



# Albert Neff Smith

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## **Albert Neff Smith**

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**A**lbert Neff Smith, 85, died surrounded by loved ones on February 25, 2020. Born January 6, 1935 in Murray, Utah to Edwin Woodruff Smith and Ethel Olga Akert, the eighth of nine children. He was born at his family's farmhouse in Holladay. Due to a quarantine from a measles outbreak, they would not let his mother go to the hospital. He was raised and lived there his whole life. He grew up working hard and playing hard. Being a country boy was part of who he was. He graduated from Granite High School, served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in England, and then went on to attend Brigham Young University and the University of Utah in the area of fine arts. Albert was a talented artist and fed his passion by creating many watercolor and oil paintings. Albert served in the Army National Guard from 1957 to 1963. On July 2, 1959 he married the love of his life, Norine Fetzer, in the Salt Lake Temple. Together they were a perfect pair. He joined his brothers at J&L Garden Center in Centerville, Utah where he worked for many years as a nurseryman. He was also a talented baker, chef, florist, and caterer. He used his many talents over the years while running his catering business, Al's Touch, and as the Head Baker at the Lion House Bakery. He was an active member in his church and served in many leadership positions. He was a scout master for over 14 years and loved every minute of it. Dad was a scouter for life and was very proud to be awarded the Silver Beaver recognition award, among many others.

He always went above and beyond everything he was asked to do. He enjoyed being with his family and nothing made him happier than to spend time with them. He had a way of making you feel like you were the most important person. While often stubborn and obstinate, he was a kind and gentle man who cared for everyone and everything around him, including the beautiful garden he maintained up until his final days. He was loved dearly by his grandchildren who looked forward every year to the annual birthday dinners he and Norine would take them out to.



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Some of the favorite activities his grandchildren enjoyed were pouring plaster, working in his garden, painting, and baking dozens of cookies with him. Albert and Norine were staunch supporters of all their grandchildren's activities and were always a half an hour early to each and every dance recital, concert, swim meet or grandchild-centered activity. Albert was a devoted husband, caregiver, and father of five.

Survived by children; Michill (Melinda) Smith, Machele (Doug) Carbine, Margaret (DeLynn) Lamb, daughter-in-law Julie Fratto-Smith, 13 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by many brothers and sisters, wife Norine; daughter, Myrine; and son, Mark Smith.

A viewing will be held in the evening of March 4 from 6:00-8:00 pm at Premier Mortuary, 67 E. 8000 S. in Midvale, Utah. On March 5, at Winder 3rd Ward, 4551 S. 1200 E. Millcreek, Ut 84117, a viewing will be held in morning from 9:00-10:30 am before the funeral service, which will begin at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Elysian Garden Cemetery.



# Tribute Wall

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**Ann Jackson Troop** posted:

I remember well the day Al and Norine were married. I was still in high school and hoped I would be as lucky as Norine! (I was). Fast forward many years when our family was transferred from Denver to our current home in Bountiful. As we planted trees and gardens, we made many trips to J & L Garden Center. Al was always so patient with us and our many questions. If ever there was a problem, we would take a leaf or clipping to have a "diagnosis" from Al. As Norine's health problems increased, I was touched by the tender care Al gave to her. I am yet inspired to have seen his example of selfless service. I am grateful to have known him. Sincerely, Ann (Jackson) Troop

March 5 at 2:28 PM



**Kathy Bright** posted:

My most vivid memory of your mom and dad was their wedding. It was the first wedding I had ever attended. I was 10 years old. Your mom was so beautiful and your dad was so excited. To me, he was always so enthusiastic and hard working. One favorite memory I had was once I came to visit and he was canning peaches. I could not believe how fast he was at moving through those bushels. He had two or three canners going at once and could keep up peeling and preparing the bottles while the batches were cooking. He was amazing! I will miss him. Love, Kathy Bright

March 5 at 3:37 AM



**Elaine L Christensen** posted:

My sympathies to the family of this fine man. I will miss him greatly. He and his wife were 2 of the finest people I have ever known. I hope his family will find comfort in the knowledge that so many people cared about him.

March 4 at 10:15 AM



**Elaine L Christensen** lit a candle in honor of Albert.



March 4 at 10:11 AM



**Premier Funeral Services** shared 2 photos to the **Memories Album** album.



March 2 at 10:13 AM



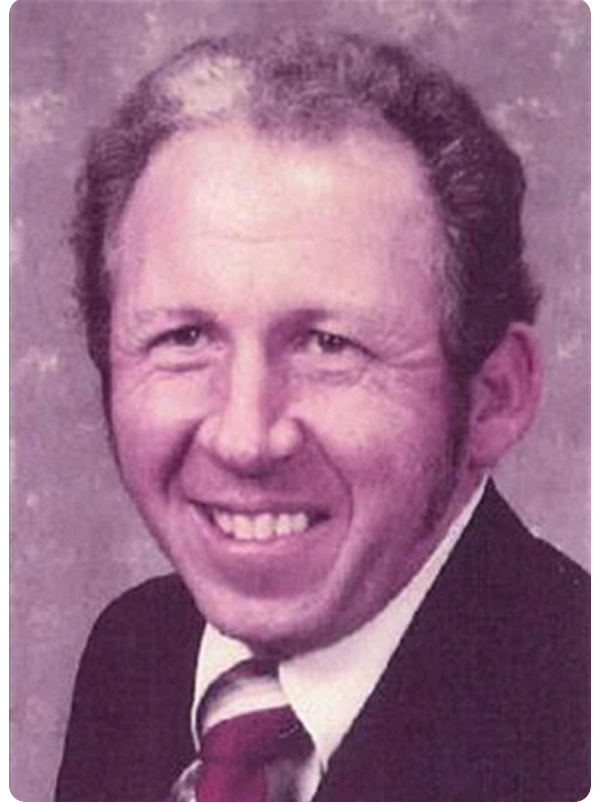
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