



## James "Jim" Thomas Smith

January 11, 1932 - January 9, 2018

James "Jim" Thomas Smith, 85, of Hot Springs, Arkansas, passed away on Tuesday, January 9th, 2018. Jim was born January 11th, 1932 at St. Agnes Hospital in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin to the late Howard and Mary (Whalen) Smith. Jim served our country in the U.S. Marines during the Korean War. After the War, Jim took employment with Speed Queen Mfg. in Ripon, Wisconsin. He remained with Speed Queen for 40 years. In 1972, he was transferred by his company to Searcy, Arkansas. He moved to Arkansas with his beloved wife, Marilyn, and their five children. Jim became a faithful member of St. James Catholic Church in Searcy. After Jim retired, he became co-owner of the Boutique Gift Shop in Searcy with his daughter, Marianne. There he came to be known as the "Fudge Man" for the popular confection Jim was delighted to make for customers. He enjoyed following sports, especially his Green Bay Packers and Arkansas Razorbacks, as well as attending races at Oaklawn Park in Hot Springs. Jim also loved working in his garden, particularly with his succulent plants. His family will remember Jim for his wonderful sense of decency, humility, loyalty and curiosity toward life.

Jim is preceded in death by his sisters, Eileen Williams Pinch, Ann Ruedinger; and brothers-in-law, Dave Hielke, Wesley Williams, Bob Hunter, and James Pinch.

Jim is survived by his wife of 62 years, Marilyn Ann Smith; children Marianne

Jones (Stephen), Craig Smith, Janet Smith-Haltom (Jeff), Alan Smith (Patti) and Doug Smith; grandchildren Amy, Jamie, Alex, Lauren, Matt, Amanda, Kristen, Tyler, Sylvia and Camille; numerous great-grandchildren; sisters Patricia Hunter and Athleen Simon; and sister-in-law, Joan Hielke.

Visitation will be Monday, January 15, 2018 at Powell Funeral Home in Searcy, Arkansas from 5:30 until 7:30 pm. A Rosary service will be held Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 10:00 am at St. James Catholic Church, 1102 Pioneer Rd, Searcy, Arkansas. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 am at the St. James Catholic Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73123.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 15. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Searcy)  
2602 W. Beebe-Capps Expy  
Searcy, AR 72143  
(501) 268-7220  
searcy@powellfuneralhome.net  
<https://www.powellfuneralhome.net/>

## Rosary

JAN 16. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church  
1102 Pioneer Rd.  
Searcy, AR 72143

## Mass

JAN 16. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church  
1102 Pioneer Rd.  
Searcy, AR 72143

# Tribute Wall

LP

“ Our deepest smpathy to Marilyn and family. Jim was such great guy , you are in our prayers.

*Lil & Tom Putzer.& Katie Nest*

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**Lil & Tom Putzer** - January 17, 2018 at 08:03 PM

BJ

“ Barry and Jason purchased the Divine Peace Boquet for the family of James "Jim" Thomas Smith.



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**Barry and Jason** - January 15, 2018 at 11:51 AM

TR

“ The Team At RES purchased the Sacred Duty Sp ray for the family of James "Jim" Thomas Smith.



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**The Team At RES** - January 15, 2018 at 09:55 AM

GM

“ I loved his fudge and he told me how he had to change the pumpkin fudge recipe accordingly because every year the canned pumpkin was a little different. I loved his pumpkin fudge and had a new respect for its making.

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**Georgeanne McIlveene** - January 14, 2018 at 08:46 PM

CM

“ I will always remember Mr Smith for his kindness, his smile, especially when he was sharing samples of his fudge. My sincere condolences to the family.

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**charlotte rice morris** - January 14, 2018 at 06:52 PM

GB

“ God Bless purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James "Jim" Thomas Smith.



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**God Bless** - January 14, 2018 at 06:17 PM

KH

“ I enjoyed watching Jim's love for his family. His fudge was 2nd to none. Prayers for his family, he will be missed

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**Karol Hilker** - January 14, 2018 at 06:05 PM

DS

“ I had the pleasure, and honor, to work with Jim @ Speed Queen in Searcy. Jim liked to question why things were the way they were. We worked and travelled together on projects. Those were good times and I will always remember them. Prayers to the family.

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**Dave Schaaf** - January 14, 2018 at 10:13 AM

 Joe  
Madden

I forget a lot of things , but some things stick in my head . The thing that sticks in my head about him was his extension. 7227 . It's Strange the things we remember.....

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**Joe Madden** - January 14, 2018 at 10:58 PM

SS

“ *Sincerely , May Schmill purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of James "Jim" Thomas Smith.*



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**Sincerely , May Schmill** - January 13, 2018 at 09:55 AM