

Charles J. Smead

February 23, 1939 - February 21, 2011

Charles J. Smead, 71, of Bourbonnais, died Monday (Feb. 21, 2011) at Provena Heritage Village. Memorial visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will follow at 11 a.m. at St. Teresa Catholic Church in Kankakee. Father Tom Cargo will officiate.

Memorials may be made to Provena Intergenerational Center or St. Teresa Catholic Church.

Mr. Smead was a biology professor at Kankakee Community College, retiring in 1999. He was born Feb. 23, 1939, in Chicago, the son of Harry Franklin and Etta Raney Smead. He served in the U.S. Army Reserves. He was a Kankakee River Valley Forest Preserve Commissioner, an avid cyclist and enjoyed square dancing and traveling.

Surviving are his wife, the former Judith A. "Judy" Troutwine, of Bourbonnais, whom he married June 6, 1959, in Crown Point, Ind.; four children, Deborah and Rob Kyrouac, of San Antonio, Texas, Diane Jory, of Orlando, Fla., Sharon Smead, of Seattle, Wash., and Timothy Smead, of Indianapolis, Ind.; 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, with one on the way; two brothers and four sisters-in-law, William Smead, of Dunnellon, Fla., Robert and Lois Smead, of Melbourne, Fla., Norma Smead, of San Diego, Calif., Linda

Smead, of Crown Point, Ind., and Bonne Smead, of Melbourne.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Harry Franklin Smead, Jack Smead and John Smead; and one sister-in-law, Jean Smead.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

FEB **25**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Memorial Visitation

FEB **26**. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

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Memorial Mass

FEB **26**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Teresa Catholic Church
333 St. Joseph Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-7683

Tribute Wall

CB

“ I really enjoyed Mr Smead's Human Biology class at KCC in the 80's. He was a wonderful teacher, and we learned so much from him. As the years went by, I never forgot how good he was to his students.

Chris Breese - February 28, 2011 at 05:19 PM

MW

“ Judy, I'm very sorry for your loss. Chuck will be deeply missed by all who knew him. He was a very warm, compassionate person. When I started as admin assistant for the MSE division at KCC he was very helpful and encouraging. He helped me learn the terminology I needed and administered the proficiency exam when I needed one for Human Biology. Our discussions covered everything from A to Z! Entomology, tree identification, genealogy, taxidermy--just to name a few. I enjoyed taking a break and having a cup of coffee with Chuck; we always had a good laugh about something. He was especially patient when it came to working with the lab assistants and his compassion and empathy were well known to all of his students. One of his Human Biology students asked to be remembered to you--Brinda E. Williams (an LPN graduate of KCC). She sends her sympathies to the family.

Mae Watson - February 26, 2011 at 10:18 AM

KS

“ We are very sorry for your loss. We knew Chuck through Bob & Ruth Fair. He was a gentleman, friend and great bridge player.

Kathy Dennis Spence - February 26, 2011 at 07:55 AM

BL

“ I first became acquainted with Chuck Smead when I took a job at KCC working in the science lab in the evenings. He made a point of introducing himself and offering his assistance with any of the various science equipment should I need it.

Over the years I have had nothing but positive experiences with Chuck. He was such a warm and caring man....who always with a twinkle in his eye. We shared lots of laughs over the years. We used to play practical jokes on each other from time to time. He was really a great guy and I never heard a negative remark about him from students. They were lucky to have him as an instructor.

I also was privileged to go on several trips with him and Judy. They were great traveling companions and those are times I will always treasure.

I know Chuck will be fondly remembered and sadly missed by many. I extend my deepest sympathy to the family.

Barbara Loudy - February 25, 2011 at 04:31 PM

BL

“ I worked with Chuck and KCC and also went on several trips with both Chuck and Judy...what a wonderful couple. Chuck was such a warm and giving person. I always loved his fun loving nature. Seems like we always could find something to laugh about. I have so many warm memories of the times we worked and traveled together. He will be sadly missed by many. My deepest sympathy to the family.

Barbara Loudy - February 25, 2011 at 04:15 PM

MH

“ Sorry for your loss. I was so glad to know him. He will be missed.

Marc Huot - February 25, 2011 at 12:12 PM

SP

“ I knew Chuck through the St. Teresa's Choir. He loved to sing with his great tenor voice and was always there at practice and for each 10:00 mass. He always had a smile on his face. He will be greatly missed.

Sharon Panozzo

Sharon Panozzo - February 25, 2011 at 09:56 AM

MH

“ My condolences to the Smead Family for their loss! He was no doubt a great Dad! He was my Biology teacher at KCC, and he was the best! I was also a member of the Easy Spokin' Bike Club, back when I was a youth, and we had some nice bikerides! I was lucky to have known him.

Michael Huot - February 24, 2011 at 09:40 PM

LP

“ So sorry to hear about Mr. Smead. He was such a caring person to his family and friends. Diane and I had been friends through St. Teresa school. My condolences to the family. May you find peace, he is with God.

Laurie Pombert - February 24, 2011 at 08:24 PM

KM

“ I was one of Chuck's cycling friends. When we first met I was an ultra-marathon cyclist and former racer. Later after a bad accident curtailed my cycling, I would sit on his wheel to be pulled through the long miles, and he was always extremely gracious: "I used to sit on your wheel, it's only fair to return the favor." I was glad he continued on his trike as long as he did, and participated in our group activities until just recently.

