



## Johnny Smith

March 21, 1937 - November 23, 2015

Johnny Mac Smith passed away November 23, 2015 at 5:58 pm at the age of 78 in his home that he loved and cherished so much surrounded by his family after a very short lived battle with stomach cancer. He was born March 21, 1937 in Dallas County to Stewart Smith and Clovis Eva Horton Smith. Johnny spent most of his childhood in Corsicana, graduating from Corsicana High School in 1955 and attending Navarro College for 2 years. He married Beverly Ann Rockett Smith June 27, 1959 in Red Oak.

Johnny worked for and retired after 35 years from the Dallas Morning News. His favorite accounts being Sidney and Louie Segal of Segals Liquor. Sidney would always refer to Johnny as "my little ad man". Another favorite account was Lois Glasser Wholesale. Johnny personally worked with Frank Tolbert. He also knew Jim Maroony and Joe Dealy, who thanked him personally for working in the press room during the "Dallas Morning News Strike".

Johnny was very active in the church while attending Sanor Avenue Church of Christ. He not only served as a church deacon but served for years as a Sunday School teacher. His students would often come to tears when he would tell stories from the Bible such as Lazarus resurrection from the dead.

Not only was Johnny passionate about religion, he was a student of the Bible and an expert on Israeli history. His passions also extended to history

archeology, movies and music.

Family, friends and co-workers will remember Johnny for his humorous stories. He always kept everyone laughing with his dry wit and bigger than life personality and sense of humor.

Johnny is survived by his wife Beverly Ann Smith, children Kimberly Ann Smith of Irving, Matthew Scott Smith of Corsicana; sister Sue Steely York of Corsicana; step mother Margaret Smith.

He is preceded in death by parents, two brothers Charlie Smith and Ben Smith.

No services are scheduled at this time.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Johnny Smith*

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October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *Our sincere condolences to Beverly, Km, and Matt. Our families not only had great memories of times spent together at Saner Ave Church of Christ, but mom also worked at The Dallas Morning News with John.*

*We are so sorry for your loss. We know John, dad (Fred Potter), and Ben Lane are having a great time visiting and celebrating John's home going in heaven.*

*Love and hugs to all.*

*Doris Potter &  
Andrea Potter Pylant*

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**Andrea Pylant** - December 01, 2015 at 04:16 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to Beverly, Matt, and Kim. I feel for you all. I am grateful I was able to see you all one last time.*

*Thoughts and Prayers,*

*David and Yolanda Gillis*

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**David Gillis** - November 30, 2015 at 02:11 PM

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“ I started working in Retail at TDMN around 1983. Being the new guy and the youngest person in the dept., there was a certain "breaking in" period before being accepted. Not with Johnny Mac. From Day One, that man treated me with kindness and humor, and I can honestly say he was one of my favorite friends and co-workers during my twenty years there.

I would cover the Sigel's account for him when he was on vacation, and the feedback I got from them really spoke to his professionalism and ability as a account executive. They just absolutely loved the guy.

I don't believe in all my time at The News that I ever saw Johnny Mac lose his temper. Just wasn't his nature. Always in a good mood, and it was infectious. Being boxing fans, he was usually the first person I'd talk to on Monday mornings if there had been a big fight over the weekend. It was just very, very hard not to like that man, and I will truly miss him very much.

*Jim Breslauer*

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**Jim Breslauer** - November 30, 2015 at 01:05 PM

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“ "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:1-2). I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to the family. May God hold you close and give you peace. You are in our prayers.

*Charlene Littleton and family*

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**Charlene Littleton** - November 29, 2015 at 05:21 PM



“ *Garden of Memories was purchased for the family of Johnny Smith.*



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November 29, 2015 at 01:41 PM



“ *John -- Johnny Mac -- and I first met when I was an intern in Retail Advertising at The Dallas Morning News the summer of 1975. John had categorized our colleagues into the cool (the "Jimmys") and the not-cool (the "Bumpkins"). If your name was preceded by "Jimmy," you were cool. I so aspired to be, and did earn the distinction, of being "Jimmy George." So, I'd earned John's respect, for which I was, and am, grateful.*

*John had a great love of old movies, particularly westerns, I always suspected he was named for the old cowboy Johnny Mack Brown. I'm also a movie buff, and we shared many conversations about classic films.*

*John served as a Sales Supervisor in Retail Advertising and was the supervisor in our group when I was charged with a group of 14 salespeople. That group -- working together -- is one of my most cherished memories, and John was a key part of that.*

*I'll miss him.*

*George Wolfson  
TDMN 1978-2000*

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**George Wolfson** - November 29, 2015 at 10:51 AM