



## John Burton Smith

February 10, 1947 - November 19, 2006

John Burton Smith went home to the Lord on November 19, 2006 at the age of 59. He is survived by his loving wife of 38 years, Patricia Gail Smith, his three beautiful daughters; Debra and Garrett Rice, Patricia and Fernando DeLeon, Suzanne and Michael Margo, grandson Grant Alan Rice, Aunt Rose Burton, cousins; Jay Burton and Meri Alexander and their families, mother-in-law Maude Schmitt, sister-in-law Judy Schmitt, neice Shannon Schmitt and other family members. John has created a lifetime of loving memories for his family as a caring and patient husband and devoted provider to his three daughters. To his grandson, Papaw will always be the most amazing person in the world. John was an avid science and nature lover, regarded by his family and friends as a man with a contagious sense of humor. He taught Earth and Physical Science for 26 years at Lackland ISD and 9 years at SAISD, retiring in 2005 from Virginia A. Stacey High School at Lackland Air Force Base. He received his undergraduate degree in Biology from Southwest Texas State and completed a Master's degree from Our Lady of the Lake University. John will be greatly missed.

# Tribute Wall

RB

“ I am very sorry for your loss. I knew John from OLLU. We went through some classes together and countless workshops. I will remember his sense of humor and how he was such an important part of the OLLU family. He always shared stories of his wife and

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**Robert Burleson** - November 27, 2006 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ I am saddened to see that John has passed. We graduated from high school together and he was one of the good guys. Condolences to Gail and his children.

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**Gerald Bluhm** - November 23, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ Mrs Smith and family,  
I am so sorry to hear about Mr. Smith. He was a great man and teacher and will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**Tammie Auton** - November 21, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ John was a wonderful friend and an outstanding teacher. My life was enriched by his friendship through the programs we participated in at OLLU. I will miss John, but I will always carry his words of wisdom on teaching in my heart.

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**Carole Henry** - November 21, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Gail and girls,  
I am so sorry to hear about John, he was such a great person. I remember him helping set up our kitchens for labs and helping us move and set up our classrooms. Gail if you need to talk- you know I know what you are going through.

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**Susan Bean** - November 21, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I knew John from classes we shared at Our Lady of the Lake, we spent time studying and sharing ideas on teaching and just dealing with children. While I did not know John well, I still counted him as one of my friends just from our experiences as students

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**Janie Martin** - November 21, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ May the lord bring comfort to your family during this time of your loss. Our prayers and thoughts are with your family.  
Love The Tovar Family

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**Edward and Mary Ann Tovar &Family** - November 21, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MV

“ Gail  
Sorry about your loss. We will miss John as I know you will. Our prayers are with you and your family.

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**Mike and Virginia Villarreal** - November 21, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Gail and Family, please accept my condolences. I was so surprised and saddened to read about John this morning. I shared many great experiences with John and our Fraternity brothers at SWT. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, B

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**Bob Bridget** - November 21, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ It has been an honor and a priveledge to know and work with John. All the science rooms at Stacey High School have new owners but John's. I still to this day call it John's room. Some years from now students and faculty will give me puzzling looks and won

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**Thomas Rodgers** - November 21, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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Our sympathy is with you and your family during this difficult time.

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**Sandra Hearne/Dedman School of Law/Underwood Law Library** - November 20, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ John is a person that touched so many hearts. He may no longer be here to see but he will always be here in our hearts. We will miss you so much!

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**Lori Adcock** - November 20, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ John was like a father to me. He was such a sweet and caring person, never turning away all the lost souls that found comfort with the Smith family. I will be forever grateful for all the love and support he offered to me during the most difficult time

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**Crystal Blanco** - November 20, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ I'm sorry to hear of John's death. This is a very difficult time for you and your family, and there is not much one can say . May happy memories take the place of the sadness you feel now. Take care of yourselves ....find small happinesses in everyday th

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**Suzanne Osterloh Rehmet** - November 20, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ One more of the old gang has departed. I have very fond memories of John when we used to be boys. We did many pranks together and had many laughs in those days. I fondly remember our dove hunting and fishing trips and the experiences we had.

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**David C. Herbert** - November 20, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *Debbie and Family,*  
*I am sorry for the loss of your father; grandfather; and husband. You are in my prayers. Even though the grief is strong today, rejoice in the fact that he will always be with you in spirit. You will feel his love in your heart and h*

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**Suzanne Posey** - November 20, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Virginia and I wish to express our sincere condolences. We know that John will be missed by many more than the family. Friends and neighbors will be sharing in the sorrow and loss of a warm hearted and really good person. We know that he is in a better*

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**John Wood** - November 20, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ When I think of John, the old expression "a gentleman and a scholar" comes to mind. John was both! I will miss his friendship and his good-natured humor.

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**Dan Antrobius** - November 20, 2006 at 12:00 AM

VR

“ Gail & Daughters,  
my prayers to you all,let his memories fill your heart to help you be comforted.Mr.Smith was a caring gentlehearted man.it was a blessing to have known him.may GOD give you that perfect shalom in this time.

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**Victoria Romo-Villarreal** - November 20, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Hey Mrs. Smith i am really sorry about your lost if you need anything then let me know ok. I am always with you. Us cheer girls have to stay together. My best wishes to you and your family.

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**Casey Auton** - November 20, 2006 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Dear Mrs. Smith and family - I would like to offer my condolences. Mr. Smith was an awesome teacher and he will be sincerely missed.

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**Patty Moberg** - November 20, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AR

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**al&janice rhodes** - November 20, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BR

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**ben ramon** - November 20, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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**ahanna gomez** - November 20, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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**justin gina and children** - November 20, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RF

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**roger tasch and family** - November 20, 2006 at 12:00 AM

VR

“ *Dear Gail and Family,*

*I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Smith's passing. May you all find comfort and strength in knowing that John is now at home in the presence of the Lord. Let's rejoice and by keeping your faith in God and through the prayers of those*

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**Vicky Ramirez** - November 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Dearest Gail and Family,  
We are thinking of you all at this difficult time. Your faith has been  
an inspiration to our family. We will continue to lift you up in our  
prayers.  
"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine  
upon you an*

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**Meri Alexander and Family** - November 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM