



Thurman Allen Smith Sr.

May 13, 1941 - June 13, 2021

Thurman Allen Smith, Sr., 80, of Bradford, was called home to be with his heavenly Father on Sunday, June 13, 2021. He was born on May 13, 1941, to the late Warren and Vera (Treece) Smith in Gardner, Arkansas. He graduated with a Bachelor and Master degree from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. He was a high school Advance Math teacher for 50 years. He loved to work in his pecan orchard, watch the Arkansas Razorbacks, and spend time with his family. He leaves behind a legacy of former students that have gone on to do major things in their lives.

He was a devout Baptist and attended Bradford Baptist Church. Thurman was preceded in death by both his parents, Warren and Vera Smith; his beloved wife of 52 years, Mary (Hamby) Smith; his two brothers, Ermin and Ernie Smith; his sister, Vivian (Smith) Gilliam. Thurman will be deeply missed by his son, Allen Smith (Sheri), his grandchildren, Whitney Oden, Matthew Beliew (Laken), Tiffanie Smith, and Gregory Smith; his great-grandchildren, Caden Beliew and Ava Grace Beliew; his brother, Roy Smith (Judy) and sister, Doris Middleton (Doyle); along with numerous nephews, nieces, cousins, friends and former students.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Powell Funeral Home in Bald Knob. Services will be conducted 11:00 a.m., Thursday, June 17 at the Bradford Baptist Church. Interment will follow in Coffeyville Cemetery at Bradford. Arrangements entrusted to Powell Funeral Home Bald Knob-Judsonia. www.powellfuneralhome.net

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Bald Knob)
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Bald Knob, AR 72010
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Funeral Service

JUN 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

Bradford Baptist Church
403 W. Main Street
Bradford, AR 72020

Interment

JUN 17.

Coffeyville Cemetery
Bradford, AR

Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Thurman Allen Smith Sr.



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - June 15, 2021 at 01:16 PM

MS

“ It was my great honor to be a student teacher under Thurman Smith at Bald Knob High School. He cared about his students and people in general. We became friends during the semester I spent there. I learned a great deal about being a teacher from him and more about how to treat others. I will be ever indebted to Thurman for the wisdom he imparted to me and the life he led that touched mine.

*Respectfully,
Melton Sloan*

Melton Sloan - June 21, 2021 at 06:57 PM

JR

“ Thank you for everything that you did for me Mr. Smith, from being a great teacher to a mentor and a friend. You will be greatly missed by all who knew you. Rest well and enjoy eternity with your beloved Mrs. Mary.

Jeremy Robertson - June 17, 2021 at 09:38 PM

BO

“ 1961, Thurman and I met as we were entering the University of Arkansas. He spent several months and worked hard at teaching me: Monday - Friday - work hard, Saturday - we can play, Sunday - church. Made me successful there and life skill. Paul Osmon

Bonnie Osmon - June 16, 2021 at 12:22 PM

MD

“ I hate to hear this. He left a big impression on me as a teacher. My sincere condolences.



Margaret Davis - June 16, 2021 at 12:05 PM

EB

“ He was a stern teacher but only because he actually cared and wanted you to learn. He was really a softie but he wanted you to think it was Stern so you would learn I respect him and he'll be awesome teacher awesome man



Ellen boyce - June 16, 2021 at 02:11 AM

FC

“ Mr. Smith was an awesome teacher. His teaching excelled beyond his skills. He loved teaching and he loved his students. I have many fond memories. Prayers for his family.

Flo Crisp - June 15, 2021 at 10:13 PM

TC

“ Mr. Smith was my teacher for several math classes while I was a student at BKHS. He was my favorite teacher and an inspiration for me. He used to tell me to “put my glasses on so I could hear”. I always checked in with him when I visited BK. RIP Mr. Smith, you will be remembered fondly and appreciated for your dedication to your students.

Terie Collison - June 15, 2021 at 08:26 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thurman Allen Smith Sr..



June 15, 2021 at 03:06 PM

LB

“ I only met Mr. Smith through my husband, who is a former BKHS student of his, but I also had him for a college math course; although I didn't know him well, he was a nice person and great teacher. May he rest in peace. God bless.



Leah Brooks - June 15, 2021 at 02:37 PM

ST

“ Mr. Smith was such a kind man, and a truly gifted teacher. I am sad he is gone, but happy in the knowledge that he has joined sweet Miss Mary in their heavenly home. Prayers for the Smith family in this difficult time.

Steve Taylor - June 15, 2021 at 01:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thurman Allen Smith Sr..*



June 15, 2021 at 01:43 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thurman Allen Smith Sr..*



June 15, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Thurman Allen Smith Sr..*



June 14, 2021 at 11:12 PM



“ *Love Mr. Smith. He used to say " Raymond I love ya but I'm gonna have to kill ya if you do that again." My and many students favorite teacher.*

Ray McNally - June 14, 2021 at 09:39 PM

LE

“ *Loyal E. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thurman Allen Smith Sr..*



Loyal E. - June 14, 2021 at 05:01 PM