



James Roderick Smith

July 24, 1933 - December 20, 2010

On December 20, 2010, God called another angel home, James Roderick "Rod" Smith passed away at Poudre Valley Hospital. Rod was born to James Cherry and Lettie Smith on July 24, 1933 in Greenville, South Carolina. Rod first attended schools in South Carolina before venturing to Colorado, where he met and married Jean Churchill. He served with the United States Army from 1954 to 1/2 1956 and upon completion, Rod returned to study business at Colorado State University. Rod was a successful entrepreneur in the furniture and auto business, as well as many other business ventures. He married his present wife, Connie Smith on December 29th. This would have marked their 34th anniversary. Rod drew great enjoyment from owning his farm in Arkansas. He also took great pleasure in seeing his youngest son, Tyler, graduate from law school. Survivors include his wife, Connie Smith of Fort Collins; two sons, Tyler Smith of Dallas, Texas and Jim Smith Bettina of Fort Collins; two daughters, Jenifer Davis Brian and Renee Mertens Alan both of Fort Collins. Rod has eleven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A celebration of Rod's life will be held Saturday, January 15, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. at Bohlender Funeral Chapel.

Tribute Wall

OR

“ I always enjoyed having Rod & Connie and later on his mother, Lettie, as neighbors of mine in the Village East Development. Rod sold me one of the best cars that I ever owned and he also helped a cousin of mine sell his motorcycle. He was a "great" salesman!
Sincerely, Oliver A. Richardson

Oliver A. Richardson - February 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Conne, I was greatly saddened to hear of Rod's passing. My heart goes out to you and your family. I will always remember what a soft spoken southern gentleman he was. My thoughts and prayers are with you during these difficult times. God Bless You! John Smith

John C Smith family - January 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Connie- I just found out about Rod's passing. I am so sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with you.

Brittany Gilden - January 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ Dear Connie, Rich and I are very sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that we are thinking of you at this difficult time. I hope you will find strength in the love of family and friends. Rich and Cathy Norman

Cathy Norman - January 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“*Connie, I just wanted to say I'm so sorry for your loss. Rod was always such a pleasure to talk with while I was cleaning. He was very knowledgeable about everything. Amy Morris*

Amy Morris - December 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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Amy Morris - December 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JG

“*Dear Jenifer and Brian, We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Anything you need just call. Love, Joanie and Jerry*

Joanie and Jerry Graham - December 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“*Connie and Family; Eunice and I were saddened to read about Rod's passing. He was such a "Southern Gentleman".....and a pleasure to share and experience his kindness and thoughtfulness. We will miss him; and our prayers will be for your comfort and strength in the days ahead. All our Love, Jim and Eunice Michalka*

James Michalka - December 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SO

“*Dear Connie and Family, we were so saddened to hear of Rod's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Sandy and Mike O'Brien*

Sandra O'Brien - December 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM