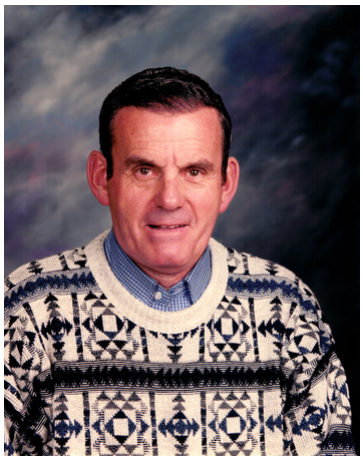

Paul Vernon Smith

October 6, 1941 ~ March 20, 2025

Our prayers are with your family at this time. Paul is one of our favorite people from the old Eastmont Ward. He stuck to traditional teaching and holding students and parents responsible for classroom achievement. Here's hoping he still gets to do the same on the other side of the veil.

- Darrin & Wendy Webster

Paul was a big influence and taught me about the gospel when we worked together at Expo 70. In 1971 when I came to Brigham Young University, Paul was right there helping me move into my apartment. He came quite frequently to visit me and would bring me the bounty from his hunting escapades. I was always so thankful for his watching out for me.. Whenever I had a crisis or needed counseling, he was right there to lend his sage advice. It was my honor to have kept in touch with him all these years. He truly was a remarkable man and a wonderful friend.! I will miss his humor and our interesting talks. My sincerest sympathy to each of his children and friends. Sincerely, Claudette Palka Lowery

- Claudette Lowery

So sorry to hear of Paul’s passing. The Gomez family owes a big thanks and debt of gratitude to Paul and Helen and the family for how they helped and cared for our family all those years on Diamond Way. Very good neighbors in an awesome neighborhood. And even after most of us left, we would see Paul at HHS games, where many times he wouldn’t take our money, but just stamped our hands and let us in.

- Mike Gomez

Mr. Smith was my tennis coach in High School and I remember how he challenged me to step up on a few occasions and that has had a big impact on my life. I also witnessed him do the right thing for the kids at Hillcrest on several occasions, and it was always behind the scenes. My father who coached at Murray during the same time always spoke highly of Mr. Smith. My condolences on your loss!

- Matt Moore

Paul was a good neighbor, a good friend and a good man. Paul (and Helen) were examples of how to live a life in concert with Heavenly Fathers wishes.

- Carol & Howard Van Horn