



Billy Leon Smith

November 27, 1943 - September 20, 2009

Billy L. Smith age 65 of Kingston passed away Sunday September 20, 2009 at Roane Medical Center. He was a retired teacher from Cherokee Middle School and coached girls basketball for 25 years and was a football official for 20 years. He had a Honorable discharge from being in the Army for 5 years and was awarded 3 Bronze Stars. Mr Smith was a medic in the Army, and flew in a chopper to pick up the wounded. He also received several other awards. He was a rifle expert and received medals for outstanding target shooting. He was an avid runner in several marathons and races. He ran in the Peach Tree Road Race with his sister Betty daughter Wendy and brother-in-law Tom. Mr. Smith and his Son in law John Savage also owned a race car team named Savage and Smith Racing. He was preceded in death by his parents Albert and Jane Liggett Smith.

Survivors include wife of 38 years Ella Mae Fritts Smith
Daughter and son in law Wendy and John Savage all of Kingston
Sister Betty Jane and husband Tom Collier of Greensboro, GA
Mother-in-law Margaret Fritts of Rockwood

Funeral 7pm Tuesday September 22, 2009 in the Kyker Chapel with the Rev. Donnie Hill and the Rev. Nick Hill officiating. Burial 11am Wednesday in Lawnville Cemetery with military honors given by the Roane County Military Memorial Honor Gurard. The family will receive friends from 5 until 7pm

Tuesday at the Kyker Funeral Home in Kingston,

Tribute Wall

KC

“ Dear Ella Mae & Wendy, So sorry to hear about Bill. He truly was a wonderful man. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Love,

Karen & Jim

Karen & Jim Comer - October 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ I no longer live in Kingston and was very sadden to learn about Coach Smith. I worked with him at Cherokee and he was a fine man who had a positive influence on many students. He was always a hard worker and respected by everyone. Please know your family is in my thought and prays.

Roger Eichelberger - October 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Dear Tom & BJ, We were sad to hear about your brother. I remember his picture and the stories you have told over the years. please pass on condolences to his wife and daughter. And know we're thinking of you as you are missing another family family so soon after you lost your Mom. As our families grow smaller, we must pull closer to all our loved ones and appreciate each one every day. Love, J&J

j&j Hedge - September 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *BJ, we are so very sorry to hear about the loss of your brother. I can't imagine the pain you are going through but we pray that God will be your comfort. I read the obit and I thought it was so neat that he ran the Peach Tree Race with you and Tom! He looked like a really nice guy. Our prayers are with you & Tom! Love to you, Nancy & Stan*

Stan & Nancy Pippin - September 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *B.J. We are so sorry to hear about your brother's death. What a shock it must be for you and your family. And what an American hero he was! My heart goes out to his wife and daughter and, of course to you. We love you. Al and Jill*

Jill and Al LaCross - September 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ *B.J. Thank you for sending this to me. You're right -- he was a good man who thought of others before himself! Could there be a more desirable summary of a man's life than that? Love you...Donna*

Donna Kicklighter - September 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ *B J & Tom,
We have been thinking of you in this time of grief. We will keep you in our prayers and stand by ready to assist in any way that may help.
Love
Betty and Hal Stewart*

Hal & Betty Stewart - September 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM