



Wayne Paysour Smith

January 7, 1933 - August 7, 2014

Wayne Paysour Smith passed away Thursday, August 7th surrounded by his family. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Ollis, sons, John Wayne & wife, Elise; Scott Fielden & wife Patrice; daughters, Lynne Sloan Martelli & husband Jim and Carrie Jane Cartwright & husband Ralph; 9 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Wayne was preceded in death by his parents, Lathan Fielding & Mae Rankin Smith; sisters, Carrie Jane Smith & Mafielda Brown; brothers, Lathan Fielding Smith, Jr., William Ross "Billy Ross" Smith, Thomas "Nick" Nicholas Smith, Sr., & George "Sonny" Smith.

Wayne was born January 7, 1933 in Troutman, North Carolina and graduated from Troutman School. He grew up on a dairy farm with 10 brothers and sisters and was active in 4-H clubs growing up. Wayne attended and graduated from North Carolina State University in 1957 and then joined the United States Army from 1957 – 1959 as part of the CIA in Germany. After returning, he was employed with Iredell County Schools as a Vocational Agriculture teacher.

Wayne met Bonnie Louise Ollis of Charlotte, NC and they were married in 1962 where they lived in Salisbury, NC. He transferred to Rowan County as the 4-H agent and became very active in the Presbyterian Church as Sunday School Superintendent, Deacon, Elder, served on various committees and was active in Jaycees and Rotary Club. North Carolina State University

athletics was his favorite pastime and he participated in early fundraising programs at NCSU. His first child, John, was born in 1964 and in 1965 his family returned to NCSU where he earned a Master's Degree in Adult Education in 1967. Wayne received a Kellogg's Scholarship and worked part time as a 4-H Specialist. In 1972, he obtained a Doctorate Degree in Adult Education. During this period at NCSU, three additional children (Scott, Lynne & Carrie) were added to the family. Wayne accepted a position with VPI as Director of Extension Service in Fairfax, VA. He remained very active in the Presbyterian Church and became a little league basketball and football coach for all four children. He co-chaired the PTA at Pine Ridge Elementary in Fairfax, VA where his children attended.

In 1979, Wayne joined the University of Florida as District Director of Extension Services, with a home in Tallahassee, FL, and retiring 1992. Upon his retirement, Wayne began writing grants for Juvenile Justice Programs, volunteering, planning and implementing educational, social and job opportunities for at-risk youth at Greenville Hills Academy and Disc Village and was recognized for his non-violent, no barriers approach for at risk youth. Wayne is a survivor of cancer of the pancreas, having been diagnosed December 1998. Those close to him associate him with a miracle of healing. Upon recovery, Wayne volunteered in supporting a program at Fairview Middle School to recognize students who are seldom recognized, bringing many to tears when the young person received an award.

Wayne remained an avid NCSU fan, following NCSU sports closely. Wayne believed he was a public servant and taught by example, he believed his own life should exemplify what he expected of others. Wayne and his family have experienced the long good-bye and the slow progressing experience of Alzheimer's. Because of Wayne's love of NCSU and their colors of red & white, please feel free to wear red at the funeral and celebrate with us his passion and love for his alma mater NCSU.

A visitation will be held from 6-8pm on Sunday, August 10, 2014 at Bevis Funeral Home (2710 N Monroe Street). The service will take place at 11am on Monday, August 11 at Faith Presbyterian Church (2200 N Meridian Rd, Tallahassee, FL 32303), with a reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Alzheimer's Project (301 East Tharpe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32303) and the American Cancer Society(www.cancer.org) Rocky Bevis of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements (850-385-2193, www.bevisfh.com)

Cemetery Details

MeadowWood Memorial Park

700 Timberlane Rd.
Tallahassee, FL 32312

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **10.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory
200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-2193

Service

AUG **11.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Faith Presbyterian Church
2200 North Meridian Rd.
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Tribute Wall



“ *Bevis Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Wayne Paysour Smith*



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Enjoyed watching it again. It is a beautiful representation of your dad.

Stephanie Mellom - August 27, 2014 at 03:25 PM