Ken Massey - February 24, 2011 at 01:01 PM

 Dena Hissong

“ I am so sorry to hear of his passing. Mr Smead was my biology instructor at KCC back in the 1970's. He was the one of the instructors who went to Wyoming on a summer class. He was like a big brother to all of us silly student who were out on their own for the first time.

Sometimes he was our parent, other times just a good friend, listening. What a wonderful person he was, and will be sadly missed by all. I will remember him fondly.



Dena Hissong - February 23, 2011 at 02:50 PM

SV

“ Our sympathy to you, Judy... and your family.
Sheila and Paul Vakselis

Sheila Vakselis - February 23, 2011 at 12:17 PM

MW

“ Chuck will dearly be missed. I will always remember the times we would 'kid swap' during summers. We always enjoyed spending time with the Smeads. We would spend time playing while the parents would play bridge 'all night long'. Chuck will be missed, however he is in a special place. RIP Chuck.



Mike Woldahl - February 23, 2011 at 08:59 AM

KW

“ I have known Chuck my entire life. His shining personality and sense of humor will be missed. Mom now has a bridge partner :) My prayers are with Judy and the rest of the family. I love you all!

Karen Woldahl - February 23, 2011 at 08:58 AM

CD

“ I only knew Charles from Master Gardening class and a few activities. Only a short acquaintance was enough to realize what an outstanding person he was.
I am glad to have had a little time in his world.

Carol Desch - February 23, 2011 at 08:47 AM

NA

“ Our prayers and sympathy to you Judy and all of Chuck's family. I so enjoyed singing with Chuck.

Nick Shirley Africano - February 22, 2011 at 10:35 PM

DG

“ Well I have so many fond memories of my grampaw for 1 he was allways somebody I looked up to I allways enjoyed coming up to visit over the summer He allways took time on our bike rides through the back roads in the country we went on a long weekend bike ride accross the state of ILL. Thier was 1 summer we wear fishing in the kankakee river and I got a little crazy with my fishing pole and ended up hooking my eye brow and the look on his face will allways remember. I love and will miss him for the rest of my life you will never be forgotten g-paw now ur pain and suffering is over and you have gone on to rest in peace.



Danny Garrett - February 22, 2011 at 08:59 PM

MB

“ Prof. Smead was a great biology teacher and one I will always remember from 1992 at KCC. Thanks for making Biology 2 so interesting - and giving me a great example as I became a teacher 2 years later as well!

Mary Barney - February 22, 2011 at 08:45 PM

SJ

“ Sue Jensen lit a candle in memory of Charles J. Smead



Sue Jensen - February 22, 2011 at 03:42 PM

TR

“ *Mr Smead was the smartest teacher I ever met. He taught me how to learn the easy way of remembering what the prefix meant of a word in the terminolgy section of biology. I got an A in that section of biology by using homemade flashcards. He really enjoyed teaching his students. May you rest in peace Mr Smead.*

Terry Robicheaux-Lloyd - February 22, 2011 at 02:28 PM

DL

“ *Professor Smead was one of the most interesting fellow in that he was intellectual and an avid outdoorsman.. He introduced literally hundreds of students to the sciences and how to apply them to your own world. confident with his profession but never an ego to interfere. thank you family for sharing him with kcc and his students*

doc lawson - February 22, 2011 at 02:19 PM

BM

“ *Bill Maass lit a candle in memory of Charles J. Smead*



Bill Maass - February 22, 2011 at 11:32 AM

BM

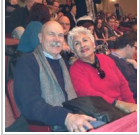
“ *I had the privilege of being in Chuck's field biology /geology class in the summer of 1976. We went to the mountains outside of Laramie WY. It was one of the best learning experiences of my life and helped me to decide on teaching as my future profession. He was a wonderful man and educator – setting the bar high for those in his profession. My sincere sympathy to the family on your loss. Gone much too soon!!*

Bill Maass - February 22, 2011 at 11:31 AM

LT

“ I worked with Mr. Smead as a student and later as a co-worker. I also wrote a story about his love of biking. He was one of the nicest people ever. My sincere condolences.

Lisa themer - February 22, 2011 at 11:00 AM



“ What a great teacher this gentleman was! May God bless you with peace and comfort at this sad time. May your fond memories bring smiles as you recall this wonderful man.
Mary Thomson

Mary Quiroz Thomson - February 22, 2011 at 10:51 AM

CS

“ The first stories is when I about 13 years old my parents put my brother and I on a plane by ourselves for the first time to see them in the summer for two weeks. Well when grandpa and grandma pick us up at the airport I gave them both a huge hug after that they told us to get in the car. On the way to their place we stop at an IHOP for lunch because Eric and I were so hungry. You know going through that growth spurt. After eating we went to their place and just relaxed in the living room for the night. Throughout those two week grandpa took us canoeing for the first time on the river behind their house. Let Eric and I ride up and down the road as much as we wanted on the bikes. But my favorite time was our 5 mile bike rides with grandpa and grandma about the country town. Laughing and getting stories told to us while riding. Man did he love his bikes.

Love His Grandson
Christofer Smead (USN)

Christofer Smead - February 22, 2011 at 03:08 AM