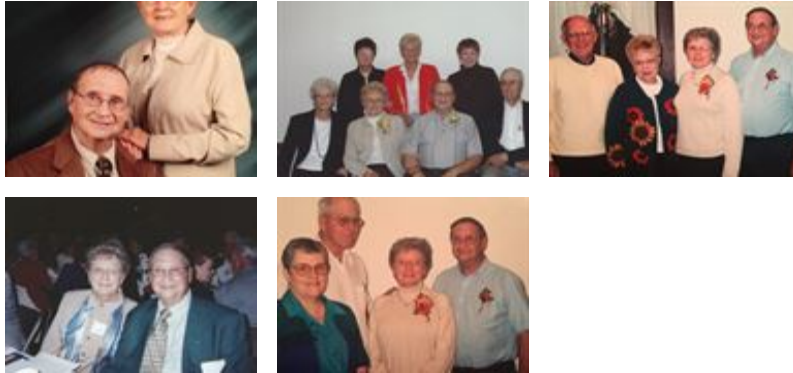
“ Karla M. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Duane W. Smith.



Karla M. - November 12, 2015 at 10:11 AM



“ 50 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Bringman Clark & Shields Funeral Homes - November 12, 2015 at 07:34 AM

MB

“ Thank you for sharing Duane with the men from Allen Correctional. As a former inmate there, Duane was always a man with a smile and a positive word especially during very difficult times incarcerated. We may have lost a great man here, but Heaven had gained a strong leader. God bless the family of Duane and may God give you peace during this time. Marc Boznango

Marc Boznango - November 12, 2015 at 06:58 AM

LF

“ Loren and Janelle Wagner and family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Duane W. Smith.



Loren and Janelle Wagner and family - November 11, 2015 at 07:27 PM

LC

“ To the Duane Smith Family, Please accept my condolences. Duane was a good man and friend. Always enjoyed activities we shared and was thankful for the fellowship we shared in Christ through the years.

Larry Cashel - November 11, 2015 at 05:08 PM

LC


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Larry Cashel.

Larry Cashel - November 11, 2015 at 02:08 PM

KS

“ Thanks to Mr. Smith, I was able to attend Kent State and I will always remember his commitment to help me prepare for my ACTs/SATs and applications to various colleges even though I wasn't a student at his school. But more importantly, I always felt welcome in your home and enjoyed your love for God and sharing your faithful journey with me. Sending my prayers for you during this difficult time. - Kelly Donley Shircliff

Kelly Donley Shircliff - November 10, 2015 at 08:47 PM

 Nancy
Hadding

“ *Sorry for your loss. Sending Prayers to Craig and the rest of the family.*



Nancy Hadding - November 10, 2015 at 04:13 PM

GM

“ *To Shirley and Craig and all the family. We remember Duane as a very special Christain man and friend. A very gentle person, rather quiet, personable, kind, gracious, easy to be with. We know that you will miss him, and will think of all his good qualities in the days to come. We wish for all of you God's blessings in the future. We know that He will be with you as you turn to Him for comfort. Jim and Grace Marihugh and family.*

Grace Marihugh - November 10, 2015 at 02:20 PM

DB

“ I have such good memories of family reunions with Duane and his family at his parent's farm in Forest, Ohio, and at my childhood home. He was a remarkable person, as was every member of the Smith family. As a junior high student, I especially appreciated a college textbook on forestry which he gave to me further stimulating my interest in tree identification. More recently my wife, Marilyn, and I were rewarded to have Duane and Shirley at our home in Knox County, along with other descendants of the Kunkle clan from Amity. Duane gave a presentation on birds. He demonstrated a special appreciation for the creation, an ongoing search to learn more, and especially a genuine caring for people rooted in his devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ. His missionary work with native Americans in the Southwest and with the Gideons International are an important part of his legacy.

*David C. Brand
Wooster, OH*

David C. Brand - November 10, 2015 at 01:02 PM



“ *John 16:22 New King James Version (NKJV)*

22 Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you.

My Condolences to your family

Jim Croy - November 10, 2015 at 11:51 AM

RJ

“ Craig, Know that you and your family are in our prayers. I'm thinking of the good times that were had when we were at Hardin Northern. May peace be with each of your family in knowing that you dad is now smiling happily down upon you in his new home. Richard and Marilyn Johnson

richard johnson - November 10, 2015 at 10:07 AM

LW

“ Shirley and family, you have our deepest condolences on the loss of Duane. One day we will all meet in Heaven. What a glorious day that will be!! Sending lots of prayers and love to all!!
Greg, Cindy, Kurtis, and Kyle Wireman

Lucinda Wireman - November 10, 2015 at 09:39 AM

CM

“ Shirley and family so sorry for your loss of Duane! Cherish the memories as they will last a lifetime! Carol Messenger

Carol Messenger - November 09, 2015 at 09:13 PM

BA

“ Dad and I send our sympathy to your family at this time. Duane was a great role model to the community in which he lived and worked. May God Bless You at this time.
Betty Alberding
Russell Rizor

Betty Alberding - November 09, 2015 at 09:00 PM

AH

“ Audrey And Doug Hankins lit a candle in memory of Duane W. Smith



Audrey and Doug Hankins - November 09, 2015 at 08:27 PM

CS

“ Duane was an amazing man. Graduated a year behind me at Forest High School. When my father was in the nursing home in Upper Sandusky, Duane visited him many many times. My dad had Alzheimer's and didn't recognize people at his end of life. But Duane would leave beautifully written notes for my mother to read to my father. Their admiration of one another was mutual. God Bless you Duane and peace and prayers to your family. Most sincerely and sympathy. Carolyn Baum Schweibert. Holland, Michigan.



Carolyn Baum Schweibert - November 09, 2015 at 04:32 PM

BF

Duane was an amazing person. He was my high school science teacher in McComb, then we reunited at Cornerstone Baptist. It was a joy to get to know his family. My grandsons became friends with Mr. Smith and he took an interest in them. One day on our way to church one of the boys said Grandma why does salt melt the ice? I said, ask Mr Smith and he did. He provided info to the boys on birds and insects, they have several booklets prepared by Duane for them. His trials were many, but his faith remained strong and his love for the Lord never faltered. Rest in peace Mr. Smith, until the trumpet sounds.....

Barbara Farquharson - November 10, 2015 at 02:33 PM