



H. Richard Smith

March 6, 1939 - October 20, 2022

Every student, no matter the age, deserves a champion -a teacher who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be. The scientific genius, Albert Einstein, penned these words. "It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge". For 37 years, H. Richard Smith adopted a similar mantra for the thousands of students who filled his classrooms at Newnan High School from 1961 through 1996 and later at the Heritage School for an additional year. Students who were in Richard's classes knew full well, going in, that he was without compare in the quality of his instruction in English grammar and composition. They also knew he was strict, but fair, and fully committed to the task before him as a shaper of young minds. Richard believed that every student was an untapped resource and he fully committed himself to the task of helping each one discover that which would make them successful. He celebrated with his charges when they succeeded but was just as supportive when a soft landing was needed.

Richard's life journey began March 6, 1939. He was born in Coweta County and was the eldest of three children born to the late Harvey L. and Lavonia Thompson Smith. In addition to his parents, Richard was preceded in death by his beloved brother Robert Larry Smith and Larry's wife, Phyllis, whom he loved as a sister. The Smith and Thompson families' roots run deep in the genealogy records of southern Coweta County. Family was paramount in

Richard's life. Richard was everyone's helping hand and made it his mission that no one's needs went unmet. Richard found himself in a caregiver role as his parents aged and he took on that role willingly. Unfortunately, in the ensuing years his brother Larry and later his sister-in-law Phyllis would undergo health crises and Richard was a constant support whenever he was needed. Richard saw a need before others, in so many cases, so he never had to be asked to assist where needed.

Having done his undergraduate studies at Mercer in Macon, Richard completed his Bachelor of Arts degree in English in 1961. He later did graduate study in English education at Auburn University and the now University of West Georgia. Curriculum vitae is a Latin term that translates loosely into work experience. The Latin is more appropriate for Richard because his work experience was more like his all-encompassing life experience because the lines between the two were blurred. Richard never had children of his own, but that worked well for his students over the course of his career. For six years he was recognized as a STAR Teacher. He was a four-time honoree in Who's Who Among America's Teachers- 1992, 1996, 1998, 2000. Richard was named Teacher of the Year for Newnan High School in 1997. It was Richard's immense joy to serve as the Newnan High School Key Club advisor for 25 years. He received in 1976 the Key of Honor, the highest award that can be presented to an adult in Key Club administration. A resolution was passed in 1987 by the Georgia House of Representatives honoring Richard for his 25 years of excellence in education and outstanding service in Key Club. The Newnan High School yearbook "The Empyrean" was dedicated to Richard three different years. The H. Richard Smith Scholarship was established at Newnan High School in 1991 to be annually awarded to the valedictorian for the graduating class. A special bonus for Richard's students who attended West Georgia College was that his reputation preceded them, and most were able to skip freshman English when it was discovered that Richard Smith and Barbara Landreth had been their English

teachers in high school. Richard knew very well the importance of education in a young person's life. He knew that few of his students would eventually become English scholars. He did see it as his responsibility to help make every student a better communicator and to be able to express coherent thoughts regardless of the life path they chose. He also saw appreciation for the language as a discipline with specific rules, much like any other course of study. A favorite poem of Richard's included these words, "a teacher needs a heart of compassion, of encouragement, and patience; someone who would accept the challenge regardless of the opposition; someone who could see potential and believe in the best in others..." Well done, Richard, you have been a good and faithful servant.

Richard Smith was a fount of creativity. Early in life he tapped into his abundant musical gifts. He reveled in using his gifts at the piano and organ and served as the organist and choir director at First Baptist Church of Moreland for over 40 years. It was his mission that his church had the finest piano and organ possible to lead the members in each worship service. Richard's home was a veritable treasure chest of gospel and other Christian music. Being the organizing wizard that he was, if he needed a particular album, searching was not needed. He knew exactly where to look. Even after retiring, Richard lent his talents as a gifted musician to the services he provided at McKoon Funeral Home as a staff organist and funeral assistant. Richard and his brother Larry shared a gift as floral arrangers. They were a yearly vendor at Powers Crossroads Country Fair Arts Festival. They also operated a design shop in downtown Newnan for two years.

Moreland First Baptist Church was a veritable Christmas wonderland each year as Larry and Richard descended upon the sanctuary complete with greenery, candles, poinsettias, and miles of red ribbon. Knowing when to walk away was always the problem for the Smith brothers because their great love

for their church made decorating for Christmas a labor of love and the stopping point was achieved when the supplies were depleted. Richard was often kidded about all the work he poured into Christmas at the church between the decorating, learning new organ pieces and rehearsing the choir for their special musical selections. January would come, and he could not believe all that he had accomplished. When there was no deadline to be met, he would wander around the house with not much to do until school started again!

Surviving Richard is his devoted sister Gail Smith Carroll and her husband Len. Richard was a fully engaged uncle to Jeff Carroll and his wife Leslie, Kim Smith Pelletier and her husband Joe, Stacey Smith Henderson and her husband Kevin. Camille Carroll, Andrew Carroll, Josh Pelletier, Daniel Pelletier, Eric Henderson, Matthew Henderson are his great nieces and nephews. He honestly thought they were great both literally and figuratively.

