



Loren C. Smith Sr.

March 6, 1923 - September 3, 2021

Loren C. Smith, Sr., 98, of Mason City, passed away at Mason City Area Nursing Home, at 7:05 p.m., on Friday, September 3, 2021. He was born March 6, 1923, in Quiver Township, Mason County, Illinois, to Dillard and Marguerite (Holste) Smith. He married Beatrice May Roof on December 6, 1946, at the Baptist Parsonage in Mason City, Illinois. She preceded him in death on April 24, 2009.

Loren is survived by one son, Loren (Stephanie) Smith Jr., of Irmo, SC; two grandchildren: Heather (Keith) Ochoga, of Canada, David (Janna) McPhee, of Canada; as well as, four great-grandchildren: Hudson, Hope, Libby and Cherish McPhee. Also surviving is one sister, Fran Junker, of Illinois. He was preceded in death by his wife, one daughter, Susan McPhee, on June 2, 2018; and siblings: Kay Krey, Harold Smith, Denzel Clark, Jerauld Smith, Otis Smith, Juanita Oest, Howard Clark and Violet Chasteen.

Loren worked for Caterpillar Tractor Company for 34 years. He loved to hunt and fish, especially with his grandson, David and great-nephew Brad Roof. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Mason City, Illinois.

Private graveside services will be held at Laurel Hill Cemetery in Havana. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church of Mason City, or Mason City Area Nursing Home. Online memorial messages may be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com.

Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Laurel Hill Cemetery

1105 E Laurel Ave
Havana, IL 62644
(309) 543-2986

Tribute Wall

QS

“ I’m not sure anyone will see this comment but just in case... I didn’t know Loren. I looked him up because of a recent purchase I made, and the engraving I found on the bottom. Just so his family knows this is being well cared for.
Quaitie Siverly



Quaitie Siverly - July 31, 2024 at 05:44 PM



“ Loren C. Smith Sr.

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM

AS

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of Loren. I am married to the grandson of James and Effie Lee Smith. I’m pretty sure they were cousins. I loved when Sue and Loren would come over to visit. Becky and Sue would love to chat while Loren, of course, talked over everyone about his hunting adventures! I loved his stories. those are great memories for me and my family. I am very glad that I got to know him.
Ardi Sidwell

Ardi Sidwell - October 13, 2021 at 10:36 AM

CB

“ Like clockwork Loren would come to the nursing home M-F to pick up his lunch meal--sit in my office and tell me the gossip. Loved to talk about planning hunting trips, bringing in large bags of popcorn for the staff and telling stories. Once he came to live with us he loved to talk, 1:1 visits and a good snack! We all enjoyed Loren, a very special man.

Christine Banks - September 07, 2021 at 10:49 AM

CK

“ So sorry for your loss prayers to the family. I always had such a good time with them at the craft shows. I have several thing made by Loren that I treasure. Cousin Carol Fisk Kolves.

Carol Fisk Kolves - September 07, 2021 at 10:08 AM

RK

“ Uncle Loren was a man who lived his Christian values. He was jovial and kind, and I remember well his spontaneous laughter at family gatherings and his helpful advice at Fall pheasant hunts. He was willing to assist people no matter when or where. He was devoted to Aunt Bea, committed to his immediate and extended family and dedicated to his church and community. He lived a great life, and those who knew him gained much from the lessons he taught so easily. (And he never met a cat he didn't like.)

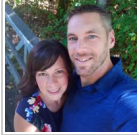
Ray & Nancy Krey - September 06, 2021 at 06:18 PM

HO

“ Grandpa, I have so many wonderful memories with you. You and Grandma were so involved in Dave and I's lives from the day we were born. We loved visiting you in Mason City- you played with us, teased us (you'd "catch" my thumb" and bend it), you built us so many wonderful toys. I still have the dollhouse, doll furniture, horseshoe classroom chart, and cards from birthdays. I remember catching catfish, staying in the camper, going to garage sales, having ice cream after swimming, helping in the garden, and enjoying the fresh corn. My Dad was amazed at the huge tomatoes you grew. You also had the "fun' cereal- Lucky Charms. I remember driving with you in your truck, going to church and Sunday School, and admiring all the things you built for different people. My mom had the newspaper clippings of you in the paper with a turkey you'd got or the veggies from your garden. You met Keith in 2013 and you two were "fun trouble"- teasing and telling jokes. My mom and you waited at the train station for us. You loved us so well and I'm so blessed to have been your granddaughter.



HEATHER OCHOGA - September 06, 2021 at 02:26 PM



“ *My dear grandpa. You have been such a formative influence on my life for good. Some of my most special memories were made spending time with you - fishing together, "helping" you mow on your lawn tractor, romping through your garden, staying up late to catch nightcrawlers and fireflies. You welcomed me into your world and I loved being with you. In your quiet way you modelled for me the value of hard work and the importance of serving others. You lived the gospel in the way you loved people well. I count myself blessed to be one of those people. You are dearly loved and missed. - David*

DaveandJanna McPhee - September 05, 2021 at 03:20 PM

DT

“ *We really missed having Loren as a neighbor when he went to the nursing home. Jamie particularly missed sitting on the porch with Loren and listening to his stories*

dee and jamie thompson - September 05, 2021 at 09:52 AM

JJ

“ *I have very fond memories of Uncle Loren, his bird whistles, his calm demeanor. He always had a story to tell about Loren Jr's accomplishments and you could hear the pride in his voice. His love for family and of course the outdoors was obvious but so was his compassion for others and love of his community. Nothing but good memories!*

Jerauld Smith Jr. - September 05, 2021 at 09:34 AM

DM

“ *Darlene (Dee) & Terry McClure lit a candle in memory of Loren C. Smith Sr.*



Darlene (Dee) & Terry McClure - September 04, 2021 at 08:27 PM

JW

“ *Loren was a kind and caring man. We enjoyed many visits with him in recent years and have good memories of years gone by. We send our deepest condolences and prayers to the family.*

Terry & Jeanne Wunderle

Jeanne & Terry Wunderle - September 04, 2021 at 07:13 PM

VB

“ *Vickie Bagby lit a candle in memory of Loren C. Smith Sr.*



Vickie Bagby - September 04, 2021 at 01:21 PM