



Boyd "Dean" Smith

July 4, 1945 - November 9, 2013

Boyd "Dean" Smith, age, 68 was born July 4, 1945 in Bristol, Virginia. Dean was preceded in death by his Father, Boyd David Smith, his Mother, Thelma Hannah Smith, and his Brothers, Jerry Hugh Smith and Harry Smith. Dean is survived by his Wife: Judith; Son: Clayton; Grandchildren: Hailey, Kody and Lacy; Five Half Brothers and Sisters. Dean was retired from the Orange County Medical Examiners Office where he worked for thirty years.

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

JS

“ *My Darling Dean, I miss you so very much. You were right about Scott and his Staff. They "did right by you". Clay and I were so very pleased with them. I grieve for you but I I know that one day we will be together again. I Love You. Judy*

Judy Smith - March 24, 2014 at 04:50 PM

BG

“ *There was not a more likeable guy anywhere. He was the guy who took me on my first case 14 years ago and I will never forget the knowledge he shared with me during my time at the District 9 MEO. He could talk with anybody in any situation and keep any situation under control. He had the gift that you need the most in this business, the ability to talk with people at the worst times of their lives. He was a great friend and I will miss his humor, laugh, and smile. Rest in Peace my friend.*

*Bill Grotjahn
Senior Investigator
District 8 Medical Examiner
Gainesville, Florida*

Bill Grotjahn - November 21, 2013 at 07:32 PM

RS

“ I have so many memories of fun times spent with Uncle Dean and Aunt Judy when I was a child.. Family fishing trips to Mosquito Lagoon and the fish fry afterwards will always be one of my favorites. On one of those trips my Dad and Uncle Dean stopped the car on the way to the beach because there was an armadillo on the side of the road and they wanted to show it to us kids. The memory of the two of them chasing and catching that armadillo still makes me laugh. I will cherish these memories forever.

love,

Richelle "Shelly"

Richelle Specht - November 16, 2013 at 10:37 AM

SH

“ When I came to the MEO as the new chief investigator it did not take long to realize who the real leader of the section was. Dean accepted me and helped learn about the office, its people and the folks I would be dealing with daily. His knowledge was encyclopedic and his manner was class. He didn't hesitate to let me know (in his own colorful manner) that there might be another way to handle a situation. On many occasions I heard him tell people (including me) they were 3 kinds of idiot, in a way that had them thanking him when he got done.

On the other hand, Dean was the most compassionate person I have ever known when it came to dealing with families. I could hear it in his voice and was often told by family members how much they appreciated Dean spending time talking with them and helping them through their hard time.

He was my right hand man and I missed him when he retired as both a co-worker and friend. Rest in peace Dean.

Steve Hanson

Steve Hanson - November 16, 2013 at 08:59 AM

TW

“ I moved from Louisiana to work for the Medical Examiner's Office. Dean took me under his wing and helped me in so many ways. My first call I went out with Dean. I had never seen an Orange tree or grapefruit tree either. When I saw them in route to the call, I was like a kid in the cookie jar. Dean just laughed and laughed at me. After we left the call, Dean stopped and took a polaroid picture of me standing beside a grapefruit tree. I always enjoyed being around Dean. He taught me so much along the way.



Dean loved God, he loved his family, and he loved his friends. What more could you say about a Man!!

Tommy Willis

Tommy Willis - November 15, 2013 at 11:26 PM

LM

“ I don't think there is anyone in the whole wide world who did not like Dean. He was so much fun to work with but most of all he had an excellent work ethic, was smart and remembered everything, and he was so kind to all.

I worked with him for 25 years or so and it was always a pleasure because if he didn't know the answer, he would find it for you. He did not mind hard, grueling work and in fact he made it fun. Lunch time was great because we were always playing cards or he and Cora were arguing about turnips and rutabagas.

I missed him when he retired and I'll continue to miss him. My prayers go out to Judy and Clay and his family.

Perhaps we will meet again one day and can clear up this turnip/rutabaga thing. :)

*Linda McCall, retired
Medical Examiner's Office
District 9*

Linda McCall - November 15, 2013 at 06:13 PM

WS

“ with Heritage Tree Service purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Boyd "Dean" Smith.



with Heritage Tree Service - November 15, 2013 at 05:53 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Boyd "Dean" Smith.



November 15, 2013 at 01:59 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Boyd "Dean" Smith.



