



Dr. David Robert "Bobby" Smith Jr.

September 25, 1939 - April 27, 2014

Dr. David Robert "Bobby" Smith, Jr., age 74, beloved husband, father and grandfather, went to Heaven on April 27, 2014, to be with his Lord and Savior. Bobby had been a long time resident of Albuquerque. He was born in Houston, TX, attended the University of Texas, Texas A&M, and obtained his second Master's degree and Doctorate in Physics from Rice University. He worked as a physicist at Sandia National Laboratories, taught physics and electrical engineering at Texas A&M University, specialized in high power microwave energetic effects while a resident of Colorado Springs, and completed his career as a consultant to Sandia National Laboratories until his retirement. Bobby leaves behind his wife of 51 years, Bonnie; their two sons, Dr. David Robert Smith III and Stephen E. Smith; and his brother, Frank Furlow. Bobby was also a proud grandfather of two gorgeous granddaughters, Kate and Sarah Smith; and he maintained strong relationships with family and friends, who extend across the country. Bobby had many interests. He loved to play piano, guitar, accordion, violin and banjo. He was always fond of a variety of music genres. Beloved friends and family who knew Bobby remember him as a soft-spoken, intelligent, humble man who loved his family and enjoyed leading Bible studies; entertaining his grandchildren, hiking, fishing and playing golf. Friends may visit FRENCH - Wyoming on Thursday, May 1, 2014, from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Services will be held on Friday, May 2, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, 10000 Spain Rd. NE, followed by a reception at the church. Burial will be at Sunset Memorial Park, 924

Menaul Blvd. NE at 1:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the Smith family requests that charitable donations be made to either the Children of Faith School, 10000 Spain Rd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111 or the Albuquerque Rescue Mission, 525 2nd St. SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102.

FRENCH – Wyoming
7121 Wyoming Blvd. NE
(505) 823-9400

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Park

924 Menaul Blvd NE
Albuquerque, NM 87107
(505) 345-3536
info@sunset-memorial.com
<https://www.sunset-memorial.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

FRENCH Funerals - Cremations (Wyoming)
7121 Wyoming Blvd NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109
(505) 823-9400
<https://www.FrenchFunerals.com>

Services

MAY 2. 11:00 AM (MT)

Faith Lutheran
10000 Spain Road NE
Albuquerque, NM

Tribute Wall

MW

“*Sadly I just stumbled across this. I would like to send my condolences to all of the Smith family. I remember Dr. Smith being a very positive and nurturing person. I will fondly remember the times I spent with him. I remember once interviewing him for a school project. We sat in the front room of the Colorado Springs house, and I asked they type of silly questions an 8th grader would ask. Or the memory I have of him and David showing me how to change the oil on a car. A simple task, but without the guidance it would have been unknown. Thank you for the generosity you gave to 'all your children' over the years.*

Mark Williams - May 27, 2014 at 04:45 PM

RH

“*Sending all of my love, thoughts and prayers. I hear him singing that country song with Steven and David..a precious memory...of a loving soul...please take care and God bless..xoxo Rheana*

Rheana - May 01, 2014 at 04:46 PM

AS

“*Bobby you were 6 years old when you became a vital part of my life. Your father and I nurtured you your entire life to help equip you to attain your God given talents to share with the world. Your mighty influence on many people has made this a better world. I'll always cherish the memories we made together.*
God giving love,
Agnes Smith

Agnes Smith - May 01, 2014 at 02:17 PM

JS

“A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away” Nancy and I were friends with Bobby and Bonnie at Grace Church when we lived in Albuquerque in the 1970s. We remember both as gentle, caring souls with ready smiles. Bobby was the sort of person I would trust with my life. It is sad to see the friends of my youth leaving the planet one-by-one. But the treasure of the Christian Faith is that there will be a reunion. Thus we can say that we look forward to hugging you both and catching up on the details of the past thirty-five years.

Jack & Nancy Swarengen

Jack Swarengen - May 01, 2014 at 11:34 AM

AT

“Our deepest sympathy to Bonnie, David, Stephen and family on the passing of Bobby. Bobby and Bonnie were among the first people we met when joining Sandia Laboratory in 1968. They invited us to dinner the first week we were in Albuquerque. We fondly remember yearly excursions to the Santa Fe Opera and dinner in Santa Fe with Bobby, Bonnie and other Sandia friends. Bobby's dry humor always added to the enjoyment of these excursions. Although we lost contact when I left Sandia in 1979, we often thought about him and Bonnie. May he rest in peace.

Al and Jo Toepfer

Alan J Toepfer - May 01, 2014 at 10:29 AM

MB

“ Bobby was my only cousin left on my Father's side of the family. Although we didn't get to see each other very much we kept in touch via phone calls. He was a great guy and my sister Carole and I are going to miss him. Bonnie I know this is a very difficult time for you but you are a very strong lady and I know you will make it. You have two great sons that are by your side. Love and kisses to everyone.

Mary & Carole



Mary Baker - May 01, 2014 at 09:09 AM



“ Serene Green™ Bouquet For Sympathy was purchased for the family of Dr. David Robert "Bobby" Smith Jr..



April 30, 2014 at 10:22 PM

DK

“ Bobby and Bonnie Smith have been such a joyous part of my life, and indeed my husband, Ketch felt the same way. I cannot begin to acknowledge how the gift of having Bobby and Bonnie in our lives has been a blessing from beginning to end. Bobby will be missed for so many reasons, and will never be forgotten by anyone who knew and loved him. He was a talented, generous, loving human being with human faults and frailties we all possess that teach us forgiveness. Bobby will continue to be a part of our life in the wonderful memories we cherish. Life is a revolving door of beginnings and endings...of endings and beginnings. Now there is a new beginning for Bobby with his Savior in Heaven. I know I am a better person for having known Bobby Smith, and blessed for having the Smith family as part of my life for longer than I can remember. Love and Sympathy goes without saying...from my broken heart to yours,
Donna

Donna Ketchbaw - April 30, 2014 at 01:11 PM

FF

“ Bobby, we will miss you but I know you are rejoicing in Heaven with your dad mama and Johnny. God be with Bonnie, David, Stephen and your beautiful grandchildren. I love you. Your brother Frank.



Frank and Debbie Furlow - April 29, 2014 at 07:32 PM



“ *On behalf of the French Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.* ”

Faith Miner - April 29, 2014 at 03:22 PM