



# Robert Lee Smith

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### Robert Lee "Bob" Smith

Robert Lee "Bob" Smith died of cancer August 27, 2004. He was born March 21, 1933 to Robert Lee and Bessie Myrtle Ward Smith in Louisville, KY. Orphaned at a young age, he was raised by his maternal grandparents, Homer and Gertrude Ward Terry of Louisville, KY. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Rader Funeral Home of Longview. Private family memorial services will be held at a later date.

He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Bonnie Duff-Neal Smith, two adored sons; the eldest Robert Lee Smith, III, and daughter-in-law, Deborah Sabol Smith and two grandchildren, Samantha and Scott Smith of Highland Park, IL.; and youngest son, John Michael Smith of Longview, TX.; a sister, Becky Fuller McIntyre and husband Bob of Melbourne, FL.

Robert was on active duty with the Kentucky National Guard during the late 1940's. His working career was centered primarily in Metal Fabrication products. After more than 30 years as a designer of innovative electro-mechanical machinery, with extensive knowledge in various related fields and a specialist in difficult design metal fabrication, he maintained "state-of-the-art" knowledge in all these fields up to retirement. Robert retired as Operations Manager of FHA, a division of EG&G-Rotron in San Diego, CA. in 1994, where he participated in design and invention of equipment for military use. Previously he had been employed by ION Beam Precipitator Co, of Houston, TX., as manager of production, where one of his projects was the fabrication of a Precipitator for a power company in Minnesota; and Polutrol, Inc. as Vice President of Production Manufacturing, where he was instrumental in start-up and successful growth of the company. Earlier in his career, he had been employed by Allied Industries, a division of Brown & Root, as Shop Superintendent of a 150 personnel fabrication shop in Houston. His favorite hobby was the design and building of working Model Steam Engines. In lieu of flowers, please send a remembrance to Greater Hospice of Texas, P.O. Box 9725, Longview, TX. 75608.



## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** posted:

I first met Bob at work. I was the computer consultant. Bob and I hit it off right away, he was a INCHARGE type of guy and we both had machining and computers in common. I remember Bob and I would sit at that computer for hours, he would ask me questions about software and I would ask him questions about building stuff. I will miss him, he was like a Dad and a good friend rolled up in one person. I was lucky to know him. Goodspeed Bob###imported-begin##Joe Bruscella###imported-end##

September 1 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

My sincerest condolences to the entire Smith family in your time of grief. May God strengthen you and sustain you in the knowledge that Christ has defeated death.###imported-begin##Mike Dowdy###imported-end##

August 30 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Bonnie, John and I are so sorry to hear of your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Your sister from a distance. Denise###imported-begin##Denise Cabral###imported-end##

August 30 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

You are in my thoughts and prayers Aunt Bonnie! and my memories of Uncle Bob are some of my dearest! I love you both! Love Gina###imported-begin##Gina Bozarth-Henehan###imported-end##

August 29 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

John, I am so sad to hear of this enormous loss. Dad's are so special and impact our lives forever. Trusting that the wonderful memories of your Dad will provide much comfort to you at this time. May God wrap his loving arms around you and your family providing much comfort for the days and years ahead. God Bless You, Pat Hendrix###imported-begin##Pat Hendrix###imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Sorry to hear of your loss. You are in our prayers. Bob and Bettye Shoulta

August 29 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our deepest condolences Bonnie.

August 29 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Big Brother Bob: I know a smile I love to see, A voice I love to hear, I know a hand I love to hold, A presence I love near, I know a heart, so loving, fine and true, I know them all and love them all, For they belonged to you. Till we meet again, Baby Sis

August 29 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

You are in our thoughts and prayers. We pray you may somehow find peace in this difficult time. We love you!

August 28 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Thoughts & prayers are with this dear man's family. May your happy Memories be a source of comfort to your hurt Hearts.

August 27 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

We will miss you Grandpa. We will always remember and love you.

August 27 at 7:00 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Robert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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