



## Jim Smith

April 7, 1929 - October 19, 2018

Jim Smith (89)

A truly beautiful soul, born Edward James Smith to Edward J. Smith and Margaret Boyer Smith on April 7, 1929 in Hayes, KA. and died October 19, 2018 in Pueblo, CO. with his family and many dear friends at his side.

Jim lived an incredibly blessed life. He LOVED sports and excelled in football which earned him a scholarship to Notre Dame. Upon graduation, he landed his first coaching job for the freshman football team at Notre Dame. It was then that the U.S. Marine corps came calling and he served as a platoon leader in Recon Co., 1st Marine Division during the Korean War, 1952-1954.

At the completion of the Korean War, Jim came back home and resumed his life as a football coach at both the high school and Collegiate level to include coaching the Buffalos at Colorado University. It was at that time he married his first love Francis Carol Johnson and together they had 5 children; Tanji Dee, Holly Lee, James Kully, Karla Joy and Shawn (Bo) Dean.

Jim went on to achieve a Doctorate Of Education and became the Dean of Men at the University of New Mexico. He finished his career at Plymouth State College in New Hampshire where he was Dean of Student Affairs for sixteen amazing and heart fulfilling years.

After retiring, Jim remarried Judy Smith of Pueblo CO, which expanded his family, gaining five more beautiful children; Dan, Gary, Deana, Margaret and Jeanie. His later years were spent traveling joyfully around the world with Judy.

In addition, Jim's lifelong faith in God and Jesus guided his devoted dedication and support to numerous Catholic ministries along with countless other charities including; Dream Weavers, Colorado Boys ranch, El Pueblo Boys and Girls Ranch, Meals on Wheels, One World One Heart Foundation as well as sponsoring numerous children around the globe.

Jim's love of God, love of family and love of service to his fellow neighbors were his unwavering priorities throughout his life. In the end, Jim's final prayer was that he could join St. Paul in the justifiable claim that he had "run the good race!"

He is survived by his five children; Tanji Smith Samson and her husband Gerry, Holly Lee Smith, James Kully Smith and his wife Karen, Karla Joy Smith Demers, Shawn (Bo) Dean Smith and his wife Pamela.

3 stepchildren; Dan Smith, Jeannie Baxter and her husband Doug, Margaret McCrea and her husband Dan

15 grandchildren; Jake Turner and his wife Amanda, Krystal Kelly Smith and her fiancé Eric, Kyle James Smith, Anaystaysia Caprice Smith, Autumn Cheyenne Smith, Amber Clarice Smith, Arthur (AJ) Braach, Cierra Levine and her husband Barry, Lindsay Taye Oigny and her husband Dustin, Tawny Pierce and her husband Corey, Tara Jean (TJ) Baxter and her husband Derek Price, Kama Shae Smith, Geramya Joseph Smith, Hailey Jean Smith, April McCrea

and 11 great grandchildren.

In Lieu of flowers, donations can be made to 'Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Pueblo'

Come celebrate his life!

# Cemetery Details

## Rosealwn Cemetery

1706 Roselawn Rd  
Pueblo, CO 81006

# Previous Events

## Viewing

OCT **25**. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

Roselawn Funeral Home Chapel  
1706 Roselawn Rd  
Pueblo, CO 81006

## Rosary

OCT **26**. 10:00 AM (MT)

Cathedral of the Sacred Heart  
414 W 11th Street  
Pueblo, CO

# Tribute Wall

SB

“ *Dean Smith was terrific to me when I probably did not deserve it - He was a terrific man who made a big difference to my future. It was terrific to read his life story - Great Life.*

*With Prayers,  
Steve Burdeau*

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**Steve Burdeau** - October 31, 2018 at 09:17 AM

BD

“ *Bonnie and Dailey purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jim Smith .*



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**Bonnie and Dailey** - October 25, 2018 at 05:53 PM

SA

“ I too had the privilege of knowing Mr. Smith and being able to coach his grandson AJ at Pueblo East. I can truly say, he was one of my favorite people on this planet. Day in and day out, I looked forward to arriving at our practice field only to be greeted by a smile and kind words from Mr. Smith. He would arrive early with a book in his hand and drink by his side, anxiously awaiting for the players to prepare for practice. His eyes would light up as he would watch some of the more intense hitting drills and his excitement grew for game day. I'll truly miss our brief chats and his love not only for the game of football but for life itself. He'll always be a part of our Eagle Family!!!

*Deepest condolences,*

*Coach Sonny Apodaca*

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**Sonny Apodaca** - October 24, 2018 at 02:09 PM

KL

“ My name is Keith Lane. I am a football coach at East High School. I only knew Mr. Smith for about 2 years. His grandson, Arthur is one of my lineman that I get to personally coach. It was because of Arthur that I got to know Mr. Smith. I would see this elderly gentleman attending our practices throughout the summers and through last season and this season. Never missed. 100 degree weather, 40 degree weather, didn't matter. He would be there and watch practices. I introduced myself one day to him, gave him an East football coaching hat and told him " you are special - not too many people get that hat " He was thrilled! I greeted him and said my goodbyes practically everyday i saw him. Never did he have a negative word. He loved watching us coach and watching the players play. In just the short time I knew him he made a powerful impact on me on how he carried himself, his kindness, his joy of life, and sincere words he would say to me. I miss not seeing him at our practices. He was a comforting presence. What a special man you all got to share for alot of years. God has special places for people like Jim Smith. I hope Mr. Smith is still watching practices from above now, giving his words of encouragement and praise. What a great man I got to meet!

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**keith allen lane** - October 24, 2018 at 10:26 AM

JB

“ John S. Boyer purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jim Smith .



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**John S. Boyer** - October 23, 2018 at 09:18 AM

PW

“ I am happy to know your whole family. I love you all and thanks for letting me included in your inner circle. You are all who you are in good part from the love you received from you Dad...He led a great life and I am happy to have been part of all your lives...

Paul Wolfson - October 23, 2018 at 06:25 AM

PA

“ I remember "Dean" Smith during my years at PSC in the early 80s. He always made you feel great with his warm and welcoming smile. He loved to laugh and he was just one of those rare people who exudes loving one another and goodwill to all. I know those closest to him will feel that major void and miss him here terribly, but I know they are filled with so many awesome memories that will help them celebrate the life he lived. Oh boy, his reunion with our Heavenly Father must be an awesome one. See you again in eternity.....

patti - October 22, 2018 at 07:40 PM



What a great man! I learned so much working for Jim at then Plymouth State College. I also learned some lessons on the racket ball court 😊 And I learned to be cautious of green chili 🌶️ Our love, thoughts and prayers go out to all the family. Jim will be sorely missed but always remembered. Tim and Susan Keefe.

Timothy Keefe - October 23, 2018 at 07:06 AM

TB

A very caring & sincere person. The few times that I had the opportunity to visit with Jim these qualities stood out. I personally knew the loyalty he & his father had for Centennial High School. Being on his father's State Football Championship team in the 1940's was a moment in his life that he was most proud of. I certainly respected him because of his personality & achievements throughout his life. RIP, my good man. Enjoy your times again upstairs with your father. Coach Tom Brockman

Tom Brockman - October 24, 2018 at 01:26 PM



*Condolences to the whole Smith family on your loss. May Jesus comfort you during this time.*

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**Phil Winslow** - October 24, 2018 at 05:36 PM