



## William "Bill" Smith Sr.

April 1, 1930 - November 26, 2020

William "Bill" Crawford Smith Sr., 90, of Moulton, Iowa passed away on November 26, 2020 at the Bloomfield Care Center from Covid-19. He was born April 1, 1930 in West Grove, Iowa to Milton and Letha Smith. After graduating from high school in 1948, he attended junior college in Bloomfield. He subsequently enlisted in the Air Force during the Korean War. The typing skills attained at junior college landed him at a medical base in England for his service. There he met and married his bride of 68 years, Ruby Julia Sutton. Bill was proud to serve his country. At the conclusion of his service, he returned to Davis County for a life of raising six children, hog farming, and agricultural sales. Bill and Ruby traveled internationally often and, later in life, wintered in Texas.

Bill was a friendly, outgoing man who could talk to anyone and delighted in telling stories. A great smile and laughter accompanied all his stories. An entire new audience awaits him in the afterlife. He was a hardworking and loyal man of great integrity. He was very welcoming and always let you know he was genuinely happy to see you. While still in good health, Bill enjoyed when the house was filled with multiple generations for holiday gatherings that came with having a large family.

Left to honor his memory are his wife, Ruby; children, Terry (Craig) Swaim of Drakesville, Dean (Teresa) Smith of Bloomfield, Bill (Cheri) Smith Jr. of

Burlington, Rick (Tiffany) Smith of Des Moines, Phillip (Jill) Smith of Tiffin; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren who all affectionately knew him as Grampy.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Marilyn Smith-Jones; a brother; and two sisters.

Due to Covid-19, a private family funeral will be held. Military rites will be performed by Reed-Whisler Post #78 of the American Legion. Cremation will follow the service and burial of the cremated remains will be at the West Grove Cemetery at a later date. Due to Covid-19, no visitation is planned. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established to the West Grove Cemetery and may be mailed to Ruby at 13137 Highway 2, Moulton, Iowa 52572.

# Cemetery Details

## **West Grove Cemetery**

Echo Ave  
Bloomfield, IA 52537

# Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" Smith Sr.*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May your fond memories and God's love help you through this sad time.  
Mike and Mary Perry*

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**Mike Perry** - December 09, 2020 at 11:06 AM



“ *He was my Dad's first cousin, Richard W. Smith. He looks a lot like my Grandfather, Glen O. Smith from Floris Iowa. May he rest in peace.*

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**Mike Smith** - December 03, 2020 at 07:06 PM



“ *Our condolences to Ruby and the Smith children. Bill was a life time friend of the Herteen family in West Grove and we enjoyed all the years and wonderful friendship and fun. Trisha Herteen Huggins and Ron Huggins*

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**Trisha Herteen Huggins and Ron Huggins** - November 30, 2020 at 12:39 PM



“ *Hi thier to the family sorry for your lost my sympathy and prayers for all you lynn Robert's*

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**Lynn roberts** - November 30, 2020 at 12:27 PM

LR

“ Lynn Roberts lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Smith Sr.



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Lynn roberts - November 30, 2020 at 12:23 PM

JC

“ Bill was a very gentle sweet man and I enjoyed everyday I got to see him he will be missed by many

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joanne carnes - November 30, 2020 at 10:16 AM

TI

“ Dear Smith Family,  
I am sending my most heartfelt condolences to you for the loss of such a fine man. I have many fond memories of Bill and my Dad (Chuck Leonard) standing in the door way to the shop at C and M Cafe trying to out do one another with their stories and laughing so hard at one another they would double over. Great Happy memories of a life well lived and a man very much admired. May God Bless his soul and bring Peace to you as you mourn the loss of this wonderful man. Rest in Peace Bill.

