



Fred Wendell Smith Jr.

August 27, 1942 - February 7, 2020

Fred Wendell Smith, Jr., age 77, of Plano, TX passed away on February 7, 2020. He was born August 27, 1942, in Wichita, KS, to Fred Wendell Smith, Sr. and Pauline (Stansberry) Smith. Fred was a world traveler. He was a brilliant man with many hobbies and interests; a true renaissance man. He was also a 32-degree KCCH Scottish Rite Mason. Fred will be missed deeply by everyone who loved him.

He is survived by his loving wife of 40 years: Maricia Kaye Smith; children: Angela Cordobes and husband Edward, Stephanie Lindsey, Melissa Steging and husband Rod, Theresa Gray and husband Lance, and Scott Smith; grandchildren: Alec, Dash, Isabella, Cooper, Kaylee, Kyler, Michaela, and Sara; sister: Cindy Hamilton and husband Preston; two nieces; one nephew; and special dogs: Dee & Tuck.

A celebration of Fred's life will be held at 10:30 am on Wednesday, February 12, 2020, at Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 8787 Greenville Ave, Dallas, TX, 75243.

As an alternative to flowers or giving food to the family, the family has ask to make a donation to support The Scottish Rite in Fred's Honor.

Events

FEB **Celebration of Life** 10:30AM
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Episcopal Church of the Ascension
8787 Greenville Ave, Dallas, TX, US, 75243

Comments



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November 14, 2020 at 03:52 AM



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I worked with Fred at Thomson for a little while. He was great guy

robert podell - August 27, 2020 at 10:30 AM



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These past few days have been as profound and difficult as when I lost each of two sons and lastly my wife of 55 years ... this Loss of Fred has cut very deep into my soul I've had GREAT difficulty dealing with this loss - it has been traumatic for me ... I HAVE Great faith I will be with Fred again to hug him and tell him how very much I've always truly loved him and treasured our friendship since 1976 when we first met ... What a great man, a great father, a very great husband and unquestionably, a steadfast friend. Don Soard

Don Soard - February 11, 2020 at 11:07 PM



“ Marcia, Scott, and family,

My heart breaks for you. Your husband and father had such a positive impact on my life as a Scouter and the lives of hundreds of Boy Scouts and their families. He was a real outdoorsman and passed his passion for the outdoors on to so many Boy Scouts. You will be glad to know that Scout Troop 261 is still vibrant and continuing the Scouting program that Fred had such a big part in establishing. We still do our campout KP using the setup that Fred instituted 20 years ago. I recall a summer camp at Camp Constantin one year when Fred got perturbed with the camp staff for the pitiful condition of their sailboats. Fred organized a group of our parents to spend a couple of days working on their fleet and was able to return several Sunfish sailboats and a couple of Hobie catamarans to decent service. He took several of us out on a Hobie, got it heeled up on one keel and was flying across Possum Kingdom Lake with us holding on for dear life and a big big grin on his face. The wind was blowing through his hair as we were wondering when we would be going over and he just glanced at us with that “what?” look. He coached many boys along the trail to their Eagle Rank. He inspired them to persevere and continue when the trail looked formidable and overwhelming. Many would not have made it without his encouragement and unceasing coaching. I know you will miss him terribly. Roger London, Scoutmaster, Troop 261.

Roger London - February 11, 2020 at 02:27 PM



“ To Maricia, Scott and the rest of the family:

I cannot begin to tell you how sad I am over Fred's passing, and I know you all are hurting tremendously at this time. Margaret and I had seen Fred at the store several times in recent years, and it was always good to get family updates.

As you know, Fred and I shared a tent many nights on Scout shake-downs, Philmont, and Northern Tier. I can still recall the many stories, meals, and good times we shared. He was a very fascinating man, and even though we did not see each other after Jeff and Scott graduated from High School, I will always consider him one of my best friends.

Unfortunately, I am giving a mid-term exam on Wednesday morning, and will not be able to be there to celebrate his lift.

Please know that you all will be in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time of transition.

Grace and Peace,
Kevin (and Margaret) Starnes

Kevin Starnes - February 10, 2020 at 08:44 AM



“ Maricia and family, I am so truly sorry for your loss. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. God be with you during this difficult time. Love you, Nada Angel.

Nada Angel - February 09, 2020 at 03:40 PM