



## Rev. William A. Smith

September 22, 1943 - June 25, 2023

Reverend William Arthur “Bill” Smith passed away at his home in Albany Oregon

surrounded by his loving family on June 25, 2023 at the age of 79.

Bill was born to Raymond Sylvester Smith & Mabel Clair (Blodgett) on September 22, 1943 in Corvallis Oregon. Bill grew up in Harlan Oregon on a family farm

where they raised cattle, sheep, hogs, chickens, honeybees and grew a large vegetable

garden. Bill’s father was a Sawyer at a local Harlan sawmill. When Bill was 4 years old,

his Mother went blind. Bill and his twin brother Will took turns staying home from

school to help their mom. As a kid, Bill is remembered for leading his mother around by

the hand and helping with the household and farm chores. Bill loved the outdoors and

grew up hunting and fishing. He excelled in school despite the challenges and was the

8th grade valedictorian of the last class to attend the Harlan grade school.

A 1961 graduate of Eddyville High School, Bill was a four year letterman in Football, Basketball and Baseball. In addition, he excelled in FFA and 4H, winning

many achievement awards. Bill attended Northwest Bible College in Kirkland Washington starting in 1961.

Bill had a dream of a girl his age playing an accordion on a stage. Shortly after,

he saw Judith "Judy" Waring at 12 years old at a 4H event playing the accordion just

like the dream. He went home and announced to his mom that he had met the girl he

wanted to marry. On July 14th, 1962 the two were married in Newport Oregon.

They

had 5 children, 3 foster children and opened their home to other kids for short time

periods as well. Altogether, Bill and Judy currently have 20 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Bill came to salvation through Jesus Christ as a teenage at Chapel Of The Valley

in Harlan. His first ministry opportunity was at that same church at the age of 16 as a

fill-in preacher. He was Bi-Vocational from the start, first working as a Logger and as a

Pioneer Church Planter in logging camps and island towns in SE Alaska including; Port

Alice AK, False Island AK near Sitka and Kake AK, near Saginaw Bay. At the logging

camp on False Island, he became the armed bear guard after a grizzly attack on the

timber cutters. Bill served as an Assistant Pastor at Beacon Rainier Assembly in Seattle

while working at a garden store and attending Northwest Bible College for a second

time in 1968. In 1969, Bill became Pastor of Umatilla Assembly of God Church

in

Oregon while working in a potato packing warehouse. In 1972 Bill and Judy pastored in

Wrangell Alaska and Bill worked as a commercial fisherman in the summer and as a fur

trapper in the winter. In 1972 he was ordained by the Alaska District of The Assemblies

of God in Fairbanks.

In 1974 Bill and Judy and their 5 kids moved back to Harlan to pioneer a family

farm and start a logging business. In 1977 Bill was badly injured in a logging accident

that he barely survived. After his accident he provided for his family by doing beekeeping and became the Lincoln County Trapper. Bill resumed his logging company

and he and Judy took in three foster children in 1988.

In 1990 Bill began traveling to Belize, Honduras, El Salvador and other Central

American countries as an evangelist. That led to an invitation to preach in the African

country of Togo during a civil war. Bill's style of preaching was well received and a

ministry called Worldwide Crusades was born. In between these exciting and successful preaching opportunities in many African, Central American, South American

and Caribbean nations, Bill continued his logging company to provide for his family and

sometimes finance his outreach events. From 1996 to 2016 Bill and Judy were the

Pastors of Alsea Christian Fellowship in the Oregon coast range. During their

time at

Alsea Christian Fellowship, they built a new church building and had 20 years of

successful ministry while also traveling to preach, train national leaders and take

building teams to other countries through the ministry of Worldwide Crusades which

was renamed Worldwide Outreach. In 2015 because of health reasons, Bill nominated

his son, Derick to continue and expand Worldwide Outreach, an independent non-denominational ministry which is now working in over 30 countries around the world.

The ministry still holds outreach evangelism events and has a new focus on equipping

national pastors, church planters and evangelists to reach their own people with the

gospel of Jesus Christ and to help pioneer outreach efforts to unreached people

groups around the world through partnerships and national missions teams.

