

# W. Donald Smith, DDS



The Lord is my shepherd;  
I have all that I need.  
He lets me rest in green meadows;  
He leads me beside peaceful streams.

*Psalm 23: 1-2*





*A Celebration of the Life of  
W. Donald Smith, DDS*

*Born September 18, 1916  
Garden Grove, California*

*Joined his family in heaven March 17, 2008  
Burbank, California*

*Monday, March 24, 2008 at 11am  
Memorial Celebration at First Presbyterian Church of Burbank  
Burbank, California*

*Tuesday, March 25, 2008 at 11am  
Interment at Magnolia Memorial Park (site of the old Smith Family Ranch)  
Garden Grove, California*

# W. Donald Smith, DDS

W. Donald Smith, DDS, a resident of Burbank for the past 86 years, passed away peacefully on March 17, 2008 at the age of 91.

W. Donald Smith was born on September 18, 1916 at the Smith family ranch in Garden Grove, California. He was the youngest of 9 children born to William and Annie Smith. The family moved to Burbank in 1922, and he graduated from Burbank High School in 1933. Don graduated from USC Dental School in 1938, and immediately started practicing with his brother, Scobee Smith, DDS, on the corner of South San Fernando Rd and East Olive Ave in downtown Burbank. In 1957, he moved his office to South Glenoaks Blvd and East Tujunga Ave, where he practiced until 1985. Don served as a Major in the US Army Dental Corps in Texas from 1942 to 1946.

Don joined the First Presbyterian Church of Burbank in 1926 and was a significant part of the history of the congregation. He was a member of the chancel choir, an elder, a deacon, on the board of trustees, and in the Viking mariner group, Keenagers, the Wednesday men's work group, and Thursday morning men's bible study. In 2006, he was recognized as the longest attending member of the church. Don was also active in Kiwanis and the San Fernando Valley Dental Association until his retirement.

In 1940, Don met Lois E. Sundeen at the Burbank Chorale Club and they were married on September 20, 1941. They were married for 66 years, until Lois passed away in December 2007.

Don's family was extremely important to him and he leaves behind four daughters and their families: Mary Beth Froman of Mercer Island, WA, Donna Smith and Nancy Beeson of Castaic, CA, Loisann Terry and husband Deane of San Marcos, CA, and Heather Holloway and husband Rob of Newhall, CA. He enjoyed and loved eight grandchildren, Heather Greenlee and Rob Kaplan, Matt Froman, David and Cristina Terry, Jeffrey Terry, Tyler Terry, Kelly Holloway, Katie Holloway, and Robert Holloway. He was blessed with one great granddaughter, Lucy Mae Kaplan. Besides his love of singing, Don passed down his passion for fishing to his children, grandchildren, and extended family members. He was loved and adored by everyone who knew him. If one thing could be said about Don, it would be that he was the most patient and kind man any of us ever knew. Well done good and faithful servant.



***In Loving Memory of  
W. Donald Smith***

*September 18, 1916 — March 17, 2008*

Prelude	Carolyn Lessley, Organist
Welcome and Prayer	Rev. Ross Purdy
Scripture Readings	
Hymn	<i>The Old Rugged Cross</i> No. 260
Reading	<i>John 3:16</i>
Meditation	Rev. Ross Purdy
Anthem	<i>For God so Loved the World</i>
A Celebration of Life	Rev. Dr. William H. Craig
Hymn	<i>Rock of Ages</i> No. 384
Reflections	
Hymn	<i>Faith of Our Fathers</i> No. 530
Closing Prayer and Benediction	
Postlude	Carolyn Lessley, Organist

*The Smith family invites you to join them  
at their home: 1041 E. Olive Ave., Burbank*

*In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the  
First Presbyterian Church*

## *I Would Be True*

I would be true  
for there are those who trust me.

I would be pure  
for there are those who care.

I would be strong  
for there is much to suffer.

I would be brave  
for there is much to dare.

I would be friend  
to all the foe, the friendless.

I would be giving  
and forget the gift.

I would be humble  
for I know my weakness.

I would look up  
and laugh and love and lift.