



Tom Smothers

September 3, 1943 - December 29, 2017

Tom Smothers, 74, of Olive Branch, died at 10:07PM, Friday, December 29, 2017 at Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

He was born September 3, 1943 in Cairo, the son of Thomas Sherman and Thelma (Minton) Smothers. He married Gwendolyn Ellet on November 21, 1967.

Tom graduated from Southeast Missouri State University with a Bachelors in Education. He proudly taught 34 years at Meridian School District and had served on the Egyptian School Board. Aside from teaching, Tom was also a lifetime farmer. He was a member of the Sandy Creek Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Gwen Smothers; daughters, Beverly (Bryan) Miller, Karla (Mark) Simmons; son, Tommy (Bobbi Jean) Smothers; grandchildren, Jeremy Held, Dristin Rose, Seth Rose, Jake Simmons, Lydia Smothers, Tim Simmons, Travis Simmons; mother, Thelma Smothers; sisters, Shelia (Harold) Hale, Kae (Larry) Naeger; many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Visitation will be from 11:00am to 1:00pm Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at the Crain Funeral Home in Tamms.

Funeral Services will be at 1:00pm on Tuesday at the funeral home with Rev. Davy Miller officiating. Interment will follow in Olive Branch Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Olive Branch Cemetery and will be accepted at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Olive Branch Cemetery

Olive Branch, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Tamms
420 Front St.
Tamms, IL 62988
(618) 833-2176
crain@crainsonline.com

Service

JAN 2. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Tom Smothers*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Mr. Smothers was my favorite teacher in the 5th grade at Meridian. Those cowboy boots and belt buckle. He was always caring, funny and always had a smile. But always expected you to do your best. He will truly be missed. I regret not seeing him again. He will always be remembered as one of the great teachers at Meridian. Love, Blessings & Strength to the Smothers' Family.*

*Praying,
Ethelyn Miller*

ethelyn miller - January 06, 2018 at 09:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Tom Smothers.*



January 01, 2018 at 11:40 PM



“ *Dear Family & Friends of Tom Smothers,
May every consolation and blessing be granted to each of you in your deep sorrow. My condolences and sincere sympathy, David 'Herb' Estes*

David 'Herb' Estes - January 01, 2018 at 09:57 AM

KS

Thank you.

Karla Smothers Simmons - January 01, 2018 at 05:50 PM

TW

“ *He was a Stern teacher but had a amazing heart as I was in 5th grade and dealing with separating parents, he worked with me to make my grade to pass and to this day I thank him. I remember getting in line at adm years back in our Bob trucks first time I had seen him since grade school and shook his hand. Hell of a fella. Prayers for family.*

Timothy Williams - December 31, 2017 at 05:03 PM

KS

Thank you so much. Dad really enjoyed hearing from and running into former students. Our family loves to hear stories such as yours. Thanks for sharing. (He was a stern Dad too!)

Karla Smothers Simmons - December 31, 2017 at 10:11 PM

JC

Sorry to hear of Mr. Smothers passing away. My twin sister and I were students of his in Math at McKinley School in Mound City. He was a good teacher. The math class was on the second floor up the long staircase. I remember all the other good teachers there also; Mrs. Dabbs, Chellis George, Mrs. Mason, and principal Mr. Boone. They all were great educators. Good memories! Thanks again to Mr. Smothers for his dedication to teaching.

*Joni and Julie Edwards
Late 1960's McKinley School*

joni copeland - January 01, 2018 at 10:22 AM

KS

Thank you for the kind words.

Karla Smothers Simmons - January 01, 2018 at 05:49 PM

JS

We had so many good memories over the years. Always enjoyed getting together for Thanksgiving at Aunt Thelma's and Unc's abd Ron & Tom bumming around in & out if the woods. They were close buddies.

Joann & Ron SMOTHERS - January 11, 2018 at 10:27 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Tom Smothers.*



December 31, 2017 at 01:10 PM