



Dennis Smith

October 28, 1935 - February 11, 2012

Murrells Inlet

Dennis Lee Smith

Dennis Lee Smith, 76, of Murrells Inlet, SC, passed away on February 11th, at Waccamaw Community Hospital in Murrells Inlet, SC. He was born on October 28, 1935 in the Horry Community of Horry County, SC to Lee Geroy Smith and Frances Stalvey Smith.

He received his degree from Newberry College and served as Assistant Principal and math teacher at Aynor High School for fourteen years while also involved in tobacco farming. He served his country as a member of the National Guard for six years.

In 1969, he built and operated Land's Inn Hotel in Myrtle Beach. He and his family later expanded their businesses to currently include Bermuda Sands, Bar Harbor and Oceans One. Mr. Smith was a former member and Deacon of Salem Baptist Church while also serving as President of the Finance committee, Chairman of the Building committee for the Fellowship Hall and leader of the Boy's Youth Group. Mr. Smith was a current member of Belin Memorial United Methodist Church. In addition, Mr. Smith was a member of First Citizens Bank Board of Directors and member of the Myrtle Beach

Advisory Tax committee. He was also a member of the Aynor Lion's Club.

He is survived by his high school sweet heart and loving wife, Martha Jenerette Smith. Dennis took much pleasure listening to his wife's beautiful piano music. Martha was and always will be the love of his life for which he so admired. He was preceded in death by a sister, Connie Sue Smith.

Survivors in addition to his wife include; sons, Dennis Lee Smith Jr. and wife Sherri of Murrells Inlet, SC, Frank D. Smith and wife Candi of Murrells Inlet, SC; daughters, Montye Smith Knox and the late Charlie Knox of Charlotte, NC, Sally J. Smith of Atlanta, GA; grandchildren, Whitney Smith, Dennis Lee Smith III, Matthew Smith, Elizabeth Knox, Candler Smith, Davis Smith; brother Tom G. Smith and wife Sharon of Murrells Inlet, SC; sisters Jacqueline S. Chastain and husband Doyle of Murrells Inlet, SC and New Smyrna Beach, FL and Diane S. Sirmon and husband Bill of Pawleys Island, SC.

A Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 am Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at Belin Memorial United Methodist Church with the Rev. Mike Alexander, Rev. Marty Nason and Rev. Harold Lewis officiating. The family will receive friends at Belin Family Life Center following the service with burial at Salem Baptist Church at 3:30 pm.

Memorial donations may be made to Belin Memorial United Methodist Church, 4182 Hwy. 17 Bus. Murrells Inlet, SC 29576 or to Salem Baptist Church, 4008 Salem Rd, Aynor, SC 29511.

Sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituararies

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **14.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Belin Memorial Un. Methodist Church
PO Box 528
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576-0528

Service

FEB **14.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KJ

“ To Aunt Martha, Monty, Lee, Frankie, and Sally:

Of all the relatives growing up, I was closer to your family than anyone else. The obvious first link being the same age as Frankie and Sally, but the times we spent were always incredibly fulfilling and joyous. As I think back on Uncle Dennis, I think of his steadiness he was one that would "stay the course" and remain even keeled. A few years back he gave me some counsel regarding some very delicate matters a day or week later he came back and noted that he probably should not have said anything. I countered that I valued his counsel and believed his counsel to be wise and one that I heeded.

A huge part of my childhood memories is now feeling a void

*Know that I have been and will continue to pray for each of you
Uncle Dennis now rests with our Lord and Saviour*

In Christ,

Kim and Lisa Jenerette

Kim Jenerette - February 14, 2012 at 09:16 PM

BP

“ Don't know quite how to start this, so I'm gonna dive right in! Dennis and Martha truly exemplify southern grace. Every moment I spent with him was fruitful. There were times when we had an awesome few moments of frivolity, and times when one might have a bit a counsel for the other. Never was there a time I left his presence without a profound sense of respect and admiration.

'Cept one.....I used to cook the crabs we caught in the inlet, making a hot crab dip, in a cast iron skillet. Most times I made two, one for the Powell's, and one for the Smith's.

On this particular day,for some reason, I promised to make them one, and didn't. Possibly an hour, maybe a little later, we were talking over the fence. Not quite sure how it came up, but he reminded me I didn't make him one!!!! His words were" You said you were gonna make us one". That was it. Well, it was there within the hour. It never happened again. He absolutely held me to my word. There is a code of honor amongst true friendship. He lived it every day.

Please note I started this in the present tense....they "exemplify"....for the simple reason they both have instilled true agape love, genteel presence, and genuine concern in us all. It lives on.

