



## Bob Smith

August 28, 1945 - June 10, 2021

ROBERT MILSON "BOB" SMITH, AGE 75

And a resident of Hammond died Thursday evening June 10, 2021 following a motorcycle accident as he returned home from work. He was a native and former longtime well-known resident of Mount Hermon. Bob attended Mt. Hermon School and was voted "Mr. Mount Hermon" during his senior year. He built and operated Smith Auto Parts in Mt. Hermon for 25 years. Bob was a founding member of the Mount Hermon Volunteer Fire Department, even helping to build the first fire station. During this time, Bob also drove a school bus for Mt. Hermon School for 25 years. He later began a career as a car salesman, working for many years at Bill Hood Chevrolet in Amite and Magee Autoplex in Franklinton. He was currently employed with Circle A Hardware in Springfield.

Bob was always full of life and he enjoyed visiting with the people he met every day. He loved telling stories, especially the funny ones, as he loved to make others laugh. He loved spending time in the water, either in the family swimming pool or boat riding on the Tchefuncte River. Bob had a love for old cars, especially Chevrolets and he had several Chavelles and Corvettes through the years. He also enjoyed Harley-Davidson motorcycles, and went on many long road trips with his brother in law Michael. Bob always enjoyed dancing and having a good time at parties and weddings. He adored his young grandchildren, who affectionately called him "Pops". He was a friend to so many and he will be dearly missed by all that knew him.

Survived by:

Wife of 49 years: Kaye Corkern Smith of Hammond

3 Children and Spouses: Robert Reid Smith and Hope Bahm Smith of Walker,  
Clint Harrison Smith and Holly Carpenter Smith of Hammond,  
Kasey Smith Gignilliat and Stuart Gignilliat of New Orleans

Grandchildren: River Faith Smith,  
Robert Cash Smith,  
Meadow Kaye Smith,  
Bree Renee Smith,  
Reid Harrison Smith,  
Smith Edward Gignilliat,  
Margot Francis Gignilliat

Sister and Brother in law: Dorothy Smith Kinlaw and Larry Joe Kinlaw of Denham Springs

Brother in law and Sisters in law: Michael and Debbie Corkern of Franklinton,  
Chanda Corkern of Alabama

Also numerous nieces, nephews, other family members and many dear friends

He was preceded in death by his parents Milson M. Smith and Stella Wascom Smith,  
father in law and mother in law Olan and Olean Corkern, brothers in law Reid Corkern,  
Jeffrey Corkern, special cousin Billy Wascom.

A visitation for family and friends will be at Crain Funeral Home (1109 Bene Street,  
Franklinton) on Tuesday June 15th from 4:00 pm until 6:30 pm. A memorial service will be  
held in the funeral home chapel at 6:30 pm Tuesday with Dr. Joe Baugh and Rev. Percy  
Frazier officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorial donations to the Mount Hermon Volunteer  
Fire Department (36365 Hwy. 38, Mount Hermon, LA 70450).

Honorary Pallbearers are Robert Reid Smith, Clint Smith, Stuart Gignilliat, Michael  
Corkern, Michael Corkern, II, Ryan Corkern

Obituaries can be viewed online at <http://www.crainfh.com>

# Comments

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“ Celestial Love was purchased for the family of Bob Smith.



June 15, 2021 at 12:28 PM

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“ I remember my Uncle Bob fondly. He was well known in the Mt. Hermon community and it was always a treat to visit him at the gas station. I recall the early days of visiting MaMa Smith on "the farm" and checking in with my extended Smith family of Uncle Bob, Aunt Kaye, Robert Reid, Clint and Kasey. Wandering the property as a kid was hog heaven. I remember one of his Corvettes. Seeing that car as a youngster made me a life long fan. One of my fondest memories was after having left the area for some years I brought my then girlfriend and future wife to visit Mt. Hermon and one of the first places we stopped was the gas station to meet Uncle Bob. My Louisiana accent had faded somewhat but after introductions Uncle Bob and I fell into comfortable conversation that my wife later told me she could not understand a word we said. What a hoot and what a character. He will be missed and we are all better off for having known him. Sayonara Uncle Bob.

**Kenny Kinlaw** - June 15, 2021 at 11:06 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bob Smith.



June 15, 2021 at 10:20 AM

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“ Bob truly was a fun loving person that loved his family very much!  
Bob worked very hard with his business in Mt. Hermon as we are sure he did everywhere he worked.  
He will be sadly missed by many people.  
May God comfort his family as only He can do!  
We are praying for you all .  
Sincerely, Ronnie & Terry Moak and family

Ronnie & Terry Moak - June 14, 2021 at 08:19 PM

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“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Bob Smith.