November 15, 2013 at 01:56 PM



“ My deepest condolences to Judy, Clay and to all of the family. I will always remember Dean as a wonderful person with a big smile and nothing but kind things to say. Jerry thought the world of Dean. We enjoyed all the stories he used to tell us about when they were young boys all the way to right before he himself went to be with the Lord. I know he was waiting for you with open arms.



Nicole Radford - November 15, 2013 at 01:41 PM

DT

“ I had the privilege of working with Dean during my years at OPD. He was always professional and empathetic to the survivors. We could count on him to conduct his investigations with exacting thoroughness but still have a knack for injecting just the right amount of humor at just the right time. He will be greatly missed. His family and friends are in my prayers.
Deanna Teminsky

Deanna Teminsky - November 15, 2013 at 08:09 AM

BH

“ Brenda Hudson lit a candle in memory of Boyd "Dean" Smith



Brenda Hudson - November 14, 2013 at 07:44 AM

BH

“ Dean I have been sitting here watching a few little bits of snowflakes and remembering the Christmas you and Judy came to our house for the holiday' You had your new Mustang and the snow here was so bad you had to leave the car and walk in to the house. What a great time was had by all and the memory will linger forever along with all the great ones of you as well as Judy and her wonderful family. My prayers are with your family at this time. I love you.
Brenda

Brenda Hudson - November 14, 2013 at 07:43 AM

DP

“ *Several of us in the OCSO Homicide Unit had the pleasure of working with Dean. We loved his humor and directness on our scenes. He was always happy to assist us in any way. He will be greatly missed. Our condolences to his family.*

Cpl. Duwana Pelton

Duwana Pelton - November 14, 2013 at 07:19 AM

AJ

“ *Dean, you big movie star you, I know you are shining bright up above and being the life of the party. Thank you for all the wonderful memories and laughs you have given us over the years and for the unconditional love that you have given our precious family. You have made such a loving impression on Kaycee and we are so blessed that she had the opportunity to know you and remember you always. We love and miss you Uncle Dean.....Until Me meet again.*

Love, Angie, Scott & Kaycee

Angie Jackson - November 13, 2013 at 08:16 PM

JT

“ *To the family, Always remember, Jesus said that "all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out. The bible's resurrection accounts give us a sure hope for the future. In paradise, those lost for now will be reunited with their loved ones. What a beautiful promise from God.*

Joyce T. - November 13, 2013 at 07:46 PM

BS

“ *My sincerest condolences to Judy, Clay and the rest of his family. Dean was a great man who will be missed dearly.*

When I was hired at Dist. 9 MEO Dean took me under his wing and taught me the techniques of death investigation. He had the unique ability to ask the necessary questions to a bereaving family while displaying a warm and calming demeanor. This was only one of his many outstanding qualities. Dean had a fantastic memory and he was the "go to guy" when we had discussions about old cases. He could recall details of the case as if he had just read the report.

Dean was extremely likeable. Outside agencies involved with our cases would call for assistance and always ask for Dean. He could quickly get the answers they needed and always with some humor to make them feel comfortable. Dean was an asset in the daily operation of Dist.9.

He frequently spoke of his family and was always willing to make sacrifices to help them.

Dean touched so many peoples lives. I was very fortunate to have been mentored by Dean. Throughout my career he offered suggestions on how I could improve my job performance and I am a better person because of him.

Bill Stratton.

Bill Stratton - November 13, 2013 at 06:13 PM

JO

“ *Joseph Olds lit a candle in memory of Boyd "Dean" Smith*



Joseph Olds - November 13, 2013 at 04:10 PM

RL

“ *Ruby Locklear purchased the Simply Elegant Sp
athiphyllum for the family of Boyd "Dean" Smith.*



Ruby Locklear - November 13, 2013 at 12:10 PM

JG

“ *Judy you have my condolences on the loss of Dean. He was a sweet man. I will always appreciate his support for me when I first took over the Office of the Medical Examiner and his loyalty and friendship as the years went by. He is one of the finest medical legal death investigators I have ever worked with but THE BEST at dealing with families. He showed everyone kindness and compassion. He was missed when he retired from the ME office and will be missed even more that we won't have him in town.*

Jan Garavaglia - November 13, 2013 at 11:21 AM

JG

“ 1 file added to the album *Dean, Judy and Dr. G*



Jan Garavaglia - November 13, 2013 at 11:12 AM



You will always be in m y thoughts and prayers love you And miss you.