*All our love,
Bob& Celia Powell, and Family*

Bob & Celia Powell - February 14, 2012 at 07:34 PM

CL

“ Dear Martha,
We are so sorry for your loss. Dennis was always such a gentleman and so kind. We will keep you in our prayers.
Cindy and LaFon LeGette

Cindy LeGette - February 14, 2012 at 03:20 PM

EL

“ Claude and I will keep you and your family in our prayers. It was an enjoyable pleasure to have met you and Dennis on the Ag trips. We have so many memories of the both of you. He always took such good care of his special lady! And ---we always did know who stole the Clemson flag when we were about to have the picures made. Martha, please accept our deepest sympathy.
Love to you,
Claude and Elizabeth

Elizabeth Lindler - February 13, 2012 at 10:37 PM

RE

“ Dennis was not only a great friend, but a great person. I got to know Dennis when we had the privilege of working with him and his son Lee on numerous occasions. We would sometimes ride around Myrtle Beach in his truck while I enjoyed listening to Dennis tell me how he was a poor dirt farmer from Aynor. I would countered by commenting on his home, the "little shack" on the water, in Murrells Inlet. The one thing I most admired about Dennis was he would tell you "like it was" like it or not.
Dennis was a true asset to the business community and he will be sorely missed.

Your friend,

Richard Eason

Richard Eason - February 13, 2012 at 07:56 PM

TJ

“ I have great childhood memories of Uncle Dennis. In later years as an adult, it was always a joy to spend time talking with him. I am very sad that he is gone. With love, Terry.

terry jenerette - February 13, 2012 at 05:49 PM

GM

“ *Martha and Family,*

My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. He will be missed greatly by all his family and friends. May God be with all of you during this difficult time.

Georgie B Martin, Surfside Beach

Georgie B Martin - February 13, 2012 at 12:59 PM

LE

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to your family from ours. We have a lifetime of memories to celebrate when we think of Dennis and all of the Smith clan that went before . Bless you all . The Joseph Kenyon East Family .*

Louis East - February 13, 2012 at 08:56 AM

RM

“ *Frank and Family,*

We are very sorry to hear about your loss. Your entire family is in our prayers.

Rick and Carol McDowell

Rick McDowell - February 13, 2012 at 08:46 AM

JC

“ *Barbara and I were profoundly saddened to learn of Dennis's death. We recall with great fondness the times we had with you all. Dennis was a Gentlemen's Gentleman. He was a credit to his family, his church, his community and indeed, his country. He will be missed.*

Barbara and Harold Chastain

J. Harold Chastain - February 13, 2012 at 08:10 AM

NH

“ *Martha and Family,
Each of you have our condolences. Each will have their own fond memories of Dennis. May God be with you during this most difficult time and give you peace. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Nancy & Earl Hammond - February 13, 2012 at 08:04 AM

MS

“ *Martha And Ronnie Sharpe lit a candle in memory of Dennis Smith*



Martha and Ronnie Sharpe - February 13, 2012 at 07:29 AM

JD

“ *Frank and Family,
Sorry about the loss of you father. You both have the same smile! I know it is hard but your father is not hurting anymore. Shirley and I have you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.*

Jay Davis

Jay Davis - February 13, 2012 at 07:15 AM

TJ

“ Mrs. Martha and Family,
I was so sorry to hear of Mr. Dennis' passing. In just the few years that I got to know Mr. Dennis and his family I thought so much of him, he was a kind person and always had a smile every time I seen him. I would always watch him around Mrs. Martha, he showed his love in just the way he would look at her and smile. Thomas spoke of him a lot and was thankful for all the encouraging words that he had to offer. Mr. Dennis you will be missed and to your family we offer our deepest sympathy.

Thomas and Jeannie Jenerette - February 13, 2012 at 06:42 AM

RC

“ Martha,
Ann & I have you and your family in our prayers and thoughts.
Roy & Ann Copelan

Roy W. Copelan - February 12, 2012 at 08:15 PM

FK

Montye and family. We share your loss. We are praying for all of you.
Frances and Eddie

Frances Knox - February 13, 2012 at 08:38 AM

JJ

“ Martha and family, I was sorry to hear about Dennis. Have fond memories of Christmases past. Prayers are with you. Joyce Jenerette

Joyce Jenerette - February 12, 2012 at 03:56 PM

PL

“ *Martha and family, sorry to hear about Dennis. He's had a long battle but it's always comforting to know he's at peace and now in a better place. I hope you find comfort and peace through the support of your loving family and friends and know that we have you in our prayers in this difficult time. Dennis will be missed dearly by all that knew him.*

Patricia Johnston & Carol Jean Legette - February 12, 2012 at 03:02 PM

JC

Dear Martha, I was so sorry to get the news about Dennis. He was such a fine man...a real gentleman in every sense of the word. I always enjoyed being around the two of you. Your obvious love for each other rubbed off on everyone around you. I send all my love and deepest sympathy to you and yours.

Jewell Chastain Curtis

Jewell C. Curtis - February 13, 2012 at 07:16 AM