



## Tommy Smith

September 20, 1951 - July 14, 2014

Tommy Lee Smith Lake Arthur: A Mass of Christian burial will be held for Tommy Smith, 62 of Lake Arthur, LA at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Lake Arthur, LA on Monday, July 14, 2014 at 10:00 AM with Father Charles McMillin officiating. Visitation will be held at Matthews and Son Funeral Home in Jennings, LA on Sunday, July 13, 2014 from 2:00 PM until 9:00 PM. The Smith family request visitation to resume on Monday at 8:00 AM until the time of his funeral Mass. Tommy will be laid to rest in Andrus Cove Cemetery.

Tommy was born on September 20, 1951 to Wallace Kiki and Dorothy Jane Schlesinger Smith and passed from this life on July 11, 2014. Tommy retired from the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board, where he was Superintendent of the district for many wonderful years. He loved raising cattle and watching athletics. Tommy especially loved spending time with his family and friends. He will be greatly missed by all that knew him. Tommy is survived by his mother Dorothy Jane Schlesinger Smith of Lake Arthur, LA; his beloved wife Karla Hardy Smith of Lake Arthur, LA, two sons, Brock Smith of Jennings, LA, Brant Smith (Katie) of Lake Arthur, LA; one brother Ronald "Ron" Smith (Lindsey) of Jennings, LA; two beautiful grandchildren Kinlee and Kohen Smith. To extend online condolences, please visit our website at [www.matthewsandsonfuneralhome.net](http://www.matthewsandsonfuneralhome.net) Arrangements have been entrusted to Matthews & Son Funeral Home

# Tribute Wall



“ Tommy Smith

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January 28, 2023 at 04:12 PM



“ Karla,  
*My heartfelt condolences are sent to you. I just found out Tommy passed away. He and I were so close when I was refereeing and umpiring in Louisiana (and he was coaching) and I still lived in Welsh. I remember a lot of good times and conversations we had and I will cherish them as you will also. I lost my wife a year ago, so I know what you are going through and believe me.....it isn't easy. If you ever need to talk to someone, please feel free to call me at any time.409-594-0023 is my cell #. Again, I feel your pain and loss. God Bless You.  
Craig Blank  
Jasper, Texas*

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**Craig Blank** - July 28, 2014 at 09:39 PM



“ *To the entire Smith Family:  
I would like to extent my heartfelt sympathies to you. Mr. Tommy and I did cattle business together. Most recently purchasing a fine bull from him. He was very helpful in navigating animal pedigrees within the Beefmaster organization. He will be missed. I considered him a friend and mentor.*

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**Danny L. Uriegas** - July 17, 2014 at 08:30 AM

FC

“ *Brant:*

*I just found out about the death of your Dad and I wanted to express my sincere sympathy for your loss. Mr. Tommy was always supportive of my agency and was a friend to us all. A great man and you always knew where and what he stood for. I will be praying for you and your family.*

*Sincerely,  
Francis Clements*

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**Francis Clements** - July 16, 2014 at 12:44 PM

CC

“ *Sorry for your loss.*

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**carroll croker** - July 15, 2014 at 04:45 PM

FL

“ *My deepest condolences to Tommy's family. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you through this most difficult time. God bless and keep each of you.*

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**Frances Blanchard Lopez** - July 14, 2014 at 07:07 PM

VD

“ Karla, Brant, Brock, Dot, and Ronnie,  
Since learning of Tommy's death on Friday, my heart and soul have wept for this fine young man. When I came to Lake Arthur to teach in the early 60's, Tommy and Lynn Kelley would run their fishing lines in the Lake, clean the fish, fillet it for me, and sell it to this "non-meat eating" teacher. He was a wonderful student and later a colleague, then my Assistant Principal before I left to teach at McNeese. He was the only person who endearingly called me "Miss Doc" and I loved him for it. I miss Tommy already and oh, how proud I am of the man and father he grew up to be. Rest in Peace, Tommy.

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**Virgie Dronet** - July 14, 2014 at 05:21 PM

AJ

“ My prayers and condolences goes to the Smith's family. Our community has lost one the greatest! And he will be truly missed.

