



## Michael David Smith

October 15, 1958 - September 2, 2020

Reverend Michael David Smith was born on October 15, 1958 in Mooreland, Oklahoma to Sandra Smith and P. Albert Smith. He left this life after a brief battle with Acute Myeloid Leukemia on September 2, 2020. After graduating from Guymon High School, Mike worked at Panhandle Eastern for ten years. Then, he felt a calling by God and moved to Muskogee to attend Rhema Bible College. He went back to work for Panhandle Eastern in Alva while pursuing his bachelor's degree. Through work, he transferred back to Guymon. God then called him into full time ministry where he served as pastor at Hardesty United Methodist Church for four years. During this time, he graduated from Oklahoma Panhandle State University. After receiving a full ride to Southern Methodist University, he and his family moved to Como, Texas where he served as pastor for five years while completing his Masters at SMU. The Oklahoma Conference then called him to return as pastor of Mooreland FUMC for eight years. Next, they moved to Ponca City to serve at Ponca City FUMC for the next eleven years. Mike then made the full circle in his ministry by returning to Muskogee to serve First United Methodist Church Muskogee. Mike married Linda K. Garrison on November 24, 1978. They raised four children: Amber, Micha, Joshua and Rachel. Mike enjoyed nature by sitting outdoors at home, hiking mountains in Colorado, or hitting the ski slopes. He loved his family and cherished his time with them. Being a grandpa, A.K.A "Gramps", to "Sweet Pea", "Moe" and "Moose" brought a child-like joy to him. Mike ministered to many throughout his career and was truly blessed by those

he served.

Mike is preceded in death by his father, P. Albert Smith; his sister, Melinda Taylor; father-in-law, Bill Garrison, and grand pup, Isa. He is survived by his wife, Linda; mother, Sandra Smith; mother-in-law, Lauretta Garrison; daughters, Amber Flowers and husband Rodney; Micha White and husband Jay; son, Joshua Smith; daughter, Rachel Smith-Streck and husband Matt; grandchildren, Aubrey, Kaiden and Landry Flowers, grand pups, Zeus, Milo and Hector, and many brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be 12PM-8PM, Friday, September 4, 2020 and 9AM-1PM, Saturday, September 5, 2020 at Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel.

A family conducted memorial service will be held Saturday, September 5 at 2 p.m. at First United Methodist Church Muskogee and conducted by Reverend Randy Wade and Reverend Cindy Culver, Chaplain.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given in memory of Mike to FUMC Muskogee, Ponca City FUMC, Mooreland FUMC, Como UMC, or Hardesty UMC.

Cremation services provided by Cornerstone Funeral Home, 1830 North York St, Muskogee, Oklahoma. Condolences may be made to the family online at [www.cornerstoneofmuskogee.com](http://www.cornerstoneofmuskogee.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 4. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory  
1830 North York Street  
Muskogee, OK 74403  
(918) 682-1500

## Visitation

SEP 5. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory  
1830 North York Street  
Muskogee, OK 74403  
(918) 682-1500

## Family conducted memorial service

SEP 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
600 E. Okmulgee Street  
Muskogee, OK 74403

# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael David Smith*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Linda, I am so sorry for your loss. As a classmate at good ole GHS Mike was a great guy. My prayers for you are peace, comfort and precious memories.*

**stan ralstin** - September 05, 2020 at 10:48 PM



*Thank you Stan. It is so good to hear from his classmates!*

**Linda Smith** - September 10, 2020 at 05:05 PM



“ *I was proud to call Mike my friend. I was super excited when I learned he would be serving my home church in Muskogee, and I was not surprised they loved him dearly. Next time I eat at Lido in OKC I will remember the AC lunches with he, Randy and Linda. My condolences to Linda and family.*

**Brian Matthews** - September 05, 2020 at 10:18 PM



*Thank you Brian. He enjoyed the time at conference or other meetings with you. This church was a blessing to us both and has continued so during this tough time.*

**Linda Smith** - September 10, 2020 at 05:01 PM

RL

“ Linda and family, so very sorry and shocked to hear of Mike's passing. We were '76 classmates in Guymon and spent many good times on the football field with Mike. Many years have passed since I have seen him. Thankful he had chosen God's path and led many to Christ. Praying for your comfort and filling of wonderful memories.

