



Foster Smith

November 19, 1940 - September 30, 2014

Foster Smith, age 73 of Searcy, passed away on Tuesday, September 30, 2014. He was born November 19, 1940 in Pangburn, Arkansas to Thetus Smith and Eva Boles Smith. He retired from Eaton Corporation (formerly Sperry Vickers) after 41 years. Foster was the owner and operator of Arkansas Craftsmith for 22 years which manufactured swings that were distributed all over America. He had his Private Pilot License and flew his Cessna for ten years to different vacation destinations around the country. He would also take you wherever you wanted to go, if you dared. His favorite summertime activity was spending every weekend on their houseboat at Greer's Ferry Lake with family and friends. He attended 1st Assembly of God Church for 40 years. He is survived by his wife, Joyce Martin Smith of Searcy; one daughter, Donna Gray of Searcy; one son, Danny Smith and wife Melissa of Pangburn; seven grandchildren, Tara Parsons of Harrisonburg, Virginia, Jesse Parsons and wife Shelly of Beebe, Jessica Ramsey and husband Darin of Judsonia, Jordan Gray of Pangburn, Jon Gray of Judsonia, Jerrica Gray of Bryant, James Gray of Searcy; two great-grandchildren, Tucker and Macie Ramsey; one brother, Gary Smith and wife Carolyn; one nephew; and one niece. He is preceded in death by his parents, Thetus and Eva Smith.

Tribute Wall

JD

“ *Condolences to the family. I remember Foster well as he used to live right behind our house growing up.*

Jerit Davis - May 04, 2016 at 04:18 PM

MH

“ *Joyce and family.
I am sad to hear of Foster's passing. Foster will be remembered by me and my family as a man who loved his time on Heber. I think the biggest laugh I had was when we were working together in the lab and had a new intern come in. Foster walked up to him and told him that he was cute. The intern stepped back and was pretty wary. Foster just looked at him with an intimidating look then busted out laughing. We all got such a great laugh. He was a smart and great guy to know!
May God keep you all in the comfort of his hands as you remember his life story.*

Mark Hyde - February 10, 2016 at 02:17 PM

PS

“ *So very sad to hear of Foster's passing. Had to go down memory lane this morning and remember all of the good times we had in school. To the family, you have my heartfelt sympathy and pray that God gives you peace and comfort at this time.*

Patsy (Marks) Sturch - February 10, 2016 at 02:17 PM

IS

“ *So sorry*

Irvin Snow - February 10, 2016 at 02:17 PM

EC

“ Joyce, Donna and Danny,

I am so sorry for your loss. I have so many memories of Foster and dad. Dad loved him a lot even though they hadn't seen each other much in their later years. I always tell people I never flew until I was 18, but that wasn't true. I remember that Foster took me up the first time I flew. He and dad seemed to be inseparable when I was a child. I'm sure they have had a Heavenly reunion and are finding some kind of trouble to get into or something to build or create.

Love and prayers to you all,

Erika

Erika "Maples" CAto - February 10, 2016 at 02:17 PM

BD

“ Foster was a wonderful childhood friend. He was always full of fun and mischief. He and Darryl and Sammy and I always had fun when we were together. The picture of him and his friends stacked together was taken at my house, perhaps by me. I am glad I got to see him and visit with him at the last 4th of July gathering at Pangburn. I am glad he was able to do so many of the things that pleased him, boating, flying, designing and making outdoor furniture. He came from good parents and has been a good man.

Betty Marsh Dunn - February 10, 2016 at 02:17 PM

DH

“ Sorry to hear about Foster he was a Hoot to be around .I had the pleasure of knowing him from Eaton ,he was one of a kind .May he rest in the arms of God.

Dennis Hughes - February 10, 2016 at 02:17 PM

SC

“ I had not seen Foster for approximately 50 plus years until a couple of years ago when my husband and I were in Pangburn having lunch at one of the local places to eat. Foster was in the cafe and came over to our table to re-introduce himself to Gerry and me. At first I wasn't sure who he was but after he said his name, I could see the same facial features of long ago. Foster was extremely interesting to visit with and I enjoyed hearing about the past many years of his life. My sincere condolences to his wife and family at this time.

Sue Bowen Clayton - February 10, 2016 at 02:17 PM

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“ "Joyce"---- I Loved Foster and You both sooo much! I have some wonderful memories from our days of old! I basically grew up as a young adult on those Houseboat weekends/ the memories are great... He was so fun to be around ! There was none like Foster !!! We have for sure lost a great and really good person. I will never forget his laugh and cutting up times on the lake and times 4-wheeling in the paper company. I still have in front of my house 2 of the Arkansas Craftsmith swings that ya'll brought to me in 2003. I love you very much ...

Brenda Richardson (Browning) - February 10, 2016 at 02:17 PM

BB

“ Will always remember times spent on the lake houseboat.

Bobbie Evans and Sydney Baker - February 10, 2016 at 02:17 PM