

Sterling Lee Smith
Born: June 29, 1940
Died: August 19, 2006

Birthplace:

Denton, Texas (Third generation Dentonite)

Early Education:

Denton Public schools-
Stonewall Jackson Elementary (North Ward)
Denton Junior High School
Denton High School

College Degrees:

North Texas State University, B.A.,
University of Arizona, M.A.
University of Texas at Austin, Ph.D.

Vocation:

High school science teacher, Tucson, Arizona (1965-1969)
Associate Instructor and supervisor of high school science student teachers at the University of Texas (1969-7
Assistant Professor of Biology at University of Mississippi (1973-1977)
Professor of Biology at Texas Woman's University (1977-2006)
Wrote science teacher curriculum material
Held workshops teaching science lab methods to teachers
Worked with hundreds of science student teachers and cooperating teachers in the Metroplex
Participated on Southern Association Evaluation Committees all over the Metroplex

TWU posthumously awarded the Humphries Award for Dedication to TWU to Sterling Smith,
"Whose Actions and Loyalty to the University Serve as a Model to All" (May 2007)

Professional Organizations:

Phi Delta Kappa (Honorary organization for academic success and years of teaching)
Texas Woman's University Faculty Senate, Member 14 years, Speaker of the Senate 3 terms
Texas Council of Faculty Senates, Vice-President
National Science Teachers Association, Board of Directors
Society for College Science Teachers, President

Community Activities:

Elected to Denton Independent School District Board of Trustees in May 2006
Associated with Boy Scouts of America in various capacities for 40 years. (An Eagle Scout and father of an
Eagle Scout) Among his awards were the Silver Beaver and the District Award of Merit.
President of Denton High School Band Booster's Club, 2 years
Kiwanis Club (Benefiting children in need) Vice-President, President and held various committee positions
Science Fair Judge in schools in the area for many years
Member of First Baptist Church, Denton, and Teacher of Adult Men's Sunday School Class for 29 years
Received the Denton County NAACP Fred Moore Award in 1994

Extra-curricular “just-for-fun” activities:

Avid University of Texas Longhorn fan
Mountain climber
Train buff

Family:

Wife:

Jeanetta Smith
Retired DISD educator and administrator

Son:

Austin Lee Smith
Attended Denton ISD: Sam Houston Elem., Congress Jr. High and Denton High School
A&M graduate
Landscape Architect in Plano area

Daughter-in-law:

Whitney Smith
A&M graduate
Master’s Degree from University of North Texas
Diagnostician in Plano ISD

Granddaughter:

Audrey Leigh Smith – born January 18, 2007