



Guido Earlin Smith

October 20, 1933 - April 11, 2024

GUIDO EARLIN SMITH, 90, passed away peacefully April 11, 2024, at Torrington Community Hospital. At his request there will be no services and cremation has taken place. Memorials can be made to the Eastern Wyoming College Foundation in Guido's name. The Colyer Funeral Home assisted the family with the cremation arrangements.

Guido (Guy) was born 20 October 1933, the last of four children born to Victor R. and Venus (Case) Smith, in Leoti, Kansas. He received his formal education K- 12 in the Leoti public schools, and his higher education degrees (B.S. And M.S. In zoology and botany) from Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS, with additional studies at the University of Wyoming, the University of Colorado and Colorado State University. He married Edith (Edie) Vague in Leoti, KS in 1952. After graduation Guy and Edie moved to Torrington, WY in 1956, Guy having accepted the responsibility for establishing a Biology Department at Goshen County Community College (now Eastern Wyoming College). After teaching the biological sciences for twelve years, Guy served as the Dean of the College for sixteen years, during which time he implemented the Veterinary Technology program, the Welding program, and the Cosmetology program. He also served as the Registrar, and he was responsible for interviewing and hiring of faculty. He was appointed as the President of EWC in 1984. In addition to Guy's commitment to EWC, he devoted time and energy to chairing the Wyoming Council for the Humanities for two years and serving on the council for six years, the Wyoming Higher

Education Computer Network being the chairman for two years, and he served on several state committees including one as the representative of the community colleges at the University of Wyoming. Guy and Edie had two children both of whom were born and raised in Torrington. Linda and Tim attended the Torrington public schools and graduated from the University of Wyoming before taking positions and moving to the East Coast. Upon his retirement from EWC in 1990, he was presented the first Governor's citation for meritorious service to the Wyoming Community College Commission and to the State of Wyoming by Governor Mike Sullivan and was given the title of President Emeritus by the EWC Board of Trustees. Guy is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Linda D. and Craig Stark of Hagerstown, MD; son Timothy J. of Raleigh, NC; two granddaughters, Jaclyn Smith of Baltimore, MD, attending Johns Hopkins University and Jamie Smith Shiels of London England and a great grandson Henry Shiels. He was preceded in death by his wife Edith (Edie) of 66 years, his daughter-in-law Shirley (Lee) Morrissey Smith, and his parents, a sister and brother-in-law, two brothers and sisters-in-law.

Tribute Wall

JL

“ Guido was my uncle as a kid our family would visit and I love the smell of his pipe smoke. We used to go to Fort Laramie and he would tell us all kinds of stories. I love the sound of his voice when I would call. He was a very intelligent, kind man he will be missed.

Jan Lillis - July 03, 2024 at 04:56 PM

DP

“ I will always remember my interview at Eastern Wyoming College. I was to be interviewed by the Director of Computer Services and the college President, Guido Smith. My husband attended EWC when Guido was a Dean. I entered the Presidents main office that day and he greeted me at the door to his office, where I was to be interviewed, with his hand out stretched to shake mine and says, “I couldn’t wait to meet you to today. I couldn’t imagine who in the world would marry Willie Price.” Needless to say that was the best ice breaker I ever had at an interview and was the best thing that calmed my nerves! The interview went well and I got the job as the new Computer Center Secretary on January 18, 1988. - Debbie Price, Casper, WY

Debbie Price - April 29, 2024 at 12:11 AM

DH

“ I was fortunate to have taken 3 courses in the biological sciences from Guido Smith at EWC. He was an outstanding teacher and always made his students feel important. Easy guy to talk with, caring.

David Haines - April 19, 2024 at 03:28 PM

DY

“ *Darin Yates lit a candle in memory of Guido Smith*



Darin Yates - April 15, 2024 at 05:11 PM

DC

“ *In 1977, Guido E. Smith hired me, a newly minted M.A. in English from the University of Kansas, as an instructor at Eastern Wyoming College, my first job out of graduate school.*

As Dean of EWC, Guy mentored and shaped my apprenticeship years as a college level teacher. He set the standard high, where it should be, and it paid dividends. Four years later, I left EWC to begin the next chapter of my career, as I accepted a 1981-82 NEH Fellowship for community college teachers of English at the University of Nebraska Lincoln.

We remained in touch over the years, exchanging Christmas cards and letters. The news of his passing two days ago saddened me terribly. I will miss you, Guy.

David Cicotello - April 14, 2024 at 02:42 PM

LK

“ *I was in the first Vet Tech program that Guy started and got to know him at Evergreen Court. He was very humble, gracious man. He was also a very good bridge player. His hats for special occasions were very memorable! He will be missed.*

Liz Kaltenheuser - April 12, 2024 at 11:50 PM