



## James Harmon Smith

January 24, 1945 - November 21, 2025

James Harmon Smith, Jr. passed on November 20, 2025. He was born in Wynne, Arkansas on January 24, 1945. Harmon grew up in Birdeye with his siblings and cousins riding his pony and loving all animals. He competed in high school rodeos, enjoying cutting and roping. He graduated from Wynne High School in 1963. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from Oklahoma State University in 1967 and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1970. He opened Cross County Veterinary Clinic as the first licensed veterinarian in Cross County and practiced small and large animal medicine for over 50 years including a special stretch of time with his late niece Dr. Julie Raffety Boone. Harmon always knew he wanted to be a veterinarian and he dedicated his life to caring for all of God's creatures, including but not limited to: Bantam chickens, Angus and Limousin cattle, Quarter horses, miniature horses, Sicilian burros, Nubian goats, Suffolk sheep, Australian Shepherds and Great Pyrenees.

He was appointed by the Governor to the Arkansas Veterinary Examining Board in 1973 and served until 1983. He served on the Cross County 4-H Foundation Board and was a lifetime member of the Wynne Presbyterian Church serving as an Elder.

Harmon married Helen (Jeanie) Tolle, on September 3, 1966, in Nardin, Oklahoma. Together they raised two sons, James Harmon, III (Keeli) and

Martin Landis (Kara), and four grandchildren, Chloe, Whit, Stella and August.

Harmon was the first born of the late J. H. and Winnie Bob Smith. He is survived by his sisters, Carolyn Raffety (Mick) and Meredith Schweighart (Fred) and his brother, William (Bill) Smith (Betsy). His brother Tom B. Smith (Counts) predeceased him. He was the grandchild of the late James Levesque (Bex) and Louise Shaver and William Maurice and Clarah Smith.

A celebration of Harmon's life will be held on Saturday December 20, 2025, from noon until 2:00 pm at 10 CR 334, Birdeye, Arkansas. All of his family, friends, clients and members of the community and their children are welcome.

Memorials may be made to: The Dr. Harmon Smith Memorial Fund, a 501c(3) nonprofit, which will be used in Cross County for animal welfare through the fund started by Harmon's niece the late Dr. Julie Raffety Boone. Gifts can be made online at [arcf.org/harmonsmith](http://arcf.org/harmonsmith) or mailed to Arkansas Community Foundation, 5 Allied Drive, Ste. 51110, Little Rock, AR 72202. Studio Drift, a 501c(3) nonprofit started by his son Martin that supports outdoor recreation tourism in the Arkansas Delta. Gifts can be made online at [studiodriftar.org](http://studiodriftar.org) or mailed to Studio Drift, 120 South IZard Street, Little Rock, AR 72201. Wynne Presbyterian Church. Gifts can be made online at [wynnepresbyterian.org](http://wynnepresbyterian.org) or mailed to Wynne Presbyterian Church, 1735 E. Poplar, Wynne, AR 72396.

You may sign an online guestbook at [www.kernodlefh.com](http://www.kernodlefh.com) Kernodle Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

DEC **20**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

The Home of Martin and Kara Smith  
10 CR 334  
Cherry Valley, AR 72324

# Tribute Wall

GB

“ Dr Smith was our first vet with our Rottys. When they accidentally got together and the babies were born. We took mom and babies over to vet. He examined the mom and puppies and said they were perfect. So I ask him wichome did he want, he said well a boy of course. As soon as the mom weaned the puppies, I loaded up a big boy to take to him. We walked in and laid the puppy on the counter. He names the baby Doc Bloodworth Smith. He loved that baby. The entire staff did. Heaven gained a angel. We will miss him and will be prayers for his family. The Glenda and Robert Bloodworth Family.

Glenda Bloodworth - December 20, 2025 at 09:45 PM

TH

“ Troy H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Harmon Smith.

Troy H. - December 20, 2025 at 07:52 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James Harmon Smith.



December 19, 2025 at 07:23 PM

KD

“ Kristen & Gwen Dunn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Harmon Smith.

Kristen & Gwen Dunn - December 19, 2025 at 07:23 PM

AF

“ Aricka Finger and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Harmon Smith.

Aricka Finger and family - December 17, 2025 at 04:59 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Harmon Smith.



December 17, 2025 at 04:59 PM

CR

“ Sorry for your loss. I am praying for your family. Doug and Cindy Rushing

Cindy Rushing - December 16, 2025 at 10:31 PM

RS

“ Sorry for the passing of Harmon. He was a very good man. Prayers for the family.

Rickey Stutts - November 27, 2025 at 06:39 PM

PR

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Dr. Smith treated all of our family's animals throughout the years and I'll never forget their care and consideration. He'll be missed by so many.

Penny Roberts - November 25, 2025 at 08:12 PM

PH

“ So sorry to hear of Dr Smith's passing. A wonderful man. Prayers for his family

*Patricia Higgs*

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**Patricia Higgs** - November 22, 2025 at 12:41 PM

EP

“ Sorry to hear this. Ive known him since he was a student in high school. He was also my friend and vet. He was a good man.

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**Eldert Person** - November 21, 2025 at 07:05 PM

SP

“ Harmon was a wonderful vet. Animals are such a great judge of human character!  
Harmon was such a faithful and encouraging presence at Wynne Presbyterian, a great churchman and servant of Christ. He and his family were generous with their time and resources. I was so blessed to be his pastor for seven years  
“Blessed are the dead who die in the lord, says the Spirit, for their works follow them!”

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**Scott Paul-Bonham** - November 21, 2025 at 05:34 PM

JB

Great vet! Always grateful that he saved Jim's dog, Smokey. Sorry for your loss.

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**Janet Garner Baugher** - December 01, 2025 at 11:40 PM