William "Bill" Smith was preceded in death by his brother Robert in 1951 who was killed while cutting timber. Bill was only 8 years old. His mother Mable died in 1961

when Bill was 17 years old and had just graduated from Eddyville High School. His

father Raymond passed in 1974, his sister Marlene in 2014 and his twin brother Wilmer

"Will" passed in 2020.

Bill is survived by his brother Richard of Sisters Oregon, his wife Judith of Albany Oregon and their 8 children: Stephen (Becky) of Clinton Washington, Karen of

Central Oregon, Sterling (Alice) of Washougal Washington, Janelle (Todd) of

Harlan

Oregon, Derick (Shannon) of Post Falls Idaho, Sarah (Kenton) of Alsea Oregon, Joseph

of Litchfield Minnesota and Susan (Dan) of Theodore Alabama. 20 grandchildren and 5

great-grandchildren were dearly loved by their "Papa" who lived a full and adventurous

life for the Lord. Bill will be laid to rest at the Harlan Pioneer Cemetery. The funeral

service will be Saturday, July 8th at 11:00am at Alsea Christian Fellowship, 18080

Alsea Highway, Alsea Oregon. Open casket viewing is available on Friday, July 7th from

3-7pm at McHenry Funeral Home, 206 NW 5th Street, Corvallis Oregon and from 9am

to 11am before the funeral service at Alsea Christian Fellowship.

Memorial Donations can be made to Worldwide Outreach, which Bill founded in

1994, to proclaim the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ.

Please share your thoughts and memories for the family at [www.mchenryfuneralhome.com](http://www.mchenryfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JUL 7. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

McHenry Funeral Home  
206 NW 5th St.  
Corvallis, OR

## Funeral Service

JUL 8. 11:00 AM (PT)

Alsea Christian Fellowship  
18080 Alsea Highway  
Alsea, OR 97324

# Tribute Wall

AH

“ *Annie B Hall lit a candle in memory of Rev. William A. Smith*



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**Annie B Hall** - August 03, 2023 at 05:32 AM

AW

“ *Here I am sharing with you a special person Pastor Bill Smith who helped shaped my life as a young wife and mother and young Christian. His Memorial took place at Alsea Christian Fellowship this passed Saturday. Lord Jesus thank you for giving us Bill and Judy to serve, teach and display the love of God and true faith that God is all powerful and loving to all people! My faith was built by his teaching, preaching, stories of deliverance and salvation of souls he had the privilege to reap for Jesus. I personally had the privilege to help build a church in San Pedro Sula Honduras 1999, Chaperone young people on a trip to Belize in 2001, and visit three orphanages in Uganda, Africa March 2008 where our ferry boat we discovered was a dugout canoe paddled by a man - a half hour trip through papyrus swamp to the land along Lake Victoria and our taxi was our personal motorcycle sitting behind the driver sidesaddle as I video taped the 20 minute ride through muddy trails, driving by thatched huts through a fishing village and finally arriving to the shore of Lake Victoria where a crowd of orphan children running out to us singing and welcoming us to their homes where we stayed and visited and lived there a few days! Oh what a life change! Thank you Bill for the Hunting trips, having us over for popcorn movie nights, your laughter your tears, your willingness to go into all the world to save souls for Jesus! See you in heaven some glad day pastor Bill! “Hola Senior Bill...Adios Senior Bill”*

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**Ann Woods** - July 10, 2023 at 01:00 PM

AD

“ *Knowing Bill was one of the highlights of my youth and early walk with Christ. Every time he would speak at RR Powwow was empowering. His testimony of the adventures God would take him on while sharing the Gospel was awe inspiring. I can only pray to live half the life he did.*



*He will be greatly missed.*

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**Allan Drake** - July 08, 2023 at 10:32 AM

RG

“ *Bill was a true ministry trailblazer. I had the privilege of taking a team with him to Honduras back in the mid 2000's. His determination and desire to reach people with the good news was special and he impacted many for Christ. He will be missed by many but I am thankful he is no longer suffering. Enjoy your reward Bill and we will see you later friend.*