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**Anetta Jones** - July 14, 2014 at 04:40 PM

AJ

“ My prayers and condolences goes to the Smith's family. Our community has lost one the greatest! And he will be truly missed. G

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**Anetta Jones** - July 14, 2014 at 04:38 PM

SG

“ So sorry for your loss. Coach Smith was a good man with a great laugh. He was a great friend to my Dad and a great friend and co-worker to my Mom. This loss will be felt by many in the community. R.I.P. Coach Smith

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**Sandi Gaspard** - July 13, 2014 at 09:08 PM

CB

“ So sorry for your loss. It is also a great loss for our community and parish . He was a good person.. My prayers are with your family.

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**Carolyn Broussard** - July 13, 2014 at 05:02 PM

CA

“ Very sorry for your family's loss. Tommy was a good person and will be missed by many. He touched the lives of many. My prayers are with all of you.

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**Carolyn** - July 13, 2014 at 04:51 PM

JM

“ Mrs. Karla, Brock, and Brant,  
Please know that y'all are in my constant prayers! My dad never had a better friend than Tommy Smith. From a young age I called him Uncle Tom and for the last 10 years since my dad died he called me every month to check on me - I was truly blessed to have him in my life and he will be deeply missed by us all. Stay strong & Faithful!

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**Jeff Moore** - July 13, 2014 at 04:30 PM

SP

“ We were so shocked to hear about Mr. Tommy. He was was well loved at Dominique's Stockyard. He always spoke in a very loving way. He always worried when he was Way from home. He will be greatly missed.

From  
John & Mike Dominique  
And The Whole Stockyard Gang

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**Sam Pierce** - July 13, 2014 at 03:50 PM

CF

“ Tommy was my McNeese classmate and as I was the only one married, we studied at my house, often. Conrad and I had so much fun with Tommy and the gang from Lake Arthur. We were so sad to hear of his passing.  
We were so proud of his success. He always called me "old lady" as I had gone to back to college after having been married and had a child. Again, we are so sorry for your loss.

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**Cheryl and Conrad Fuselier** - July 13, 2014 at 02:09 PM

RA

“ We are very sorry for your loss. Tommy was a wonderful and respected educator. He had a kind and loving heart. You will be in our prayers.

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**Russ and Jo Abshire** - July 13, 2014 at 12:30 PM

GS

“ My heart goes out to Tommy 's family. I have known him since high school. We worked together and he served our parish well. He will be missed!

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**Glenetta Shuey** - July 13, 2014 at 10:21 AM

DC

“ He was a great friend to many.

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**David Clayton** - July 13, 2014 at 08:51 AM

JJ

“ Brock, We are sorry to hear of you alls lose. Our prayers are with you. I always enjoyed visiting with your Dad at the rodeo's when he came.

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**John P. Jordan** - July 12, 2014 at 10:09 PM

NA

“ *Praying for you & sending our condolences*

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**Nannie Flo & Sam Acuff** - July 12, 2014 at 04:58 PM

ST

“ *I'm sorry for the families loss. Y'all are in my prayers*

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**Stephanie Thibodeaux** - July 12, 2014 at 09:10 AM

MD

“ *Condolences to the Smith Family. I'm saddened by the death of Tommy. I have lost a very close friend.*

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**Malon Dobson** - July 12, 2014 at 08:57 AM

CA

“ *Brant, I am so sorry. You and your familu are in my prayers.*

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**Chad Aucoin** - July 11, 2014 at 11:44 PM

DA

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Mr. Smith was a great man. He was always so nice to me and my children. We are praying for all of you. Debbie, Justin, Allison, and Jordan Ardoin*

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**Debbie Ardoin** - July 11, 2014 at 10:01 PM

DS

“ *Brant,  
You and your family are in my prayers. So sorry for your loss.*

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**Danielle Simien** - July 11, 2014 at 09:28 PM



“ *Karla: I am so sorry for your loss. I am praying for you and your family.* ”

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**Carolyn Corbello Delahoussaye** - July 11, 2014 at 08:35 PM