



Wiley Peter Smith

January 21, 1926 - December 5, 2011

Wiley Peter Smith passed away peacefully at his residence on Monday, December 5, 2011 at the age of 85. A native of Hessmer, LA and a resident of Kenner for the past 40 years. Smitty was a well known waiter at Antoine's Restaurant for 56 years. He had the honor of serving Pope John Paul, II during his visit to New Orleans. Beloved husband of the late Demetra Braud Smith. Father of Wiley P. Smith, Jr. (Suzanne) and Artie Smith (Michelle). Son of the late Annie Bordelon and Winton Smith. Brother of Rita Vilmerette and the late Raymond, Jimmy, Elvie, Eugene and Loraine Smith. Grandfather of Jared (April), Justin (Kerri) and Alana Smith. Great-grandfather of Collin, Dylan and Brady Smith. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. The family would like to thank the staff of Lakeside Hospice for their loving care. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral. Service at the Kenner Funeral Home of L. A. Muhleisen and Son, 2607 Williams Blvd. on Thursday, December 8, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. Visitation on Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Interment in Lake Lawn Park Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Lake Lawn Park Cemetery

5100 Ponchartrain Blvd.
New Orleans, LA 70124

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 7. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home
2607 Williams Blvd
Kenner, LA 70062
(504) 466-8577
info@muhleisen.com

Visitation

DEC 8. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

DEC 8. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wiley Peter Smith*

October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *Uncle Wiley was my mom's older brother. She always spoke kindly about him, and I remember him from when I was younger. He was a great and loving person and now he's with my mom (Lorraine) in heaven. He will greatly be missed.*

Anita Ducote Moore



Anita Ducote Moore - December 09, 2011 at 10:08 PM



Uncle Wiley was my Husband (Lee M. Bourg) Uncle from Demie side. He was always my Uncle threw Love. Uncle Wiley always had Smile and Happy conversation. His words always seemed like they were smiling too. He could touch your heart with that smile. He was a class act and as waiter he was so great at his job. He was God's humble servant. Webster difines as ,not proud,huaghty,arrogant. He is now with God ,God is saying Job well done my good and faithful servant Mathew 25-21. He will now walk on those streets of gold in Gods glory. May even have COPPER KITCHEN there. He was good cook. When we would come to New Orleans I would say uncle Wiley where can I get the best Chicken Gumbo with side of Potato salad? He would say my house " Baby" 11 o'clock tomorrow. Heaven has gained another wonderful man. I know he was greeted when he arrived by my Lee wonderful husband and father. We will miss him. Betty Bourg

Betty Bourg - December 25, 2011 at 01:51 PM

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“ Uncle Wiley was my mother's brother and my Godfather (my Parrain). My memories of him consist of many pleasant ones as a child and numerous humbling ones as an adult. He was an incredibly hard working man who had the most gracious manner you could imagine. His stories of the famous and the not-so-famous guests he served at Antoine's Restaurant were always delivered with a big smile and were both interesting and enlightening. He was at his best and most happy during his time there.

He was a truly dedicated man to those he worked for and especially to his family. My mother and father speak often of his abundant kindness as well as his generous and giving nature going back to a time way before my memories began. He certainly set a wonderful example for all those he came in contact with, and especially for me.

He is at peace now and will be missed, but always fondly remembered.

Roger Villemarette

Roger Villemarette - December 07, 2011 at 02:32 PM