Roger Lewis  
Sugar Land, Tx

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**Roger Lewis** - September 05, 2020 at 09:37 AM

LS

Thank you Roger! He loved his time on the football field with Class of 76. He was a true servant of God. I know he is walking with Jesus!

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**Linda Smith** - September 10, 2020 at 05:04 PM

 Craig Hampton

“ So incredibly shocked and saddened to hear of your sudden loss. On behalf of Micha's entire body pump class, we send our love and deepest condolences.

Craig Hampton

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**Craig Hampton** - September 04, 2020 at 01:04 PM

LS

Thank you Craig! I know her class means a lot to her. Thank you for being there for her!

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**Linda Smith** - September 10, 2020 at 05:07 PM



“ I got to know Mike and Linda when I was invited up to Ponca City UMC for the Meet the Composer festival held every two years by the church. I was able to come back two other times and be the guest accompanist for each weekend. I also was able to come back and play for Sarah and Colin Trehar's wedding, officiated by Mike. Sarah's mom, Joycelynn Davidson, my cousin, is the music director at Ponca. Mike found out I was a PK and that was a connection that brought us closer since of course all his kids are PK's. Mike and Linda always made me feel like a part of the congregation, even though I was only there a few times. Mike was a gentle giant in his faith but you always knew who he ultimately belonged to. I will miss his calm presence and his underlying faith. All pastors could learn from him and how he approached the sharing of the gospel. Love you, Mike!! You will be missed.

John Carleton - September 03, 2020 at 05:36 PM

LS

Thanks John! You were and are a blessing to us!

Linda Smith - September 10, 2020 at 05:08 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael David Smith.



September 03, 2020 at 04:56 PM

SD

“ Mike was such a blessing to our Church and community and always a joy to be around. Can still hear that laugh and see his smiling face. Lifting up prayers for all of the family at this most difficult time.

sherry Dewald - September 03, 2020 at 04:27 PM

RM

*I agree with Sherry: Mike was such a blessing to our Church and community and our church attendance grew so much under his leadership. Mike Was Elmer's favorite. He remarked several times that every time he was in the hospital he would look up and Mike Smith would be there so now they can chat in heaven. He will be greatly missed. God always picks the good ones. Prayers for Linda and their children.*  
*Rita Maddux*

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**Rita Maddux** - September 04, 2020 at 11:05 AM

CF

*Looking at this picture of Mike brings tears to my eyes. I really liked his smile and laughter. I really missed Mike and Linda when they left FUMC at Ponca City. My heart goes out to the family.*  
*Colleen Fleming*

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**Colleen Fleming** - September 04, 2020 at 11:55 AM

CB

*We got to know Mike and Linda at First United Methodist in Ponca City. Mike was the nicest guy in the world. I know where Mike is. To the family we send our deepest sympathies and prayers for healing.*

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**Carl and Carol Bottoms** - September 04, 2020 at 02:56 PM

BW

*So very very sorry to hear of Mike's passing! He was such an inspiration when he was our pastor at First United Methodist Church in Mooreland, OK. He helped me thru some very difficult times and gave me direction! Sending prayers for his family ! RIP Mike!!!*

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**Betsy Winters** - September 06, 2020 at 05:57 PM

LS

*Thank you all for such kind words and memories of Mike! I cherish them all!*

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**Linda Smith** - September 10, 2020 at 05:10 PM



*Linda- I don't know if you would remember me, but I know you would remember my parents (Don & Joan Collins). I was so sorry to hear that you lost your husband. He performed the infant baptism for my baby back in 1998 and then preached my dad's funeral, which was such a sweet service. I have nothing but good memories of your family. I'm very sorry for your loss!*

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**Morresa Bain** - September 21, 2020 at 06:11 PM