



Mr. Gary "Butch" Ellis Smith

December 4, 1944 - June 1, 2015

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Gary "Butch" Ellis Smith, 70, Brookfield, died Monday, June 1, 2015 in Brookfield, Missouri.

Per Gary's wishes his body was cremated and no services will be held.

Arrangements are with the Rhodes Funeral Home, Brookfield, Missouri.

On line condolences can be left at www.rhodesfh.com

Tribute Wall

DH

“ I enjoyed my days delivering mail to Butch and Betty. Even though I carry a different rt. now I will always remember the talks we had from time to time.

Donald Herring - June 08, 2018 at 10:43 AM

FG

“ Gary and I were both among the large group of Peace Corps Volunteers on Yap in the late 60s. He arrived a year before I did, so he knew a lot more about the island and its people than a newcomer like me. But he was always generous in sharing his help, knowledge, advice, and encouragement. I will always be grateful for his great good humor and many kindnesses. He was a dear, bright light; and I know I am only one of many, many people who will miss him greatly.

Frank Glass - June 08, 2018 at 10:43 AM

FS

“ A great loss for all of us that had the pleasure of working with and knowing Gary!

fred Smithberg - June 08, 2018 at 10:43 AM

CG

“ Gary was an old friend on mine while I was in the Peace Corps in the outer islands of Yap. Later we worked together in the education department. I always enjoyed his magnanimous personality and his quick smile of a greeting. He gave a lot of himself for the people of Yap, and he will be missed by many Yapese who were both students of his and friends of his on the island and elsewhere. Very sad news to learn of his unexpected passing.

Carl Gaiser - June 08, 2018 at 10:43 AM

ER

“ *A sad loss for Yap and all those with a connection to Yap. Gary was a constant in Yap for a long time.*

Edgie Ranney - June 08, 2018 at 10:43 AM

DT

“ *Butch was my neighbor growing up so we shared much of our lives from kindergarten through high school. The Fairfield High School class is now missing yet another of our friends and classmates. We may, as we go through life, get out of touch but never out of mind. Remember Butch, don't play with matches.*

David Turner - June 08, 2018 at 10:43 AM

BM

“ *Gary was a rather unique principal that I had the pleasure of working with for 2 years. He brought stability to the high school in a time of transition to the new school. I have funny and fond memories of Gary to this day.*

bob mccabe - June 08, 2018 at 10:43 AM

CS

“ Gary was my friend and someone I greatly respected. He wouldn't mind me saying that he was not a man without his faults, but his wonderful humour, his generosity and his amazing intellect always shone through. I loved his stories and his honesty.
I am so glad that he was able to spend his final years with his wonderful sister, Betty, who whether you realise it or not gave him 10 more years - and happy years at that, than either he or I expected him to have.
I will never forget growling at him in the hospital in Yap and telling him to make up his mind whether he wanted to live or die. At the time he replied...I just can't decide. Well he did decide and I for one, will always be grateful that he chose to live.
He was a good man, a kind man and a flawed man, but the world is poorer for his passing.

Cheryl Stanborough - June 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM