



## David M. Smith

May 14, 1958 - April 15, 2008

David M. Smith, 49, of New Castle, died Tuesday at his residence following a long fight with cancer.

He was born May 14, 1958 in New Castle, the son of Dr. Mark and Janice Smith.

David was a 1976 graduate of New Castle Chrysler High School where he enjoyed running track and playing on the basketball team. He graduated from Taylor University where he majored in education and earned his Master's Degree in Educational Counseling from Ball State University. For the past 15 years he was a student counselor in Hagerstown, currently at the Junior Senior High School. He was a member of the New Testament Church of Christ in Hagerstown. He lived for his family and enjoyed fishing, woodworking and especially gardening.

He is survived by his loving wife, Jeanie Smith; three sons, Ben, Nate, and Caleb Smith all at home; four sisters, Cathy (husband: Bob) Osborne of Cincinnati, OH, Robin Abbott of Austin, TX, Laura Curtis of Charlottesville, VA, and Kim Sievers of Evansville; also several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. Mark and Janice Smith in 1989.

Services will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, April 19, 2008 at Sproles Family Funeral Home with Pastor Paul Gearhardt officiating. Burial will follow in South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition.

Friends may call from 4 – 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Dr. Mark and Janice Smith Scholarship Fund or IU Simon Cancer Center Research Fund (<http://cancer.iu.edu/>) with envelopes available at the funeral home.

You may send the family a personal condolence at [www.sprolesfamilycares.com](http://www.sprolesfamilycares.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ To the Smith Family:

*It was with great sorrow that I learned of Dave's passing today. I know that there are no words to ease your pain but take comfort in your faith and knowledge that Dave is in a much better place, no doubt, embracing his mom and dad. Having spent several years growing up in New Castle, I only have fond memories of the times that our families shared together. We too lost my brother, Doug, last year. It puts a smile on my face remembering all of the time spent watching the boys out on the little league ball diamonds. I am sure that Dave was a very caring husband, father, brother, uncle, and friend. Just like our family, you now have a guardian angel watching over you all. Take care and God Bless.*

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**Cindy Pate (Allen)** - May 08, 2008 at 06:43 PM

MA

“ We were both saddened today to hear of David's passing. We were opening our mail today and Jane Reece had forwarded the obit. to us. We send our condolences to the family and pray that the Lord gives you the strength and faith to deal with this great loss. David was a joy to manage in Little League years ago and a close friend to our son Doug when we lived in Newcastle in the late '60's. We also lost our son Doug on August 31, 2007 when he passed unexpectedly leaving two teenage children. We can definitely relate to your loss and sorrow. Again, we express our deepest sympathy and regrets with the loss of your brother, husband and father.

*Ernie and Peggy Allen Hamilton, Ohio*

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**Mr.&Mrs. Ernie Allen** - May 08, 2008 at 05:41 PM

CH

“ i sent something to the family all ready but to those who arn't related to Mr. Smith i hope you knew him cause he was a great guy if you didn't know him you missed a great thing.

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**cassie harris** - May 01, 2008 at 11:11 AM

LM

“ The Smith Family, My neice Rebbecca (Becky) informed of me your loss. Having recently lost my husband, sister, and mother from cancer. It truly does bring great grief to the deceased and to the loved ones, especsially the children. What we can do is take comfort in our Lord. That comfort will in time ease some of the pain. May God continue to carry you and your loved ones when you think you can not carry on. God Bless you. Mrs Robert C. Mussman Sr.

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**Linda Mussman** - April 23, 2008 at 03:26 PM

TS

“ *what a great loss, he was a wonderful man, great guidance counselor and an inspiration to all who had the blessing of knowing him. he truly cared for everyone he came in contact with, both in and out of school...so sorry*

Teri Grossman/ Jessica Selkirk - April 21, 2008 at 07:10 PM

JC

“ *Robin,  
I am so sorry for your loss. I did not know David well, but your family and your parents in particular were always very gracious to me when I was in their home. Praying that the Lord will heal your heart, and hold you during your grieving.*

Jennie (Stearns) Cooper - April 21, 2008 at 05:18 PM

TF

“ *Jeanie and family, You have our deepest sympathies for your loss. I am sorry I was not available to visit last Friday. David and I grew up together in the same neighbor hood and went to the same grade school. We became friends and ran around together during our high school and college years. I knew David as a kind, gentle,honest and intelligent person. Someone you could always count on and that was wise beyhond his years. Although I only saw and talked with David a few times since, I am certain he was a fine father, husband and asset to the school and community. He will be missed but never forgotten for all that he was and meant to so many people. I feel fortunate to have known David and the Smith family growing up in New Castle. You are all in our prayers. God Bless.*

Tom Judkins & family - April 21, 2008 at 01:34 PM

DS

“ *I have so many great memories of David as we went to school together since the fifth grade. I know he was such a wonderful husband, father, and brother. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family now and in the future. He was one of the good guys ! I will miss him.  
David Shell*

David Shell - April 19, 2008 at 03:53 PM

BR

“ *David has always been an inspiration to us all. Know that my prayers are with you all.*

Brett Ray - April 19, 2008 at 12:53 AM

RW

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to David's family on this very tragic loss. He was a great person. We both had the pleasure of going through school with David.