Jennifer McNamara Smith - November 16, 2013 at 10:27 AM

SH

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Sheri - November 13, 2013 at 10:51 AM

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Sheri - November 13, 2013 at 10:49 AM

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Sheri - November 13, 2013 at 10:48 AM

SH

“ 9 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Sheri - November 13, 2013 at 10:09 AM

RR

“ Throughout my 25 year career as a crime scene technician with the Orlando Police Department, I had several opportunities to work with Dean on major crime scenes. From a professional level, I learned the many unique intricacies of medicolegal forensics from Dean, and, from a personal level, he was a good friend and teacher on the various crime scenes that we had worked together. We shared a common bond in striving to provide a "true revelation" of the crime scene and it's myriad of static and fluid components.
Please accept my sincere condolences to family, friends, and to all members (past and present) of the Orange County Medical Examiner's Office, 9th District.
Happy trails Dean.
Best wishes always,
Ron Rogers, Crime Scene Technician (OPD/Ret.)

Ron Rogers - November 13, 2013 at 08:54 AM

VJ

“ Velda Johnson lit a candle in memory of Boyd "Dean" Smith




Velda Johnson - November 13, 2013 at 07:52 AM

VJ

“ Sam (and family) please accept my condolences in the loss of your loved one and know that your family is in my prayers.

Corinthians ch 5 v 8: 8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord

Velda Johnson - November 13, 2013 at 07:50 AM


Michelle
Keefer

“ *Michelle Keefer lit a candle in memory of
Boyd "Dean" Smith*



Michelle Keefer - November 13, 2013 at 06:30 AM

BB

“ *Dean, you were a great friend and will be terribly missed. Thank you
for all the memories!*

Bob Blackwell - November 13, 2013 at 06:29 AM

JY

“ *I remember meeting Dean for the first time. He was funny, loving
and caring and LOVED to give my brother a hard time. Always
made me laugh when he would poke fun at him. He accepted us
into the family with open arms. He will be truly missed. I'm so
thankful I had a chance to meet this man and the family. R.I.P Dean
We love you and will see you soon!*

Jeannie York - November 12, 2013 at 07:07 PM

JY

“ *Jeannie York lit a candle in memory of Boyd
"Dean" Smith*



Jeannie York - November 12, 2013 at 06:54 PM

GR

“ *What I will miss most is the Love and kindness you had for my sister, Mother and Father and the entire family and really anyone you came in contact with. All our funny jokes(You always had plenty) But sometimes Angie and I had better ones. You were always willing to go above and beyond what was needed for anyone! All our fun family get-togethers with you praying there was something else to eat besides chicken! You made our Family special because you were special. I miss you my sweet Brother-in-Law but I also know you will continue your Love and Kindness in Heaven .Hugs and kisses to all who welcomed you there! Gail*

Gail Rutherford - November 12, 2013 at 06:07 PM

DC

“ *1 file added to the album Family Memories*



Daniel Crouse - November 12, 2013 at 05:46 PM

DC

“ *My favorite memories of Dean is how much he loved my Nana and how well he took care of her. I remember fondly the days of my youth when Dean joined my Grandpa and me for a day of fishing.*



Daniel Crouse - November 12, 2013 at 05:15 PM

RO

“ Dean was a hardworking man and he took care of his family, never really had anything bad to say about anyone, we enjoyed visiting Judy and dean from time to time. We will miss Dean very much.
Ronnie

Ronnie - November 12, 2013 at 03:12 PM

MZ

“ Any memory of Dean has got to include his humor; his kindness to a shattered family member after a particularly bad case. He had what can only be described as a "rascal" laugh that would be surly followed by Dean taking off his glasses and wiping his eyes with the back of his hand. Then, he would walk away from the situation just shaking his head! I saw this more than once in the garage at the Lucerne office when he and Cora Ralston (retired) bantered tirelessly!

*I met Dean (Boyd Who??!!) in 1994 and from my first day was made welcome to the D9MEO office as if I were an old friend. Dean had a unique Southern drawl and when a difficult situation arose, a simple phone call to the Investigative unit to calm a grieving relative, was always met with, "Okay, put 'em through darlin". He worked to lessen other's pain in his own unique way. I wish his wife and family strength at this time. God did not take Dean. Dean was welcomed by God!
Mardie*

Mardie Zeh - November 12, 2013 at 02:31 PM

SG

“ Dean thank you for believing in me, you will always have a special place in my heart!!!
Stephanie Guyette

Stephanie Guyette - November 12, 2013 at 01:04 PM

JA

“ It was my pleasure over several decades to work with Dean. Despite what many would see as depressing work, Dean was always there with a smile, a hearty handshake. and where appropriate a little humor. I will miss that

JeffAshton
State Attorney
Ninth Judicial Circuit

Jeff Ashton - November 12, 2013 at 10:15 AM

GC

“ Dean is a man that I will never forget. He was a mentor, a friend, a golf buddie, a drinking buddie and one hell of a co-worker. My prayers go out to Judy, Clay and the rest of his family. Dean you will always be in my thoughts and my heart. RIP my good friend!!!

