



Billy Dean Smith

October 7, 1938 - December 6, 2024

Billy Dean Smith, 86, of Maumelle, formerly of Searcy, passed away on December 6, 2024, at St. Vincent Infirmiry in Little Rock. He was born on October 7, 1938, in Searcy, to the late William and Bernadine (Sherrod) Smith. As a young boy, Billy attended Gum Springs Church in Searcy for worship as well as his early education. He attended his first four years of grade school at the church house. Billy continued to attend the Gum Springs Church for several years, until becoming a member at First Baptist Church. He graduated from Searcy High in 1956, and several years later joined the Army Reserve, serving from 1961 – 1967. Later in life, Billy was employed with Entergy, where he spent 41 years working as a service man. After he and his wife, Kay, moved to Maumelle in 2014, he became a devoted member of the Church of Maumelle. Billy had a servant's heart and often volunteered at the Hope Ministry Alliance food pantry. Above all, Billy cherished his family and the time he was able to spend with them. He was a loving husband and father, and a supportive Granddaddy to his grandchildren. He was very involved in his grandchildren's lives, attending hours upon hours of sporting events. Billy was a friend to everyone and never met a stranger. His presence will be truly missed by those that loved and knew him.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 63 years, Kay Smith of Maumelle; two daughters, Denise Martin (Lance) of Sherwood, and Stacy Bright (Daris) of Maumelle; grandsons, Eric Martin of Maumelle, and Nathan Bright of

Farmington; great granddaughter, Mia Martin of Maumelle; and cousin, Judy Smith of Maumelle.

He is preceded in death by his parents, William and Bernadine Smith.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Gum Springs Church, at 2240 Gum Springs Road, Searcy, Arkansas 72143.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, beginning at 12:30pm, at Gum Springs Church in Searcy, with a memorial service following, beginning at 1:00pm. A celebration of life will take place the following day, Wednesday, December 18, 2024, from 11:00am – 1:00pm at the family home in Maumelle.

Arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. www.powellfuneralhome.net

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 17. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Gum Springs Church
2200 Gum Springs Road
Searcy, AR 72143

Memorial Service

DEC 17. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Celebration of Life

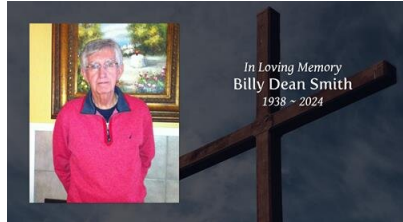
DEC 18. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Family Home
Maumelle, AR 72113

Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Billy Dean Smith



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - December 16, 2024 at 10:44 AM

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“ One of the better men that I have known.

Reggie Harrell - December 27, 2025 at 03:19 PM

RB

“ Our deepest condolences to Kay and family. Billy Dean was such a sweet, good man and we are so grateful that we had the opportunity to get to know him and Kay. Sending love to the family and keeping you all in our prayers.



Richard and Anne Bush - December 15, 2024 at 03:37 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Billy Dean Smith.

December 11, 2024 at 10:04 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Billy Dean Smith.*



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“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Billy Dean Smith.*



December 10, 2024 at 03:58 PM



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