Robbie and Linda Woods - April 18, 2008 at 12:29 PM

ML

“ Cathy & Family,  
Your family and you are in mine and Michael's prayers and thoughts. I am terribly sorry for your loss and I know that he is looking down on you now and now he can be with you whenever you want him to be. Just think about him and he will be there. Okay so I am babbling I guess. I just want to let you know that we are thinking of you at this difficult time and know that we will be here for you and your family for anything you need.

Love,

Allie and Mike Loomis

Michael & Allie Loomis - April 18, 2008 at 11:39 AM

SS

“ When I think of Dave's passing, I cannot help but think of our many conversations we had about Randy Alcorn's book, Heaven. It makes me smile to think about him in his very large, bugless and weedless garden up in Heaven.  
I miss him already. He always had awesome insights and gave great advice.

Steven, Betsy, Cody & Jessica Swimm - April 18, 2008 at 11:39 AM

AG

“ My thoughts an prayers are with your family. All the staff at New Castle Peds is thinking of your family during your diffuclt time.

alicia goodwin - April 18, 2008 at 10:38 AM

MO

“ To Dave's family, As a Business Teacher at Hagerstown Jr.-Sr. High School, I worked with Dave until my retirement in 2002. I am sorry to hear that Dave lost his battle and will remember him especially at mass this weekend. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Marilyn Oury - April 17, 2008 at 09:46 PM

TB

“ Our family is sorry for your loss. My daughter Crystal had Mr. Smith as a counselor and she thought very highly of him. My oldest son went to HHS as well. Our prayers are with you, the children and other family and friends... I hope this poem I wrote many years ago will help comfort you.  
*I Am Watching Over You... I am watching over you as I walk by God's side. . . I see the sadness in your eyes and I know your pain, but do not cry tears of sorrow. . . For I am with God and I no longer feel the pain. . . As I walk with God, I walk with the assurance that God will give you strength to carry on. . . I will watch over you now, as you have watched over me for all these years... Copyright by Teresa Ann Christian*

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**The Christian Family; Teresa, Chris, Crystal & Ben** - April 17, 2008 at 09:01 PM

JF

“ *Kim,  
Although I never had the opportunity to meet your brother, the description that you gave of him throughout our friendship was that of an accomplished and caring father. Seeing his photo, for the first time, was like looking at a photo of you and your children. I am truly sorry for your family loss. I hope that he, along side your mother and father, is looking down guiding you and your sisters. You have always been like a sister to me and I love you Kim.  
Tracy and Family*

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**Johnstone Family** - April 17, 2008 at 07:07 PM

KA

“ *thoughts and prayers are with you and your family... god bless*

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**katie** - April 17, 2008 at 02:47 PM

AF

“ *Mrs. Smith My family and I are sorry to hear of your loss. My children have missed him this year at H.H.S. I worked with him at the Elementary School a few years ago. He was always happy to share a story about your family. How the boys enjoy playing ball. How the youngest was a daddy's boy, then he would say ( Well maybe thats a mommy's boy). He took his gardening serious. Gave me a few pointers on tomato plants. I always told him he could make millions on those plants. They were great tasting tom. He would say (thats what I share with my family the garden).  
We are truly sorry for your loss. Your husband, father, brother was an angel from God. Be at peace just knowing he has made a difference at Hagerstown Elm. and Hagerstown Jr. Sr. High School. My family will remember his SMILE and kind words.*

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**Athenia Kelley & family** - April 17, 2008 at 02:31 PM

KW

“ *How tragic. I am truly sorry for our loss. Dave was a very caring individual. He will be missed.*

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**Kelly Woodward** - April 17, 2008 at 12:11 PM

JC

“ *Our prayers are with your family.  
My kids and I knew Mr. Smith from Hagerstown Elementry and High school and he was a very nice and careing man. He will be deeply missed.*

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**julia conley** - April 17, 2008 at 11:46 AM

LA

“ *Jeannie, I am so sorry for your loss. You and the boys are in our thoughts and prayers. I have been thinking about you guys a lot lately. If you need anything, please don't hesitate to call!!!  
Lucinda*

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**Lucinda Alexander** - April 17, 2008 at 08:14 AM

TF

“ *Our deepest sympathies,  
With all our love, Matt, Jody, Madelynn, and Michael Furniss*

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**The Furniss family** - April 16, 2008 at 09:16 PM