



Dr. Bob W. Smith

July 31, 1940 - August 21, 2015

Dr. Bob W. Smith flew into Heaven on August 21, 2015, in Searcy, Arkansas at the age of 75. Bob is survived by his loving wife, Jo Anna, of Searcy; his sons, Nathan Smith (Sarah) of Lexington, KY, Brian Stevens (Robert) of Lansing, MI, Ross Tidwell of Oklahoma City, OK; daughters, Desiree Smith (Scott) of Green Mountain, NC, Deborah McNeely, of Coto de Caza, CA, Kelly St. Pierre (John) of Oklahoma City, OK; sisters, Virginia "Jenny" Heathman (Paul) of Osceola, MO and Bonnie Solomon (Richard) of Benton; his brothers-and sisters-in-law, Dr. Larry and Mary Ellen McCall and David and Roxie Minner, all of Searcy, Steve and Katie Minner of North Little Rock, and Elizabeth "Libby" Smith of Denton, TX; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, and three sisters. Bob was born on July 31, 1940, in Little Rock to Archie Columbus Smith, Sr. and Jewell Cochran Smith. He graduated from Little Rock Central High School in 1958. He graduated from the University of Arkansas School of Medicine with BS and MD degrees in 1966. From 1972 to 1974, he practiced general medicine. From 1974 to 1977, he completed his neurology residency training at UAMS. From 1977 until his retirement on November 30, 2012, he practiced neurology. He served in the United States Air Force from 1966 to 1972 where he achieved the rank of Major (O-4). From 1968 to 1969, he served in Vietnam as a surgeon caring for Vietcong civilians caught in the middle of the war. He married the love of his life, Jo Anna (Minner) Smith, on December 18, 1987, and they were blessed

with their son, Nathan. Bob was not only an accomplished experimental aviator but also loved building and flying his own airplanes. Bob was also a dedicated fan of the Arkansas Razorbacks. He was a generous, caring individual who often gave wise counsel to family and friends. He had an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ and was an active and dedicated member of First Baptist Church in Searcy. Visitation will be held on Monday, August 24, from 6-8 p.m. at Powell Funeral Home in Searcy with a celebration of his life being held on Tuesday, August 25, at 10 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Searcy. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Bob's life. The family kindly requests that the dress for the service be business casual, and please do not wear black. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to First Baptist Church of Searcy. The family would like to thank Drs. Dicus, Aguinaga, and Mock, the many hospital staff, family, and friends for their dedication, care, and love.

Tribute Wall

TB

“ *Joanna, We were so sorry to hear of Bob's passing! Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time! Love you!*

Tommy & Angela Brown - May 04, 2016 at 03:30 PM

RL

“ *I respected Dr. Smith to the highest regards. He was always so mildly mannered, mildly tempered man. I always enjoyed getting to have conversations with Dr. Smith after he'd finish his rounds. I still remember Nathan as a child coming with him sitting in one of our empty rooms watching TV while Dr. Smith would make rounds. Dr. Smith will be terribly missed by myself and others. I'll always cherish our work relationship and friendship. God Bless Joanna, Nathan and all the family you all are my my heart, my thoughts and prayers. I'm sorry I missed the visitation/funeral I found out afterwards. God Bless.*

Rachel A. Landis - May 04, 2016 at 03:30 PM

CL

“ *Dr. Bob will be missed at the airport.*

Charles Laing - February 10, 2016 at 01:30 PM

DW

“ *Dr. Smith was the most eloquent and soft spoken gentleman every time I met him. I will surely miss our talks about Jesus and the Rapture, and how he always gave me such sweet compliments on my singing at church. He will be missed in our church and community. Prayers to his wife Joanna and his entire family on your great loss.*

Donna Weir - February 10, 2016 at 01:30 PM

WH

“ Yet another Brother in Arms has reached his final mission on earth and now reports for his next assignment.
May the family of Dr. Bob W. Smith find comfort in Gods word. Thank you, for your service and your sacrifices you will not be forgotten. My Heartfelt condolences go out to all family and friends of this Great American Patriot.

Wayne Helms - February 10, 2016 at 01:30 PM

PO

“ It is hard to express in words how I feel about Dr. Bob, Jo Anna and Nathan. He was not only a caring and dedicated physician, but a friend to all in the CAH Family. Through Dr. Bob I got to know Jo Anna and see Nathan grow up. They have allowed me to follow Nathan into adulthood and see pictures of him from time to time. I wish and pray for peace and comfort for all of the family

Pat Orcutt - February 10, 2016 at 01:30 PM

PA

“ Jo Ann, I was sorry to hear of your husband's passing. You have been in my thoughts and prayers especially during this time.

Paula - February 10, 2016 at 01:30 PM

RB

“ JoAnna, We are out of state on a trip and learned a few minutes ago about Dr. Bob. You, Nathan, and family are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. You hold a special place in our hearts.

Love you,
Raymond and Barbara

Raymond and Barbara Bowen - February 10, 2016 at 01:30 PM

DH

“ *Joanna , praying for God to wrap His living arms around you and your family as you go through this difficult time.*

Danny and Linda Heep - February 10, 2016 at 01:30 PM

BF

“ *JoAnna, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your husband. You and your son are in my thoughts and prayers.*

barbara webber foti - February 10, 2016 at 01:30 PM

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Rachel A. Landis - August 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM