



Richard Elwood Smith

May 28, 1928 - June 19, 2016

Richard Elwood Smith, 88, of Cecil, Arkansas, died Sunday, June 19, 2016 in Ozark. He had retired as Dean of Instruction at Mt. View Community College in Dallas, Texas in 1995. He relocated to Cecil, in 2009, from Dallas, and loved living in the country. He was a member of the Church of Christ, a 1950 graduate of Harding College and received his Master's Degree from the University of Texas in 1966. Richard was born May 28, 1928 in Flushing, New York to Wilbur Chapman Smith and Edith Genevieve Hartwig Smith. His mother taught him to love the Lord Jesus Christ and follow Him. He passed this on to his children. He was ordained to the ministry in 1946. While working on an evangelistic campaign in New York City he met Nell and they were married in Austin, Texas in 1949. They lived in Arkansas, Germany, Texas, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and France, eighteen different locations during their marriage. He loved teaching from the Bible, enjoyed teaching elementary school and taught in the U.S., France, and Germany. While in Germany he learned the language fluently and used it to teach Dale Carnegie courses there. He also taught this course in the U.S. Writing letters was his passion and left us a wonderful record of his life experiences. His children and friends remember him as a great encourager and mentor. He and Nell loved children and have many 'adopted' grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; a granddaughter, Olivia Joan Smith; three brothers, Wilbur, Robert and Harold Smith; and a sister Jeanette Patricia Stahl. Richard is survived by his wife Nell Watson Smith of Cecil, Arkansas, his daughter, Susan Kurth and

her husband, Barry of Cecil; Shannon Smith of Liberty Hill, Texas; his son, Robert Smith of Midlothian, Texas, his son Reed Smith and his wife Janett of Coppell, Texas; a sister Georgia Murray of Plains, Pennsylvania; and one grandchild, Linden Kelley Smith of Northfield, Minnesota. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hope House of Austin, P.O. Box 457, Liberty Hill, Texas 78642 or at www.HopeHouseAustin.Org

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Elwood Smith*

January 30, 2023 at 02:28 AM



“ *We are saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. Richard Smith. He was truly a wonderful, caring, and very special friend. I have many many fond memories of he and Nell when they lived in Texas. I know he is in glory with our dear Lord and that he no longer feels pain, sadness or worry.
To his family, please know that we have you in our daily thoughts and prayers as you go through this difficult time.
With love to you all,*

Ginger & Alfonso Hernandez - July 12, 2016 at 03:59 PM



“ *May your sadness ease in the knowledge that your father is resting peacefully with God in heaven, surrounded by choirs of angels who have welcomed him into their kingdom. Although we never met Richard, we are sure he was a wonderful man and father, and a great example to our lovely friend Reed.
With love to you all.*

Steve & Irenie Phillips - July 06, 2016 at 07:02 PM



“ *Our hearts were saddened to hear of the death of Richard. He was a great neighbor and wonderful person. Our prayers are with each of you as you go through this sad and trying time. God bless you all.*

Lynda and Bill Molton - June 22, 2016 at 08:05 AM