



David Lee "Bear" Smith

June 26, 1953 - May 24, 2015

David Lee "Bear" Smith, 61, of St. Albans went home to be with the Lord Sunday, May 24, 2015 at Hubbard Hospice House, West, South Charleston.

Born June 26, 1953, he was a son of Nora Clarene Smith of St. Albans and the late Howard Lee Smith. He was also preceded in death by his best friends, John "Barney" Wooten and William "Willie" Wooten.

Immediately following graduation from St. Albans High School in 1971, David enlisted in the United States Air Force, spending most of his enlistment time in Del Rio, TX and RAF Lakenheath and RAF Mildenhall, England serving as a fireman. Following his honorable discharge from the USAF, Smitty returned to St. Albans and worked for Union Carbide, South Charleston plant as a laborer, carpenter, painter and finishing as a sandblaster retiring in 1992 due to disability. He attended Huntington Evangelistic Center for many years until his health made it impossible to leave his home. A member of Lost Souls Motorcycle Club, Bear enjoyed several years of road trips with the club and lots of stories to tell.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife of 31 years, Donna Smith; son, Wesley Smith (Kari) of St. Albans; daughter, Kelly Moore (Robert); sister, Kathryn "Kitty" Morris (Leonard) of St. Albans; two grandsons and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be held at 11am Thursday, May 28, 2015 at Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home, St. Albans with Rev. Ray Knapp officiating. Burial with military honors will follow in Cunningham Memorial Park, St. Albans. Visitation will be held from 6-8pm Wednesday at the funeral home. You may visit www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com to share sympathies with the family.

The family would like to thank Hospice Care for the wonderful care they have provided over the past few months, their assistance and support were truly a blessing. Memorial contributions, in David's name, should be directed to Hospice Care, 1606 Kanawha Blvd., West, Charleston WV 25387.

Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 409 Sixth Avenue, St. Albans is honored to serve the Smith family.

“Hey Barney, let's go riding!”

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home
409 Sixth Avenue
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Funeral Service

MAY 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *David Lee "Bear" Smith*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *Donna, Wesley, Kitty and the the rest of the Smith Family, I'm so sorry for your loss! I didn't know David personally, but I know you Donna, you saved my mom's life (Mary Thaxton) when you guys worked at Union Carbide, Kitty I had no idea David was your brother. My thoughts and prayers are with you both and for the family! If you guys need anything Kitty knows how to find me! Love you both, again, sorry for your loss!*



Robin Samson - May 27, 2015 at 10:22 PM



So sorry to hear Michael

Michael Ward - June 03, 2015 at 07:07 PM