



Norval Duane Smith

October 27, 1928 - January 4, 2008

Norval Duane Smith: Norval passed away Friday evening at the Mahaska Hospital in Oskaloosa at the age of 79 years, 2 months and 7 days.

Norval's family includes his wife, Nedra Jane Smith of Oskaloosa; his sons: Edward A. Smith of Oskaloosa and Duane A. Smith of Berea, KY; two grandsons: Jeremiah and Isaiah of Valparaiso, IN and one brother, Gordon (Joan) Smith of Wichita, KS.

Norval Duane Smith, son of Alfred Perry and Maude Newlon Smith, was born October 27, 1928 in Wales, Iowa. As a child, his family moved to Kansas due to his father's service in the ministry. He attended school in Lawrence, Kansas and was a 1946 graduate of North High School in Wichita, KS. He furthered his education at the Friends University in Wichita and received his B.A. Degree in 1950. He did graduate work at Drake University and the University of Iowa and completed his Master's Degree in Seminary at Phillip University in Enid, OK. His first position as Pastor was with the Cherokee Friends Church in Cherokee, OK from 1952 to 1956. While he was there, he married Nedra Jane Andree May 23, 1953. Norval next accepted a position with the Federated Church in Wilmore, KS, where he served from 1956 to 1960. At that time Norval and Nedra Jane moved to Marshalltown, Iowa, where Norval took a position with Marshalltown Friends Church, a position he held until 1968. He accepted a position with William Penn College as a professor of

English and Journalism; he remained there until his retirement in 1994. While at Penn, Norval also served as pastor to the Center Friends Church in Newton, IA for several years. Norval was a member of the College Avenue Friends Church and served as its secretary from 1998 to 2005. Norval enjoyed working on his computer and collecting old vinyl records.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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“ *Norval Duane Smith*

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