



Thurman G. Smith Jr.

August 20, 1951 - April 18, 2025

Thurman G. Smith, Jr. passed away peacefully at Circle of Life on Friday, April 18, 2025.

Jr. was born in Batesville, Arkansas, on August 20, 1951, to Thurman G. Smith and Etta Virginia John Smith.

He graduated from Springdale High School in 1969. He attended and graduated from the University of Arkansas, where he played baseball for the Razorbacks. He was drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals organization and played two years in the minor leagues in Florida. His love for the Razorbacks and the Cardinals was always strong.

Jr. was preceded in death by his parents and his daughter, Melissa Virginia Smith.

He is survived by his wife, Debra French Smith; two sons, Jeremy (Lety) and Greg (Lindsay); five wonderful grandchildren, Cici, Melissa, Abby, Piper, and Walker; and three great-grandsons, Eli, Enzo, and Ezekiel. He is also survived by his brothers, Charles (Karen) and John Ed (Debbie), and his sister, Ann (Bill); along with several cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, April 25, at 11:00 a.m. at Sisco Funeral Chapel in Springdale. Following the service, the family will receive guests for a short time at the chapel.

The Smith family expresses their gratitude to Jr.'s nurses, Kayla and Adam, and the staff at The Maples, as well as his nurse, Michaelle, and the rest of the staff at Circle of Life. They would also like to thank Jon and the crew at Trinity Rehab for their care and friendship over the past few years.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Circle of Life in memory of Jr.

Online condolences may be left at www.siscofuneral.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 25. 11:00 AM (CT)

Sisco Funeral Chapel
705 W Meadow Ave
Springdale, AR 72764

Tribute Wall

AP

“ Ann P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thurman G. Smith Jr..

Ann P. - May 02, 2025 at 09:28 AM

AN

“ He taught me to drive! Best big brother! I love you and will miss you. Zooming will not be the same! ❤️🙏❤️

AnnPullin - May 02, 2025 at 09:25 AM

KS

“ Debra, i am so sorry I did not hear until today about Junior's passing. You, Greg and Jeremy and rest of family will be in my prayers. You and Junior were the best neighbors. i still have your recipe for Chicken Spaghetti. Good!!!

Kay Stephens - April 29, 2025 at 05:29 PM

AG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your whole family today. Love, the Grahams



Aida & Phillip Graham - April 25, 2025 at 03:00 PM

BD

“ Bj and Shea Deimel purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Thurman G. Smith Jr..



Bj and Shea Deimel - April 24, 2025 at 11:23 AM

LS

“ Lindsay S. purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Thurman G. Smith Jr..



Lindsay S. - April 24, 2025 at 08:10 AM

JN

“ John & Mary Lu Neal purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thurman G. Smith Jr..



John & Mary Lu Neal - April 23, 2025 at 05:45 PM

JN

“ John & Mary Lu Neal planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thurman G. Smith Jr..

John & Mary Lu Neal - April 23, 2025 at 05:45 PM

LM

“ *Lindsey Golf and Lindsey Management purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thurman G. Smith Jr..*



Lindsey Golf and Lindsey Management - April 22, 2025 at 12:32 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Thurman G. Smith Jr..*



April 22, 2025 at 11:36 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thurman G. Smith Jr..*

April 22, 2025 at 11:36 AM

JG

“ *So sorry for your loss. May God wrap his arms around you and give comfort and peace. Hold his memory in your heart always and he will be with you. May Jr. rest in peace till you meet again.*

Janet Gibbs-Lager - April 22, 2025 at 11:24 AM

TJ

“ *Debra and family, so sorry for your loss. Jimmy and I will have you and family in our prayers. Love Jimmy and Tana Jackson.*

Tana Jackson - April 22, 2025 at 10:14 AM