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Tim Leonard-DSM IA - November 29, 2020 at 09:51 AM

LF

“ So Many Happy Family Memories of your trips to England. RIP Uncle Bill, a big man with a big heart. Sending Thoughts and Love From Lyn Fursdon, Devon. England. xx

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Lyn Fursdon - November 29, 2020 at 07:19 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Smith Sr..*



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November 28, 2020 at 07:09 PM



“ *Susan Houglund lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Smith Sr.*



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**Susan Houglund** - November 28, 2020 at 06:38 PM



“ *Georgia Stevens lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Smith Sr.*



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**Georgia Stevens** - November 28, 2020 at 06:03 PM



*Ruby I know you will miss Bill more than any one knows. Thinking of you.*

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**Georgia Stevens** - November 28, 2020 at 06:06 PM

BM

“ *Barbie Meredith lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Smith Sr.*



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**Barbie Meredith** - November 28, 2020 at 12:42 PM

BM

“ *To the Family of Bill Smith: Sorry for your loss, I got to know Terry when she worked at Dr. Blews office. And Bill and Ruby knew my Dad and Mom. The Meredith Family*



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**Barbie Meredith** - November 28, 2020 at 12:42 PM

HY

“ *Sorry to hear of your loss. A good many years of great memories cherish them.*

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**Harold & Linda Yahnke** - November 28, 2020 at 12:26 PM

MD

“ *Ruby, my love and deepest sympathy to you and your family. I always enjoyed Bill's great sense of humor and he genuinely cared about you as a friend.. I pray you will find strength and comfort in the Lord. Sincerely, Marilyn Downing*

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**Marilyn Downing** - November 28, 2020 at 12:06 PM

MT

“ Bill was a character like no other. He helped me get my first job at the elementary school.

You never wanted to mention politics unless you had lots of time. Enjoyed visiting with him at the care center before we were locked out. His room was right next to mothers.

Marcella Thompson

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**Marcella Thompson** - November 28, 2020 at 11:29 AM

RH

“ So sad to hear of Bill's passing. He will be missed. We have missed him for awhile he always stopped by our office and had a cup of coffee and visited.. Enjoyed those days. We shared the same birthday month. So always remembered him on the 1st. Ruby if you need anything at anytime, please call. God Bless you and your family at this sad time. Your friends and neighbor. Ron and Fran Harris

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**Ron & Fran Harris** - November 28, 2020 at 10:00 AM

EC

“ Fond memories of Bill and Ruby when they visited Holsworthy UK. A wonderful friend to have will be sadly missed 💙 Sending love and prayers to Ruby and all the family .

Liz Mike Claire and Ivy . 🙏💕

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**Elizabeth Curtis** - November 28, 2020 at 01:53 AM

TS

“ Ruby and family - sorry to hear of Bill's passing. I have fond memories of him and can still remember his big smile and always glad to see you! I hope you find peace and comfort during this time from love of family and friends and memories of Bill. A big hug to all of you! Tammy (Schwieger) Stapp



Tammy Stapp - November 27, 2020 at 09:45 PM

KH

“ Kathy Hartwick lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Smith Sr.



Kathy Hartwick - November 27, 2020 at 09:14 PM

 Margie Topping

“ Ruby and family... I'm so sad to hear of the passing of Bill. He was a wonderful staple in my childhood. I have so many blessed and wonderful memories of him. I love you Ruby❤️

Margie Topping - November 27, 2020 at 08:17 PM

TC

“ Teddy & Mary Cary lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Smith Sr.



Teddy & Mary Cary - November 27, 2020 at 06:46 PM

KH

“ Kevin & Lisa Hastings lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Smith Sr.



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**Kevin & Lisa Hastings** - November 27, 2020 at 06:30 PM

DJ

*So sorry. Loved Bill. Always so happy. Have many memories when I stayed overnight with Marilyn. Love and hugs*

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**Debbie Townsend Jacobsmeier** - November 28, 2020 at 08:23 AM

FS

*We loved to listen to Bill and Don Smith talk politics. Even when they turned the air around them "blue" it was fun! Now they're both gone and missed so much. And hugs to you Ruby.*

*Frank and Dee Smith*

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**FRANK SMITH** - November 28, 2020 at 08:53 AM