



Mr. Weston Smith

July 22, 1925 - January 17, 2021

Weston "Coon" Smith, 95, a native of Galliano and resident of Cut Off passed away on Sunday, January 17, 2021.

On Wednesday, January 27th, 2021, Military Honors will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Cut Off at 11:30 am followed by Funeral Mass at 12 noon with burial following in the Church Cemetery

Mr. Weston is survived by his wife of 74 years Doris Richoux Smith, children; Debra S. Rebstock (Gary) and Toni S. Barrios (Randy P.), grandchildren; Jack Rebstock (Sharell), Sammy Rebstock (Lauren), Ben Rebstock (Casey), Randy J. Barrios (Chris) and Ryan Barrios, great grandchildren; Grant, Claire, Lynx, and Victoria, brother; Russell Smith, and sisters; Dolores Curole, Amelia Rebstock, Janet Triche, and Rosita Triche.

Mr. Smith was preceded in death by his parents; Preslich and Lionelle Duet Smith, brother; Colin Smith, and sisters; Thelma Galjour and Alma Adams.

WESTON J SMITH

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Weston lived a long & happy life.

He lived to be 95 years old & was happily married to the love of his life, Doris for 74 years.

Paw was proud of many things in his life. He was a:

Veteran of WWII,

One of the early Navy SeaBees

Survivor of the Battle of Okinawa.

Boat Captain

He had a great love for his two daughters, five grandsons & his four great grandchildren.

Weston grew up during the Great Depression of the 30s when times were tough. Being

the oldest of the family, it fell upon him to help the family. He went to work at age 5 with his father; oystering & trapping in winter and trawling in Summer. His Daddy put him behind the wheel of the boat & told him to keep the boat going straight or else. Doing so helped his family survive. Five year-old Weston did it, all the while missing his Mama like any child would.

He had a 9th grade education but was a very successful Mariner, working for Halliburton for 34 years as a Cement Boat Captain. Everyone knew "Coon Smith" and he knew everybody.

His Service during World War II was so intense that, like many Veterans, he would not talk about it until his last years. We know it was intense because it gave him nightmares most of his life. However, because he spoke French & English he was of great benefit as an interpreter to his fellow Cajun soldiers who spoke no English. Just as everybody knew "Coon Smith" at Halliburton everyone during the War knew "Frenchy Smith"!

He had an astonishing memory, and served as the Smith, Duet & Richoux family's unofficial Genealogist. He knew all the family connections, where they lived, who did what for a living, & who was married to who. Friends & relatives would often call him to find out about family connections.

His niece called him a "Social Butterfly" because he would fly around the neighborhood & community visiting people, interacting with them, joking with them. When he met a stranger, within a minute or two, he would know who he or she was & could tell them their genealogy for one or two generations. And once you met Weston, you never forgot him.

The Corona Pandemic changed all that. It clipped his Butterfly wings. No longer could he "Make the Veillee" with friends & family.

Covid-19 may have got him but it, ironically, also gave him back his Butterfly Wings so he could fly again.

He got his wish to see his Mama again; is in Heaven with her, his Daddy, his brother, his sisters & all his friends. Now he's free to fly around and "make the Veillee" with family & friends and to make new friends in Heaven.

No more painful knees or old age to limit him!
Rest in Peace Paw, your work here is done!!

Services by Samart-Mothe Funeral Home.

Cemetery

Sacred Heart Cemetery

15300 West Main St
CUT OFF, LA, 70345

Events

JAN 27 Military Honors 11:30AM - 12:00PM

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
15300 West Main St, CUT OFF, LA, US, 70345

JAN 27 Funeral Mass 12:00PM - 01:00PM

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Comments



“ My deepest sympathies to each one of you. Debra & Toni, you have written a wonderful tribute to your father. May he rest in peace.- Robin B. Callais

Robin Callais - January 23 at 12:48 PM



“ Randy and Chris Oakley purchased the Pink & White Sympathy Standing Basket for the family of Mr. Weston Smith.



Randy and Chris Oakley - January 23 at 10:09 AM



“ I met him in 1961 when I met and married his brother. He and his wife were very kind to us. They sold their little house to us and let us pay a small amount each month when we could. We had just gotten married and were pinching pennies then as jobs were few and paid little. He helped his little brother with projects when needed. He was a good man, no doubt. But funny as heck, loved to joke around, playing pranks on his poor wife and anyone else he could. Great father to his two daughters and good grandfather and great grandfather . The oldest of nine, he had 6 sisters and 2 brothers. Some say he was the favorite of his mom but others say my husband was. But I say all nine were her favorites. He worked many years before retiring from Halliburton to spend more time with the love of his life and his dear family who he loved so much.He will be greatly missed by many.

Carolyn - January 21 at 09:39 PM