



David Robert Smith

October 16, 1955 - January 28, 2009

Smith, David R. age 53 died early Wednesday morning, January 28, 2009 after a courageous battle with cancer with the presence of his family and dear family friend. While battling cancer Dave never gave up his fight to beat the beast and will be missed by all that knew him. Loving husband for 25 years of Janet Smith; dear father of Peter and Nicholas Smith; beloved son of Wilbur A. and Marjorie E. Smith and son-in-law of Wythel and the late Barbara Marshall; dear brother of Glenn (Mary) Smith and Diane (Edward) Brinkman; dear brother-in-law of Laura (Tim) Dillon, Julie (Mark) Kling, Kathy (Kevin) Adams. Dear uncle of Scott, Sarah and Paul Smith; Jacob and Emily Brinkman; Andy and Kara Kling; Jacob, Rachael and Joshua Dillon; and Smantha, Jennifer and Michael Adams; dear nephew, cousin and friend to many. Dave worked for the City of Ferguson as Recreation Director for 30 years, he loved playing hockey with friends and enjoyed playing golf. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Siteman Cancer Center where Dave was being cared for, or caringbridge.org, which connected his friends and family during his journey. Services: Funeral from Hutchens Mortuary, 675 Graham Rd. Sat., Jan. 31 at 10 AM, interment following at Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation: Fri. Jan 30, 3-8 PM.

Tribute Wall



“ Hutchens Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of David Robert Smith



Hutchens Mortuary & Cremation Center - January 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dave was a wonderful person with a warm, easy-going personality. I always appreciated his positive attitude. I had the pleasure to work with Dave many years ago in Ferguson at J-W Park. He was an intelligent, dedicated and hard-working professional in parks and recreation and a loving husband, father and friend. Ferguson is a better community as a result of his tenure, and he will be missed, but not forgotten, by all. Judy, my wife, and I offer our sincere condolences to Janet, the children and the Smith family.##imported-begin##Don Michael##imported-end##

February 04, 2009 at 06:51 AM



“ Please give this to Janet Smith in memory of Dave Smith. Thank You.

Janet, Wow. I had recently heard Dave was battling cancer. I am saddened for you and your family in losing such a gentle, loving man in the prime of his life. Regardless of the hour or the physical conditions, we are never ready to let go. You have my heartfelt sympathy. I know we do not personally know each other, but as the days go by, please feel free to call even if you just need to talk. I lost my Ron to ALS this past August and feel I have gained some real insights into the grieving process. The most important thing I have learned is the need to just talk. I will be with you in spirit and offer my thoughts and prayers to you and the family. I am currently at my daughters in Little Rock, AR preparing for some surgery this coming Monday or I would be there in person. One of my Parks and Recreation friends emailed to let me know Dave's journey of living with cancer ended. Dave and I had a most respectful working relationship while I was Head of the City of Hazelwood Parks and Recreation Division. We worked very closely together in North County in providing Recreation opportunities for the physically challenged people. Dave is leaving a legacy for you and your family and all those whose path he crossed. We can always rest in knowing our guys are smiling on us in our Father's Mansion. As the granddaughters said, "Free of suffering and running with joy." God Bless all of you. Darlene Harrisonokleer@hotmail.com636-561-1336 (I will be home the middle of March)501-912-1107 (Cell phone)###imported-begin###Darlene Harrison###imported-end###

January 30, 2009 at 07:44 PM



“ Janet and family, I worked with Dave over much of the past 30 years, when I served as the executive director of MPRA. When I think back over the time I spent with Dave, I remember I was almost always either smiling or laughing. I always enjoyed being around Dave and noticed he had the same effect on others. Your loss is also parks and recreation's loss. Dave was a respected professional who made a difference in countless people's lives. My heart goes out to all of you.--Dave Ostlund###imported-begin###Dave Ostlund###imported-end##

January 30, 2009 at 05:00 PM



“ Smith Family,
I am so sorry for your loss. I am very honored to have know Dave and to have worked with him. Even after I left the Rec Dept and would come visit, he would have this way of always making me feel like I was welcome there at any time and would always know how to make me laugh. He was a wonderful person and Heaven is a better place now that he is there.
You are all in my thoughts and prayers.
Greathouse Family (Dawn, Eric, Adam, Trisha, Savannah and Summer)###imported-begin###Dawn Greathouse Family###imported-end##

January 30, 2009 at 12:39 PM



“ Our most heartfelt condolences to all of Dave's family--what a gentle, joyful and truly nice person who left such a positive mark on our world...30 years in parks and recreation means he impacted more people than can be counted. We all can only aspire to be like him.

Heaven is a little more fun today---

Bettie Yahn-Kramer and Staff

St. Charles County Parks###imported-begin##Bettie Yahn-Kramer###imported-end##

January 30, 2009 at 10:41 AM



“ Diane, Janet and families,

Our sincerest condolences. Dave will be missed but he will live on through all the memories that he left behind. Though tears will be shed, it's the laughter from the fun times that will prevail and keep you all strong.

God Bless,

glenn & cathy###imported-begin##Glenn and Cathy Majer###imported-end##

January 30, 2009 at 08:36 AM



“ *Diane you and your entire family are in our thoughts and prayers. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help you during this difficult time. I never knew your brother but through you I felt like I knew him and I am certain he will be greatly missed..All our Love..*

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January 29, 2009 at 08:38 PM