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**Rob Gerig** - July 07, 2023 at 07:45 PM

VT

“ *It was a pleasure to work alongside Pastor Bill for many years in the office at Alsea Christian Fellowship. His presence will always be felt here.*

*Virginia Titman  
Secretary  
Alsea Christian Fellowship*

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**Virginia Titman** - July 07, 2023 at 04:56 PM

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“ *Rachelle MacBean (Jones) lit a candle in memory of Rev. William A. Smith*



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**Rachelle MacBean (Jones)** - July 07, 2023 at 04:13 PM

JS

“ *While I did not know Bill personally, I knew him through old friends Ermie Walter and Andy Landforce. And countless drives past the Fellowship. You see i am a fisherman, addicted to Steelhead. Tight lines Bill.*

*John Snelling, Corvallis*

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**john snelling** - July 07, 2023 at 09:48 AM

MH

“ *Bill was a pretty direct man. I valued that from him. He made you feel like you were being heard and he didn't mind giving you advise or his opinion...mostly with a smile. Very dear man.*

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**Mary Hartley** - July 06, 2023 at 08:51 PM

VK

“ *I remember fishing trips to the Steens mountains over in Eastern Oregon. Mission trip to Belize. Eating cherry pie with Bill was always fun especially when there was a little added hot sauce.*

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**Vernon kessi** - July 05, 2023 at 08:43 PM

KS

“ *Karri Spriggs lit a candle in memory of Rev. William A. Smith*



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**Karri Spriggs** - July 05, 2023 at 07:54 PM

PC

“ *Pattie Cardoza lit a candle in memory of Rev. William A. Smith*



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**Pattie Cardoza** - July 05, 2023 at 05:19 PM

DS

“ I have so many great memories of my time living with the Smith family when I was a quite young, (starting age 12). Coming back to the states after several years in Belize was quite a transition. I had a funny accent and had no clue about that country life : raising sheep, cows and pigs, riding horses and motorcycles (pronounced “motor sickles”), hay rides and capture the flag, I mean, there’s too much to mention here... most importantly, I finally had an example of what a godly man, husband and father should be. To this day, I still hope I can live up to that perfectly imperfect example. No one can do it all right, but we can point each other to the One who does it ALL right. And for pointing me to my Heavenly Father, that’s what I want folks to know most about Bill.

*Most people don't know that Bill married my mom and dad and my mother named me after him. If you're Facebook friends with me, it's why I have included my middle name. If you're not, you can look me up as Dale William Scott.*

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**Dale Scott** - July 05, 2023 at 03:44 PM

BS

“ Buzz N Lani Spriggs lit a candle in memory of Rev. William A. Smith



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**Buzz n Lani Spriggs** - July 05, 2023 at 03:12 PM

SW

“ I really don't know where to start. Over 30 years ago on Superintendents Tour in Newport, Or. I shared that the Oregon District Royal Rangers were looking for a site to hold a District Pow Wow and if any Pastors knew of a place to please let me know. After the meeting Bill came to me and said “I have a place for your Pow Wow just outside of Harlan. He invited us to come look at it. So we toured the Smith Ponderosa and walked among the thistles and cow pies. A vision was born and Bill offered us the chance to use it for a grand rental price of \$1 per year.

*Because of the generosity of the Smith family many lives have been changed. I am deeply thankful to them for not only making the property available but for all the hard work they put in so that lives could be changed.*

*Thank you Bill and thank you Smith/Taylor family.*

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**Skip Walker** - July 05, 2023 at 12:50 PM

LS

“ Leah Stiles lit a candle in memory of Rev. William A. Smith



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**Leah Stiles** - July 05, 2023 at 11:50 AM



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**McHenry Funeral Home** - July 03, 2023 at 08:12 PM



“ *Jr. Wilma Denué lit a candle in memory of William Smith*



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**Jr. and Wilma Denué** - June 29, 2023 at 09:03 PM