



Neil Smithson

May 10, 1938 - April 18, 2022

Neil Smithson, age 83 years, a resident of rural Buncombe, Illinois and a former resident of Turrell, Arkansas, passed away Monday morning, April 18, 2022, at his home.

Neil was born May 10, 1938 in Turrell, Arkansas. He was the son of Tom Abe and Evelyn (Qualls) Smithson.

Neil was united in marriage to Gloria Treat. Together, they shared almost 64 years of marriage.

In addition to his beloved wife, Neil is survived by: a daughter and a son – Kathy Smithson and David Smithson both of Buncombe as well as grandchildren and a host of great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Neil was preceded in death by: 2 brothers – Don and Glen Smithson and a sister – Marie Whitiker.

Neil was employed as a jail administrator by the Crittenden County (Arkansas) Sheriff's Department, prior to his retirement. He was also the owner & operator of Smithson & Son Dirt and Gravel Co.

Neil enjoyed fishing and spending time with his grandchildren and great

grandchildren. He loved life and never met a stranger.

Neil was a member of Barton Chapel in Heafer, Arkansas.

A service honoring the life of Neil Smithson will be conducted Thursday afternoon, April 21, 2022, at 12 Noon at Gilead Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 4385 Gilead Church Road, Simpson, Illinois. Pastor David Faulkner will officiate.

Burial will be in the Gilead Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 11 AM – 12 Noon Thursday at Gilead Church.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105-1905 or to Shriners Hospitals for Children, 4400 Clayton Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63110.

The family wishes to acknowledge Neil's in-home health care provider for her kindness and assistance during his illness.

Cemetery Details

Gilead Cemetery

4385 Gilead Church Road
Simpson, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 21. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Gilead Church
4385 Gilead Church Rd
Simpson, IL 62985
(618) 695-2653

Service

APR 21. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Neil Smithson

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ Neil was an amazing man I'm blessed for having known him and he will be missed

David Simmons - April 22, 2022 at 06:29 PM



“ Mr.Neil, Neil has been a good friend for over 50 years.I bought cars from him when neil had had a car lot in goshen in the late 68-69. He was a awesome person and a good friend . I will truly miss him. I only wish the best for his family, and for Gloria,kathy and David. GOD bless you all. Daniel Yoder ,Judy Ottmans husband.

daniel yoder - April 21, 2022 at 07:08 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Neil Smithson.



April 20, 2022 at 08:18 PM

VM

“ Aunt Gloria, Kathy, and David and grands and great grands, I am so sorry. Uncle Neil was an amazing man and I will miss his big hugs and smile. I am thinking of you all and sending prayers. Love you all.

Virginia

Virginia Martynowicz - April 20, 2022 at 07:42 PM

DH

So sorry to hear about Neil he was a great person and friend he will be truly missed. Prayers for his family and friends.

Dorothy Higginbotham - April 21, 2022 at 12:42 PM

TR

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Mr Neil. Even though it's been years since I've seen him I still remember him. Prayers 🙏 to Mrs Gloria, Kathy, and David.

Theresa Romero 🌸

Theresa Romero - April 19, 2022 at 08:55 PM