



Duane A. Smith

June 21, 1940 - April 22, 2021

Duane A. Smith, 80, of Perrysburg, Ohio, passed away at home on April 22, 2021. He was born June 21, 1940 in Kinsman Ohio to Keith and Betty Smith. He was a 1958 Vernon High School graduate. He graduated from Anderson College in 1966 and Anderson School of Theology in 1969. He received his Doctorate in Ministry from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1984. In 1969 he began his ministry at Fairfield Church of God, Fairfield Ohio. In 1971 he was Associate Pastor at the United Methodist Church of Grove City, Ohio. In 1977 he served as Pastor of Calvary United Methodist in Toledo Ohio, followed by Trinity United Methodist Church in Swanton OH beginning in 1985, Greenville First United Methodist, Greenville OH beginning in 1993, Hayes Memorial United Methodist Church, Fremont OH, 1993; Sharon United Methodist Church Napoleon OH, 2005. He began serving his final church in 2008 at Metamora United Methodist Church, Metamora OH, retiring in 2009 after 38 years of serving the Lord.

Duane was a freemason and an active member in the Rotary Club, Kiwanis, and worked with Habitat for Humanity. Throughout his ministry he served on various committees with the West Ohio Annual Conference and Districts of the United Methodist Church and with local communities in the towns where he served. He led missionary work throughout his career. He would spend his free time fishing the Great Lakes.

Duane is survived by his wife Kay Smith whom he married in 1995; Sons, Grant Smith and Dwight (Danielle) Smith; Step Children, Brian (Angie) LaMee, Amanda (Jamie) Seibert; Brothers, Keith (Jan) Smith, Clyde (Mary) Smith; Sisters, Cedelia (Frank) Longley, Elaine (Tony) Podlogar, and Margie Smith; Grandchildren, Erica (Josh) Mielcarek, Elena Smith, Caden Smith, and Grayson Smith; Step Grandchildren, Katie LaMee, Brynna Gaines and Brady Gaines, Ben Seibert, and Nicholas Seibert; Great Grandchildren, Carter Mielcarek, Mila Mielcarek, Hazel Mielcarek and many nieces and nephews.

Duane was preceded in death by his parents, Keith and Betty Smith, and brother Gaylord Smith, nephew Joey Dudley, and niece, Gabby Martin.

Arrangements made by Ansberg West Funeral Home, Toledo and Galloway-Onstott Funeral Home, Hartford, Ohio. Services will be held privately for the family.

Those wishing to make memorial contributions are asked to consider Cherry Street Mission in Toledo, Ohio or Wood County Habitat for Humanity, Bowling Green, Ohio. The family of Duane Smith wishes to extend our sincere thanks to Browning Masonic Staff for their years of care for Duane, to Ohio Living Hospice for their compassion and care to Duane and his family, and to Amada Senior Care for their home care when he was brought home in his final weeks.

Tribute Wall

LM

“ *My deepest condolences to Kay and the family. Duane was our pastor in Greenville, Ohio. He married my husband and I and baptized our children. I have very fond memories of Duane and Kay.*

Laurie Monnier

Laurie Monnier - May 04, 2021 at 04:44 PM

BM

“ *Duane was a good friend of mine and we would sit together at conference. He loved being a pastor and we would often share experiences. I really enjoyed his sense of humor and loved to joke with him. Duane and Kay and Sue and I went out to eat a number of times and we always had a good time. I will miss him very much.*

Bob Metheny

Bob Metheny - April 27, 2021 at 06:18 PM

RT

“ *I extend my deepest and sincere condolences to the Smith family. May the Lord comfort you all. I remember at Hayes Memorial Rev Duane always greeted others smiling like the sunshine. He was my second mentor in my ordination process of The United Methodist Church.*

Rev. Denise Turpin and Family



Rev. Denise Turpin - April 27, 2021 at 04:00 PM



“ *I remember our trips to Henderson Settlement. Duane was great on those trips.
I am sorry for your loss.
Casey Smith*

Casey Smith - April 26, 2021 at 07:05 PM

RH

“ *I am so thankful for his mentorship and friendship during my time serving in New Madison while he served at Greenville First. We had some excellent in depth talks about life in general and life in the ministry. Kay and I are so sorry for your loss - may you find peace and live in grace as you celebrate his life.*

*Respectfully,
Rev. Kay Hatch
Rev. Dr. Dale R. Hatch*

Rev. Dale R. Hatch - April 26, 2021 at 01:29 PM

TH

“ *Our prayers and condolences to Duane's family. He was a special gift. I especially enjoyed working with Duane on the Intentional Interim Ministry. He brought a sensitivity to churches and needs, as well as careful attention to detail. He produced some excellent resources. He has been God's gift to the Conference and many churches.*

Tom Hanover

Tom Hanover - April 26, 2021 at 11:37 AM

KB

“ Extending our deepest condolences to the family of Duane, his loss will be felt for quite sometime.



Karen and I are saddened to hear of Duane's passing. Duane was a monumental help to me back in 1982 when I was questioning God's existence, after a series of mishaps. Duane was also instrumental in having my Grandparents attend and join Calvary Church.

When Duane was transferred to Swanton; it was unexpected and a very dark day, Calvary Church was never the same after Duane left, the "spirit" was never the same. Duane was truly one of God's messengers, and Karen and I feel so very blessed that he participated in our wedding.

God Speed, God Bless, and thank you Duane for the Pastoral care and genuine interest that was always part of your "Ora"

Ken & Karen Bowman

Ken & Karen Bowman - April 24, 2021 at 03:26 PM

RL

“ We are so sorry for your loss of Duane. We send our sympathy and prayers to your entire family. Duane was one of the kindest and sweetest men we've known. Rick & Janice Luff

Rick & Janice Luff - April 24, 2021 at 03:25 PM

JS

“ We wish to extend are most sincere condolences to Duane’s entire family. He was one of the finest men that we have ever known. Not only was he a wonderful minister, but a man with huge compassion. The world is a better place because of him. God Bless!
Jim and Rita SKelding
Calvary United Methodist Church



James Skelding - April 23, 2021 at 11:32 PM

GM

“ I am sorry you have to go that you and your family have to go through this again. Duane was a special man and minister. At a Finance meeting, where a raise for him was recommended, he slapped the table and said, "You can't afford it! Move on." He was a good preacher and had a great sense of humor. Kay, you took such good care of him. I pray that God gives you peace. Gretchen Moffett

Gretchen Moffett - April 23, 2021 at 02:49 PM

DW

I was privileged to have him on my staff at Grove City Church. A fine co- worker.

Dr. Carl L. Wiley - April 26, 2021 at 11:42 PM

JF

I was privileged to serve as Duane's DS during his ministry at Greenville First UMC. He was a faithful co-worker and servant in ministry as he served Greenville First, the District, and Conference. I appreciated his wisdom, joyful spirit and sense of humor.

Joyce Fry - April 28, 2021 at 11:00 AM

SB

“ So sorry for your loss.

SUSAN BRASS - April 23, 2021 at 11:59 AM