



Bruce Wilson Smith

February 9, 1923 - February 11, 2022

Bruce Smith, 99, joined other members of the “Greatest Generation” on February 11, 2022. He died in The Journey Home, Bartlesville, Oklahoma. He was born to William Hebert Smith and Beulah Mae Smith on February 9, 1923, in Octavia, Oklahoma.

He worked alongside his father and brothers in the timber business in Southeast Oklahoma in the mountains he loved. In 1941 he graduated from Smithville High School. Bruce married the love of his life, Betty Jo Fellner on September 9, 1942. Shortly thereafter he began work digging pipeline ditches for the Interstate Pipeline Company. Three months later he was drafted into the Army where he and three brothers fought in many conflicts in the Pacific and European Theaters.

Following his honorable discharge in January 1946, the family relocated several times. His strong work ethic resulted in his progress through the ranks of Interstate Pipeline Company. During this time two daughters, Katie and Penny were born. The family moved to Maysville, Oklahoma in 1950 where he shared many wonderful experiences with his family, particularly staying closely involved in all of his adored daughters’ activities. He retired from Conoco as Pipeline Foreman in 1984. They relocated to Bartlesville and enjoyed helping his daughters with a variety of projects, many family events and new golfing buddies.

His priorities were anything to do with or for his daughters, their spiritual lives, golfing, time with extended family, job and walking dogs. Older women, Little

children, and Dogs seemed to gravitate to him. He was very competitive and enjoyed making every activity a contest. Bruce's personality was very uplifting, encouraging and made everyone who knew him feel they were the most important person in Bruce's life. The family were long-time active members of the Methodist Church.

Bruce is survived by two daughters Katie (Bill) Griffin and Penny (Doug) Quinn of Bartlesville, sister Gayle Riden of Octavia, Oklahoma, brother Larry Smith also of Octavia, and many nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, three brothers W.J. Smith, R.H. Smith, Paul Smith and four sisters Fern Shiver, Billie Keilich, Peggy DuPont and Ruth Brown.

Funeral services for Bruce will be Friday, February 18, at 1pm at the Octavia Baptist Church followed by burial at the Octavia Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday February 16 9am-7pm in the Stumpff Funeral Home Chapel. The family will receive guests 5-7pm. Service and interment under the direction of the Stumpff Funeral Home.

For those who may wish to send a memorial, in lieu of flowers the family asks these be given to The Journey Home 900 N.E. Washington Boulevard, Bartlesville, Oklahoma 74006 or the Washington County SPCA 16620 OK-123, Dewey, Oklahoma 74029.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **16**. 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stumpff Funeral Home Chapel
1600 SE Washington Blvd
Bartlesville, OK 74006
(918) 333-4300
<http://www.Stumpff.org>

Funeral Service

FEB **18**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Octavia Baptist Church
68623 N US Hwy 259
Octavia, OK 74957

Tribute Wall



“ *Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Bruce Wilson Smith* ”



May 09, 2022 at 09:29 PM



“ *Bruce Wilson Smith* ”

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Bruce Wilson Smith* ”

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



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Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory - February 28, 2022 at 04:23 PM

NF

“ Penny, Doug, Katie and Bill,
We were so sorry to hear about your loss. We have good memories of you parents at church. We will miss them. We are praying for you to feel God's comforting presence.

Bob and Nancy Farmer

Nancy Farmer - February 28, 2022 at 11:31 AM

SB

“ Penny and Doug-So very sorry to learn of the passing of Bruce It seems like yesterday that he, Alex and the gang were playing golf at the Wilkie Sunset Country Club golf course. I have so many memories of them all -through the years. It was a pleasure to know them all . Prayers and hugs to you during this sad time. Just know they are all up in Heaven at the Heavens Golf Course with the rest of the Wilkies-Don, Mildred, Mike, Tony, and Jason. Don and Mike are ready at number 1 Tee and Tony has the cooker going.. Thinking of you now.

Sandy Wilkie Barlow

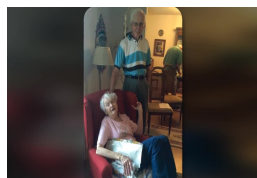
In memory of the Wilkie Sunset Country Club-Don, Mildred, Mike, Tony, and Jason Wilkie



Sandy Wilkie Barlow - February 19, 2022 at 06:02 PM



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Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory - February 18, 2022 at 01:17 PM

MM

“ *Katie,
I am so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Sending you, Bill, and
your entire family love, light, and prayers for peace and healing at
this terrible difficult time.*

*Love,
Michelle*

Michelle Martin - February 17, 2022 at 12:16 AM

RR

“ *Bruce was part of my dad Alex Resnick's golf group at Sunset CC in
Bartlesville for a long time. I always enjoyed playing golf with Bruce
whenever I was in town to visit my parents. He was a funny,
competitive guy that was fun to be around. Good golfer, too! He will
be missed. Condolences to his family.*

Robert Resnick

Robert Resnick - February 16, 2022 at 11:28 PM