



Donald "Don" Ray Smith Sr

April 25, 1937 - July 19, 2023

Donald "Don" Ray Smith, Sr., 86, passed away Wednesday, July 19, 2023, in Joplin, Missouri. Don was born April 25, 1937, in Greenfield, Missouri to Carl Lincoln Smith and Ruby Ree (Patterson) Smith. He was a lifetime Carthage resident. Don worked for Colaw Filling Station, Brown Oil Company Station, Carthage Fire Department, and then Carthage Water and Electric for twenty-eight years. He loved to garden and take care of his yard. Don also enjoyed his grandkids and great grandkids very much. He was a member of Grace Pointe Church in Carthage. Don found joy in reading his Bible and was always ready to help regardless!

Don was united in marriage to Ella Mae Reynolds September 30, 1959, in Jasper, Missouri; she survives.

Don is survived by his wife, Ella Mae; three sons, Donald Ray Smith, Jr. (Angie), David Wayne Smith (Melissa), and Kenneth Dale Smith (Jennifer), all of Carthage, Missouri; ten grandchildren, Weston (Charlene), Justin (Alyssa), Landon, Salisha (James), Ethan (Ana), Adara, Enessa, Skylor, and Araya; three great grandchildren, Emersyn, Timothy, and June; one brother, Richard Smith (Sally) of Carthage, Missouri; one sister, Janice Smith of Greenfield, Missouri.

Don is preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Ruby Smith; two brothers, Robert and Kenneth Smith; one sister, Evelyn Vaughn; and two grandchildren, Shire and Asher.

Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, July 24, 2023, at Grace Pointe

Assembly of God in Carthage, Missouri. Visitation will be from 1:00 p.m. until service time. Burial will be at Diamond Cemetery in Diamond, Missouri. Contributions may be made to Life Publishers International: Fire Bibles in care of Ulmer Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at www.ulmerfh.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Diamond Cemetery

Diamond, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 24. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Grace Pointe Assembly of God
1605 South Baker
Carthage, MO

Funeral Service

JUL 24. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I'm SO SORRY ELLA MAE AND FAMILY FOR YOUR LOSS.DON WAS A VERY NICE MAN.YOU GUYS WERE NICE TO JOE AND I.YOU HAVE A GREAT FAMILY.I AM PRAYING FOR COMFORT FOR YOU GUYS.I HAVE ONLY ATTENDED ONE FUNERAL SINCE JOE PASSED.I WON'T BE THERE BUT I WILL BE THINKING OF YOU.GOD BLESS YOU.

MELVA BORLAND - July 22, 2023 at 08:40 PM



“ I will always remember Don as my buddy. Ever since I met him when I moved down to Carthage, he always made me feel welcome and cared for. He always enjoyed talking with me and asking me how things were going. I was impressed out how active he was and always involved with helping the Church and others and his positive and caring outlook and gracious attitude. I will miss him tremendously but I know I will get to say hello to him again soon when we all get to Heaven. I will see you later my friend Don! My buddy!

Greg Walden - July 21, 2023 at 08:45 AM

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“ I so love Don and his kindness to me through the years!

My prayers for comfort go out to all of his family and friends.



Catherine Hibdon - July 20, 2023 at 08:24 PM