

Verdi Thomas Smith

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I only had the opportunity to personally interact with Verdi on one occasion, but his son and family shared about him over the years. He was kind, thoughtful, and wise. My sincere condolences to his family and friends. He was immensely loved! With love.

- Nancy Lawson

Derek I'm sorry for your loss. Your Dad sounds like he was an amazing person and, knowing you he must have been an amazing Father.

- Nelson Holmes

Sherry, we are so sorry for your loss of Verdi. He was such a fine, loving man, and was so courageous in his battle with MS. You were a wonderful caretaker for him. May you be comforted by the knowledge that you will be with him again. May the Lord bless you and keep you

- Mel and Christy Webb

I love Verdi! He was one of the kindest people I've ever known. I lived in the same ward as Verdi and Sherry when I was a teenager. It was one fateful Saturday morning that I woke up in a panic because I was sure that I was late for a service project we were doing for the Smiths that morning as a youth group. When I got there I found out I was wrong and that there wasn't an activity that day, but that didn't stop Verdi from finding things for me to do. It was that day that Verdi asked if I would be willing to come back over periodically to help with yard work and other projects. Agreeing to do this for him was one of the best decisions I have ever made in my life. For several years, Verdi would call every spring with a list of things he would like done, and from that point on I would come over a couple days a week throughout the spring and summer to help out. He insisted on paying me, even though I would refuse, he wouldn't take no for an answer. It was such a blessing though, because I saved that money and it helped pay for my mission. While working, he would come out with his walking stick and he'd use it to point at different branches or hedges that I had missed and still needed trimming. I could tell that he hated that he couldn't do it

himself, and I tried my best to do it to his liking cause I knew if I didn't it would bug him until I came back the next time. Haha. He was a great example of how to give constructive criticism. Haha My favorite times though were when he would come out as I finished and he would just talk with me. He took time to get to know me, to share advice and stories with me and to listen to me. I think about him often. I think about him when I mow my lawn or trim my hedges and I wonder if Verdi would approve. I think of how he treated me with kindness and care even though I was far from the best landscaper. I try to follow his example when interacting with others. My thoughts and prayers are with Sherry and her family. I love Verdi and I love you all. Brigham Mero

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Our condolences, Sherrie and family. What a Trooper Verdi was and is! We have admired him for years! You also, I retired in about 2016 and we went on a mission to Bolivia. We lost track of the Smiths during that 2 years and are so sorry we couldn't get in touch. We love you all. Reed & Kathleen Thacker

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