



Rodney G. Smith

August 30, 1937 - March 7, 2022

Rodney Gibbs Smith was born on August 30, 1937, in Idaho Falls, Idaho. He passed away on March 7, 2022, in Vancouver, Washington where he resided for 55 years. He is survived by his wife, Norma Jean Schwieder, his 5 children and their spouses, Allison (Scott) Todd (Karen) Kailyn (David) Bear (Janae) Jimmy (Brittany), 21 grandchildren, and 25 great-grandchildren. Rod worked at Clark Community College for 33 years as a professor of health & physical education. He graduated from Utah State University and began his career as a teacher and coach at Idaho Falls High School. He was a lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He served with his wife on a C.E.S. mission for the church on the Sioux Lakota Indian reservation in South Dakota (2001-02). He also served in the Portland Oregon Latter-day Saint temple for 15 years after his mission. His testimony of Jesus Christ and His gospel will be his legacy to all his posterity. All who knew him were blessed by his positive, happy, kind, and friendly personality especially his questionable sense of humor. He had a love of music from Frank Sinatra and movies with John Wayne. Most important to him was the love of his life and eternal companion, Jean. Funeral services will be held on March 15, 2022, at 10509 S.E. 5th St. in Vancouver, Washington at 11:00 am. There will be a viewing preceding the service from 9:00 - 10:00.

Tribute Wall

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“ Rod coached the mens basketball team for many years at Clark College. We were talking about our frustration referees had caused us as coaches. Rod told the story of how in a game at Centralia, he was so frustrated with the officiating, he told how he walked over to one of the refs holding out his wallet. He told the ref, you have taken everything else from me tonight, you might as well have this too! Gosh we laughed at that. I have never done that but it did cross my mind a couple of times.

Mike Arnold - March 14, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sending our love and prayers and heartfelt condolences. Our thoughts are with you and your family, we love you very much! We will miss Uncle Rod.



Tribute Store - March 12, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Chapel and Crematory

A Memorial Tree was planted for Rodney G. Smith - March 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM