



Dr. Seab Smith

April 7, 1937 - August 21, 2023

Seab Smith was born on April 7th 1937 in Provencal, Louisiana, located in Natchitoches parish and was the eldest of 12 children born to Dread and Maude Smith. He went home to be with Jesus late the evening of Sunday, August 20, 2023. He passed peacefully in his home in Prairie View, Texas. He was cherished by all of his family, including his siblings, Annie Bell, Douglas MacAuthor, Gussie Mae, Robert James, Billy Ray, Vernail, Elaine, Geneva Faye, Melvin Lewis, Barbarette Marie, and Abigail Berneice. Seab was married to Mildred Oneida Williams in 1962 and for 26 years, together they raised three sons, Cedric, Wendell and Christopher. They endeavored to instill in them proper values, virtues and a love for Christ that would serve them well as they grew. Additionally, Seab is survived by five grandchildren, Christopher, Monica, Daniel, Gabriel and Kelani, daughters-"in-law", Melanie and Kelly, dear friend Carla Whittaker, and a host of others who remember him as a father or grandfather figure, mentor and/or friend.

Seab was the first of his family to go to college or graduate from high school, and he made the most of that opportunity. He was a proud graduate of Southern University in Baton Rouge, where he received his B.S. in Horticultural Science. He also held a M.S. Degree in Biology Education from Northwestern State University and a Doctorate of Education in Science Education from the University of Houston. He used this education to spend a lifetime serving his community. He was a professor of Biology at Prairie View A&M University for more than 4 decades.

He also was an active leader and member of his Church community at Saint Francis of Assisi Episcopal church for more than 40 years, served as a Scout Master for the Boy Scouts of America for more than 30 years and happily worked at Prairie A&M University for 43 years where he taught and mentored countless biology students, and aspiring doctors, nurses and dentists.

Dr. Smith's list of accolades received for community involvement would be too long to fully include here but to highlight just a few, please consider the following. He was Speaker of the Faculty Senate for Prairie View A&M, recipient of the St. George Episcopal Award for recognition of service to his church community, integrally involved in the establishment and operation of Boy Scout troops 141 and 1906, receiving numerous local and regional awards including the Silver Beaver Award, the highest award of recognition that can be bestowed upon a volunteer leader. It recognizes exceptional character for those who have provided distinguished service. He was Scout Master to more than a dozen minority Eagle Scouts, where only 4 percent of all scouts achieve the honor. He volunteered as an Emergency Service Provider for the City of Prairie View, and coached numerous little league baseball and basketball teams.

Of all of these endeavors, the role he cherished most, was that of a devoted and ever-present father and grandfather. Regardless of how busy he may have been, he rarely missed a game, practice or award ceremony for his sons and continued this dedication with his grandchildren. He was and is loved dearly and he will truly be missed.

Cemetery Details

Houston National Cemetery

Veterans Memorial Drive
Houston, TX

Previous Events

Viewing

SEP 8. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church
2000 Phillip Street
Prairie View, TX 77446

Funeral Service

SEP 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Prairie View, TX 77446

Tribute Wall

CM

“ Claudean Mathis lit a candle in memory of Dr. Seab Smith



Claudean Mathis - January 25, 2024 at 06:04 PM

DT

“ Dana Tate lit a candle in memory of Dr. Seab Smith



Dana Tate - October 30, 2023 at 06:38 PM

ML

“ Melicent "Marie" Lewis lit a candle in memory of Dr. Seab Smith



Melicent "Marie" Lewis - September 26, 2023 at 06:28 PM

DW

“ Dona Walker lit a candle in memory of Dr. Seab Smith



Dona Walker - September 12, 2023 at 10:33 PM

SW

“ Sarah Williams lit a candle in memory of Dr. Seab Smith



sarah williams - September 12, 2023 at 09:09 PM

MG

“ Melissa Grant lit a candle in memory of Dr. Seab Smith



Melissa Grant - September 09, 2023 at 08:20 PM

JM

“ Mr Smith was my husband and I science teacher at Springhill HS. In 2018 he gave us the honor of being our guest speaker at the reunion. A gracious Man indeed. He reminded us of all the things we forgot and took for granted.
Forever grateful for knowing him!!
Mr. & Mrs. James Metoyer

James & Debbie Metoyer - September 07, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Seab Smith.



