



Cecil "Smith" Sumner

January 20, 1933 - May 5, 2014

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Cecil "Smith" Sumner was born January 20, 1933 in Salt Lake City, Utah to Cecil Gee and Eva Smith Sumner, where he was given his name and blessing in the hospital by Apostle George Albert Smith. He peacefully passed away on May 5, 2014 at St. Mark's Hospital, surrounded by his wife, children, grandchildren and many extended family members.

He was married to Ann Openshaw, later divorced. They have two children, Jayne Sumner and Devon (Judy) Sumner and 8 grandchildren Tyson, Bristol, Harrison, Madison and Peyton Anae, Joseph, Sarah and Hannah Sumner. He has one brother, Robert (Marilyn) Sumner, and one sister, Lois (Reed) Christensen and many nephews and one niece. He married Jane McCleary Sumner in the Jordan River Temple 29 1/2 years ago. He enjoyed spending time with Jane's six children, her 26 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren who affectionately called him, "Grandpa Smith. He was preceded in death by his parents Cecil Gee and Eva Smith Sumner and sister, Eve Sumner.

He served in the British Mission from 1953 to 1955 and one month later was drafted into the Army. During his Army service he was a Chaplain's assistant while stationed in Germany. After he was honorably released from the Army, he attended the University of Utah and was President of Sigma Nu Fraternity. He always arranged his schedule at the U so that he could go skiing every afternoon. After graduation from the University of Utah, he started his career with IBM in Eugene, Oregon and later in San Francisco California. He also was instrumental in the start up company Triad Systems Corporation in the San Francisco Bay Area. He had a great interest in collecting quotes and developed software called Quotationary where quotes could be found by different topics.

He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and had a great love of the gospel. He loved serving and sharing his testimony. He served in many callings, but his favorites were serving as a Stake Mission President, Elder Quorum President, gospel doctrine teacher and early morning seminary teacher, as well as a ordinance worker in the Jordan River Temple. Jane and Smith served an inner city mission for 5 years. They enjoyed spending time listening to classical music and attending plays throughout the year

at Hale Center Theater.

One of the highlights of his life was his mission to England, where he taught and baptized Bill Bates and his family. Bill Bates was later called to be the 1st English Stake President in England. Smith had just attended his 59th missionary reunion and loved meeting and sharing experiences with some of his missionary companions.

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY 10. 10:00 AM - 11:45 AM (MT)

Karalee Ward
2130 E 10000 S,
Sandy, UT 84092

Funeral Service

MAY 10. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Cecil "Smith" Sumner

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ Dear Lois, I'm so sorry you had to say good-bye temporarily to Smith. He was a good friend to me in college and a wonderful person. My kindest thoughts will be with you, Bob, Marilyn and his wife and children. Your Kappa "little sister" Barbara Nelson Sharp

Barbara Nelson Sharp - May 12, 2014 at 12:59 AM



“ 2 files added to the album Grandpa Smith



Tyson Anae - May 09, 2014 at 07:40 PM



“ 7 files added to the album Smith as a young man



Michael Sumner - May 09, 2014 at 04:55 PM



“ 3 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Michael Sumner - May 09, 2014 at 04:52 PM

EK

“ *Smith was Young Men's President when I was 16-17 or so, and he was a dynamic, caring leader of our large-ish group. Always a gentleman with a quiet dignity, he encouraged us by his example to have a little dignity of our own. He had a great smile and sense of humor, as well; I remember fondly a number of fun, and encouraging, conversations with him, not to mention his great love of music of all kinds. He was a great man, admired by many, and surely to be missed by all who knew him.*

Eric Kondratieff - May 09, 2014 at 04:23 PM

DE

“ 2 files added to the album *Dad*



Devon - May 09, 2014 at 12:52 PM

Jayne Sumner

“ 2 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Jayne Sumner - May 09, 2014 at 12:24 AM

TP

I had the privilege of serving in the Air Force in Germany at the same time Smith was in the Army there. My air base was about a two hr drive Kaiserslautern where Smith was stationed but we still had opportunities to travel together as fun loving bachelors to Norway & Sweden and places in between there and our home bases as well as to England over a long weekend. We were both recently returned missionaries and we used those travel times to explore the profundities of the gospel.

We were back in Salt Lake together after our military careers and again shared sweet bachelor experiences with campus lovelies. The differences associated with belonging to different fraternities had little effect on our joint activities and we remained close. Smith was an usher at my wedding & I served in similar capacity at his.

Our paths crossed less frequently after that as we each lived in different parts of the country Whenever we met, however, it was as though little time had passed since our last encounter. Smith was a very loyal friend, a true disciple of Christ whenever I met with him (although there were times when he drifted to the outside of the flock.)

I'm sorry I wasn't at the funeral service to express these thoughts and condolences to the family, but I was not aware of his passing until after the service. I have since grieved privately.

Toby Pingree

Toby Pingree - May 12, 2014 at 11:57 PM

SL

*Dear Jayne,
Did you live in Danville and go to Montaire Elementary? If so, we were friends and I've looked for you for years! I just remembered your dads name... google... and her I am. Lol let me know... If this is the wrong Jayne, I'm still sorry for the loss of your dad! ❤️.
Sjlgirl123@aol.com*

Stacy J Lawrence - April 18, 2023 at 10:14 AM