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Chester Monroe Smith, son of James William and Rebecca Delilah (Copley) Smith was born February 1, 1923 near Seymour in Webster County, Missouri. He departed this life Wednesday, April 21, 2010 in Seymour at the age of eighty-seven years, two months and twenty days.

On September 8, 1942 he was united in marriage to Ruby Faye Dodson, and to this union three sons were born. Together, Monroe and Ruby have shared over sixty-seven wonderful years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a great-granddaughter, Hayley Burke; a sister, Velda Mingus; three brothers, Reeho "Red", Johnny, and Berlin Smith.

Monroe is survived by his loving wife, Ruby, of the home; his sons, Jerry Smith and his wife, JoEllen, of Washington, Illinois, Joe Dean Smith and his wife, Eugenie Norma, of Shiloh, Illinois, and Jackie Wayne Smith and his wife, Kathy, of Las Vegas, Nevada; seven grandchildren, Jill, Stephanie, Jessica, Jennifer, Joe, Jr., Stuart A., and Jeff; fifteen great-grandchildren; a brother-in-law, Claude Mingus, of Seymour, Missouri; several nieces and nephews; as well as a host of other relatives and many friends.

He grew up in the Seymour area and graduated from Seymour High School in the Class of 1940 and married Ruby in 1942. He served with the United States Army from 1943 to 1946 during World War II. Following the service he returned to Seymour and he and Ruby lovingly raised their sons. He attended college for a year and began his career as a rural mail carrier. He retired from the postal service December 1, 1978, and then worked with Paul Carpenter doing electrical work for several years.

Monroe had accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior in the early 1950's and was a member of the Seymour First Baptist Church. He was also a member of the Seymour I.O.O.F. Lodge as long as it was active and the Wilson-Alexander American Legion Post 306 in Seymour for 56 years.



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He was a people person, always enjoying spending time with his family, friends, and co-workers. He had a keen sense of humor and loved telling his grandchildren and other children wild stories in such a way that they believed them whether they were true or not.

Monroe was a kind and loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and uncle, and was a caring and neighbor and friend. We celebrate his life and accomplishments and will cherish all the wonderful memories he created for his family and many friends.

Services are 11:00 A.M. Saturday, April 24, 2010 in the Seymour First Baptist Church with Revs Mitchell Wright and R.J. Adrain officiating. Burial is in Seymour Masonic Cemetery under direction of Holman-Howe Funeral Home of Seymour, Missouri. Contributions may be made to the GSAF-Hunger Challenge in care of the funeral home at P.O. Box 366, Seymour, Missouri 65746.

Online condolences may be made at www.holmanhoweseymour.com



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DH

Donnie And Aletta (Fox) Hutchins posted:

Ruby and all of the family our prayers are with each one . I never saw Monroe without a smile and something funny to say. In the days and years to come you will have many happy times thinking of Monroe's humor. God Bless each one. Leta

April 25 at 7:14 AM

LH

Linda Hunter posted:

I was so sorry to hear about Monroe. He was a wonderful story teller. Last year after my Dad got out of the hospital, he and Paul came out to the house. Monroe was on quite a roll with all of his tales!!May God be with all of you during this difficult time. Unfortunately, I know what you all are going through. Blessings to all of you.

April 24 at 8:02 AM

JT

Janet (Gill) Tackett posted:

Dear Jackie, Kathy & Family, So sorry to hear of the passing of Monroe. May you find comfort in the memories of his life. Janet

April 23 at 6:02 PM

JJ

James & Brenda Johnson posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at the loss of your dear loved one. We were blessed to have shared last Thanksgiving with him and his dear wife. He was a special great grandpa to our wonderful grandkids and he will surely be missed by all those who love him. I believe that our spirit lives on and I know that he will surely be looking down on all his loved ones and watching over them. May God be with you in your time of sorrow. Jim and Brenda

April 23 at 9:52 AM

LN

Louise Nichols posted:

Dear Ruby and Family- I am so sorry about Monroe - he and Bob were good friends. Next Tuesday Bob will have been gone 2 months. How odd their deaths were so close together. I know exactly what you are going through. I don't think I can go to the services but please know I am thinking about all of you. With Love and Sympathy, Louise Nichols

April 23 at 9:13 AM



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Roger & Doylita McCormack posted:

Monroe was a wonderful, caring man and will be missed by all that knew him. Our prayers are with the family during this difficult time.

April 21 at 5:23 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Chester by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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