Gene Conus - November 12, 2013 at 05:48 AM

SL

“ Dean I seems like yesterday when you hired me in Dec of 1989. Time has gone so fast but with it I have wonderful memories of you making me laugh, cry and just listening to me. We had quite a motley group here but a good bunch when I look back and smile. Judy, I am so so sorry for your loss its hard to put in words. May God watch over you and your family and give you strength at this time. Dean until we all meet again in heaven see if you can at least break par on the golf course up there! I will miss you and am blessed to have known you. Sandi

Sandi Ludwig - November 11, 2013 at 06:13 PM

SL

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Sandi Ludwig - November 11, 2013 at 05:56 PM



“ *Teto Reed lit a candle in memory of Boyd "Dean" Smith*



Teto Reed - November 11, 2013 at 05:34 PM

LC

“ *This is Lewis Cain I worked for Dean at the Medical Examiner's Office from 1993-2001 as a technician. Dean changed my life and he gave me opportunities that I will never forget. He truly changed my life. God Bless his family and I will pray for him and his family. He will be missed.*

Lewis Cain - November 11, 2013 at 05:19 PM

AK

“ *Uncle Dean, I remember you were always happy and kind when I was a child. Rest in Peace.*


Angela Kreye-Shockey - November 11, 2013 at 03:51 PM

AD

“ I had the pleasure of working indirectly with Dean for 13 years(I worked at Baldwin-Fairchild from 1989-2002)..He was a Gentlemen and a Jokester..He always brightened my day with his humor...I will miss him very much.

Alesia Dobson


Alesia Dobson - November 11, 2013 at 03:43 PM


Regenna
Osborne

“ 3 files added to the album Family Memories



Regenna Osborne - November 11, 2013 at 03:25 PM


Regenna
Osborne

I love you Dean and will miss you!!! One day we will have a Happy Reunion Day!!!!

Regenna Osborne - November 11, 2013 at 03:30 PM



I will always remember the great times we had.I love you and will miss you very much.

Mike Smith - November 11, 2013 at 03:43 PM

SA

“ *Sandra lit a candle in memory of Boyd "Dean" Smith*



Sandra - November 11, 2013 at 03:16 PM

SA

You will be missed my dear brother love you always

Sandra - November 11, 2013 at 03:17 PM

AJ

“ *2 files added to the album Family Memories*



Angie Jackson - November 11, 2013 at 12:23 PM

JC

“ *Dean, Thanx for teaching me the Art Of Investigating.
God Bless Your Family.
Jack Cuccia.*

Jack Cuccia - November 11, 2013 at 11:49 AM

TW

“ I worked with Dean the last few years before he retired. He helped me learn the job and was an asset the whole time I was there. I left Florida in 2010 and I am now back in LA living in my home town of Winnfield.

Dean was a man that loved God, loved his family, and loved his friends!! What more could you ask of a man. He truly will be missed and thought about by those that knew him. God Bless!!!

Tommy Willis

Tommy Willis - November 11, 2013 at 11:17 AM

AV

“ 3 files added to the album Deans Retirement



amanda vibert - November 11, 2013 at 10:57 AM

CC

“ Dean, you will be greatly missed. You have been my friend for nearly 18 years now and I am so blessed to have had you in my life. You are the one who got me to where I am today. I thank you for sharing all your work values with me. I use them every single day. I will miss your raspy voice calling to check on me. Judy, I am so very sorry for your loss. Dean loved you, Clay and the grandbabies dearly. He always talked about all of you. I have been so fortunate to spend time with you. Please know we are here for you anytime. Dean, I hope you and Dan are always watching over me....somehow, I know you both are. I love and miss you my friend.....Carol

Carol Crosby - November 11, 2013 at 10:22 AM

PN

*To Dean's family,
I want you to know what a privilege it was working with Dean. He was a very gentle, caring man and will be dearly missed...I hope family and friends are able to bring you some comfort during this sad time.....Pam*

Pam Nichols - November 14, 2013 at 03:53 PM