September 06, 2023 at 01:20 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Seab Smith.*



September 05, 2023 at 09:49 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Seab Smith.*



September 05, 2023 at 09:11 AM



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

September 05, 2023 at 09:11 AM



“ *Dear Family of Dr. Seab Smith,
My mother, Geraldine Lynch McElroy was the aunt of Dr. Smith's mother, Maude Smith. Our family extends our sincere condolences on the loss of your loved one. We grew up together and share in your loss. God will sustain you through this difficult time. May his soul rest in peace.
in Loving Memory,
Lynch-McElroy Family*

Tommie Callegari - September 04, 2023 at 11:49 PM

NW

“ *Nicole Woods lit a candle in memory of Dr. Seab Smith*



Nicole Woods - September 01, 2023 at 10:28 AM

PE

“ *Phyllis Earles lit a candle in memory of Dr. Seab Smith*



Phyllis Earles - August 31, 2023 at 05:35 PM

PE

Condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues. We honor you by sharing what you have given to us. RIP

Phyllis Earles - August 31, 2023 at 05:42 PM

ET

“ *My heartfelt sympathy to the family of Dr. Seab Smith, an amazing educator, father, friend but most of all, human being. His contributions to PVAMU will forever be remembered and cherished.*
Emma Joahanne Thomas-Smith

Emma Joahanne Thomas-Smith - August 29, 2023 at 10:24 PM

GS

Belived

Gloria Smith-Matthews - September 01, 2023 at 02:40 AM

GS

Beloved

Gloria Smith-Matthews - September 07, 2023 at 09:33 AM

PG

“ *Pam Gooden lit a candle in memory of Dr. Seab Smith*



Pam Gooden - August 29, 2023 at 06:55 PM

CB

“ *Sincere condolences to the family of Dr. Seab Smith. A great man has gone forward. He shall indeed be missed.*

Charles Brown - August 29, 2023 at 01:54 PM

DH

“ *Delorse L Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Dr. Seab Smith*



Delorse L Hawkins - August 29, 2023 at 01:23 PM

LR

“ *Lilie Randle-Barber lit a candle in memory of Dr. Seab Smith*



Lilie Randle-Barber - August 29, 2023 at 11:55 AM

ZL

“ Zarqa Latif purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dr. Seab Smith.



Zarqa Latif - August 28, 2023 at 07:20 PM

TA

“ Tawana lit a candle in memory of Dr. Seab Smith



Tawana - August 27, 2023 at 11:21 PM

TA

“ Praying for peace for Dr. Smith's family. He was one of my instructors during my matriculation at PVAMU. May he rest in perfect peace.

Tawana - August 27, 2023 at 11:20 PM

IS

“ *To the Seab Smith Family
I am not sure where to start. He was my neighbor when I was a young kid. He became a great friend. We worked together in VBS at Saint Francis Church, had the opportunity to each breakfast with He and Dr Whitaker at MCDonalds. He watched my daughter grow up and enjoyed her as a student at PV. He was an all around nice person. Our family shares in your loss. We pray that God will strengthen you, give you peace and much comfort during this difficult time.*



Ida/JoKeisha Campbell &Ayeshia/Jadyn Smi - August 25, 2023 at 05:43 PM

LD

“ *May GOD bring peace and comfort to the family of Dr. Smith. He was an excellent instructor. He has touched the lives of many and was respected by all. A true gentleman. Continue to let GOD be your guide through this difficult time.*



Linda Durham - August 25, 2023 at 05:07 PM

BJ

“ *My prayers are with the family
Seab will really be missed.
Bettie Smith Johnson*



Bettie Smith Johnson - August 25, 2023 at 02:27 PM

KT

“ Kathryn Thompson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Seab Smith




Kathryn Thompson - August 24, 2023 at 08:05 PM

CK

“ Cheryl King lit a candle in memory of Dr. Seab Smith



Cheryl King - August 24, 2023 at 05:48 PM

 Sheena Wydermyer

“ Dr. Smith may you rest in peace! I appreciate all the knowledge you have shared. RIP



Sheena Wydermyer - August 24, 2023 at 01:57 PM

DW

“ Dorcas Webster lit a candle in memory of Dr. Seab Smith



Dorcas Webster - August 23, 2023 at 08:11 PM

SC

“ Sarah Crawford lit a candle in memory of Dr. Seab Smith



Sarah Crawford - August 23, 2023 at 06:25 PM

SM

“ Sandra Mosley lit a candle in memory of Dr. Seab Smith



Sandra Mosley - August 23, 2023 at 05:12 PM

TS

“ Dr Smith was a good instructor and a very nice man! I know he will be missed.

RIP!

Teresa Simpson - August 23, 2023 at 05:04 PM