June 14, 2021 at 12:51 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss and my prayers are with the family. Bob was definitely the nicest guy and always smiling. Bob will be missed by so many.

Karen Riley Payne - June 14, 2021 at 09:03 AM



“ We are praying for Kaye and the family. Mr. Bob was a very friendly gentleman. Kaye and I worked at the Jr. High and he sold me the first PT Cruiser that came to the dealership where he worked in Amite, 2005. Remember the precious memories and know that God is in control of all things.

Mayor and Mrs. Greg Route - June 15, 2021 at 09:24 PM

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“ So deeply sorry to hear of the passing of my friend and Best Boss man ever, Rocky (Smitty) Smith

Rocky Smith - June 13, 2021 at 10:56 PM



“ Mike and I are So sorry, Kaye! I always envied the way you guys made a point of having fun together. He was indeed a special man who will be missed. I will never forget his smile!

Louise Dill - June 14, 2021 at 05:48 PM



“ What a loss of a wonderful friend and comrade. I share my grief with all that knew ,appreciated and loved this man. We went through many things together in life, and he will be missed dearly by many and myself as well. I pray for God's grace for the family and all his friends as well. He will never be forgotten.

**Albert Michael Schnellenberger** - June 13, 2021 at 07:50 PM

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“ Bob was one of a kind. Thoughts and prayers for the family during this time.

**Calvin Simmons** - June 13, 2021 at 07:22 PM

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“ So sorry to hear about my Friend always had that smile on His face and when I saw Him around Hammond He asked how everybody was doing back home. I remember how He was my first motorcycle riding partner even though He was older He didn't mind spending time watching over me when I got my first big bike back in the day when our Honda 750s were the hottest bikes around. Miss Kaye our sweet Friend our prayers are with You and family He will be greatly missed.

**Richard Foley** - June 13, 2021 at 07:13 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss

**wilkie magee** - June 13, 2021 at 07:01 PM

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“ Mrs. Kaye, I will never forget the times when we had to go to your store to get a part for the tractor or when my mom would bring me over to your house in Mt. Hermon to play with Robert Reid, Clint, and Kasey. It was the highlight of my trip when they would make me go to our farm in Mt. Hermon. You and Mr. Bob were always so kind to me. My prayers are with you guys during this time.

**Kathy Kinnison** - June 13, 2021 at 03:52 PM

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“ Kaye,  
I am heartbroken for you. Bob was such a wonderfully, sweet, loving man. Al and I are lifting you and your family in prayer to the Lord for peace and comforting. I love and miss you.  
God Bless you,  
Maggie and Al

Maggie Alvear - June 13, 2021 at 01:38 PM

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“ Judy McCasland Micelle lit a candle in memory of Bob Smith



Judy McCasland Micelle - June 13, 2021 at 01:20 PM

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“ Mrs Kaye we are keeping you and your family in our prayers. People that have never met you knew you through Mr Bob, he frequently spoke of Mrs. Kaye. He will be missed by everyone that worked with him at both Circle A and Springfield Hardware. May God place his arms around the Smith family and help them thorgh this difficult time of need.

Kev Sibley - June 13, 2021 at 12:15 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bob Smith.



June 13, 2021 at 10:16 AM

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“ Kaye I send my condolences to you and your family. May you find comfort in the days ahead feeling God’s arm’s around you. So sorry!

**Linda Bateman** - June 13, 2021 at 10:12 AM

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“ Bob was just special. I remember he was a bit better at cars than he was at algebra.It was always good to go by "Bobs" in Mt. Hermon where many friends gathered in simpler times.My thoughts and Prayers are with the family.  
Finley Corkern

**Finley Corkern Albuquerque,NM** - June 13, 2021 at 09:03 AM

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“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Prayers for all of you.

**Chanda Goings** - June 13, 2021 at 01:00 AM

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“ Sending my love and prayers for each of you. May God surround you all in the coming days and beyond with his love and strength. Bob will be truly missed and I will always hold fond memories of him. Hold your memories close and remember he is forever in your hearts. Love Patri

**Patri Gast** - June 12, 2021 at 10:19 PM



“ Thank you Patri for your kind words and prayers.Bob was a kind , sweet man that was love dearly everyday.

**kaye** - June 13, 2021 at 12:01 AM

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“ Ms. Kaye, Robert Reid, Clint, & Kasey,  
My deepest sympathies. I have no words to console you, but I pray that God will bring comfort during this time. I have so many great memories of Mr. Bob, and he was the one responsible for my love of Zero candy bars!! He was a great man, and I remember fondly the love he had for Ms. Kaye before children, and the love he had for his complete family after the arrival of Robert Reid, Clint, & Kasey.  
My love and prayers for all.  
Paige Triola Benson

**Paige Triola Benson** - June 12, 2021 at 09:42 PM