

Donald Lee Smith

July 18, 1937 ~ March 31, 2021

Donald Lee Smith departed this life to embrace his beloved wife, Nancy, on Wednesday, March 31, 2021. He was born July 18, 1937 in Akron, Ohio to Herman Smith and Elva Grace Ashcraft Smith. Donald Lee Smith devoted his life to teaching. He graduated from the University of Akron and achieved post-graduate degrees from Vanderbilt University, the University of Utah, and Utah State University. As a master teacher, he built excellent scholars first at Revere high School in Bath, Ohio, then in 1971, he began teaching at East High School and taught there for 28 years, then he taught at his beloved Tooele High School. He taught High School students for a total of 55 years.

Donald Lee Smith's teaching specialty was Advanced Placement English and Debate. He had great influence on thousands of students. He had a gift to build excellence in young men and women. He led many to high scores on the Advanced Placement test. He was a nationally known High School debate coach. In addition, he was a powerful teacher of the principles of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and influenced many.

He courted Nancy Lucile Smith, another accomplished teacher at East High School, and married his sweetheart on December 21, 1973. He also loved his second family. Kevin and Stephanie Jensen and their wonderful children opened their arms to him and his collie dogs.

Donald Lee Smith was preceded in death by his parents and siblings, brother, Pete and sister, Vivian. He is survived by brothers-in-law, H. Clayton Smith (Sandra), James C. Smith (Sue), and Willard C. Smith (Rosemary) and sister-in-law, Florence Myers (Oliver) and numerous nieces and nephews.

A public viewing will be held Friday, April 9th, 2021 from 9:00 – 10:45 at the LDS Apple Chapel (415 W Apple St, Grantsville, UT 84029). Services were recorded and can be viewed here: https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/1q2Xhrc5AD5RfWbImQ_zIEWf7N06JgAwCr8SKKnlogPiKPbr3Ny8e1mMvdeYMr1I.3E

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Interment will be in Salt Lake City Cemetery.