The life of Harvey Richard Smith will be remembered with great fondness and sincere sentiment as his former students, fellow church members, friends and family gather to celebrate his exemplary life on Monday, October 24, 2022, at 2:00 PM. The service will be in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home. The family will receive friends between the hours of 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM on Sunday evening, October 23rd. Interment, following the funeral service, will be in the Historic Southview Cemetery in Moreland. In lieu of flowers, it is suggested that a memorial gift in Richard's memory may be made to the Feeding Our Friends Ministry of Central Baptist Church 14 West Broad St. Newnan, GA 30263 or online centralbaptistnewnan.org. Online Condolences may be expressed at www.mckoon.com. McKoon Funeral Home and Crematory 770-253-4580.

Cemetery Details

Southview Cemetery

Harris Street (PO Box 201)
Moreland, GA 30259

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **23**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Funeral Service

OCT **24**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of H. Richard Smith*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - October 24, 2022 at 04:26 PM



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of H. Richard Smith*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - October 24, 2022 at 08:40 AM

SB

“ Richard Smith was a rock to me during my junior and senior years of high school. As I served as State Governor for Key Club, Richard was my personal advisor. While we traveled together to many rallies and conventions, Richard was there with me for guidance, confidence and friendship. He was a good man who always encouraged people to be their best. Being from Savannah, I was often envious that we didn't have a Richard Smith at my high school. But rest assured, I put many, many miles on my car traveling to Moreland for visits with Richard. Here's to a great man who helped shape me early in my life. Rest well. Best, Steve Brightwell

Steve Brightwell - December 23, 2022 at 09:50 AM

KS

“ Richard Smith was a class act in every respect. I was fortunate to have been one of his students (NHS, 1975), and remember with great joy his demeanor, his particularity regarding how he kept his hair just right, his impeccably beautiful handwriting, and his deep knowledge of language and how best to use it. But I came to know him better when he stepped in to play the organ at Unity Baptist Church. I played the piano and we often planned and played duets for our services. Rehearsing with him allowed me a window into his wit and immense kindness. I, like so many, loved and respected Richard. My heartfelt condolences and prayers go to his family. He will be sorely missed, but he left an incalculable legacy on countless lives.

Kenneth Shaw

Kenneth Shaw - October 30, 2022 at 10:10 AM

PP

“ I am so very sorry for your loss! I was just wondering how he was doing a couple weeks ago when i drove by his house.
Thoughts & prayers for your family! Pam with home health

Pam Patterson - October 24, 2022 at 09:53 PM

MW

“ I was one of the fortunate students in Mr. Smith's class in 1983-1984. He inspired my love of the written word in Advanced Composition and World Literature. He not only taught the academics, he instilled the values of respect and dignity into his students. We are all better for having him as a teacher, leader and exemplary human to emulate.

*Melissa Wade
Class of 1984*

Melissa Wade - October 24, 2022 at 09:32 PM

SR

“ As we age and our memories dull, we forget specifics of our day to day lives from so many years ago. I wish I had appreciated Mr. Smith more as my teacher. He taught well sure enough; there are mountains of evidence for his teaching skill. Two things, though, have always stuck with me about Mr. Smith. Firstly, he was the consummate professional. From the way he conducted himself beyond reproach to always being impeccably-dressed, it was obvious to me that he took his vocation seriously. He felt a burden to ensure his students were prepared for whatever was next. He gave generously of his time for Key Club. Secondly, I will always remember a note Mr. Smith passed to me in class one day. I wish I had kept it as it is meaningful to this day. I had sought the office of SGA President and had given a speech to the student body in the gymnasium. I was exhausted from “putting myself out there,” from the public speaking to the Arsenio Hall-influenced wardrobe that was uncharacteristic for me. Mr. Smith’s note said “Splendid speech today.” Those few words meant so much to me. I lost the election but somehow wasn’t hurt as I expected to be. My perspective was that I was better for the effort. The respect I had for Mr. Smith and the fact that he took the time to write a note to encourage me greatly assisted my positive view of these events. We would all do well to emulate Mr. Smith’s life from his attention to detail to his service to our Lord. I hope it is a comfort to the family that we can be confident that Mr. Smith has heard “Well done, my good and faithful servant.”

Shane Reynolds - October 24, 2022 at 05:07 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of H. Richard Smith.



October 24, 2022 at 12:04 AM

PC

“ *Mr. Smith was a huge blessing in the lives of so many and I was blessed to be his student! His influence was more than that of a dedicated educator. He changed us by insuring that we had the knowledge and tools needed to become more than average kids from a western Georgia city. He made a difference and for that I am truly grateful! I still recall the day he explained that paper torn from a spiral bound notebook was unacceptable because it left "frizzles" on everything it touched. If you were in his class you probably remember that talk as well.*

He was a man on a mission and truly left this world a better place ❤️

Pat Waller Collier - October 23, 2022 at 06:20 PM

AB

“ *Mr. Smith was my World Literature teacher my senior year (1978-1979) This was a semester class in addition to English class that prepared us for college... and it did. He was strict, but always fair. I'm a teacher now, and those are the words my kids use to describe me. I ALWAYS tell them I learned from the best. Newnan High, and especially all the kids that had the opportunity to have Mr. Smith as a teacher, were lucky. He made a lasting impact on so many lives. I graduated 43 years ago and I still remember the wonderful days in his class.*

RIP Mr. Smith

A job well done

Angela Bailey - October 22, 2022 at 11:48 AM

KC

I was fortunate to be a student of Mr. Smith's for World Literature and English. I still remember exactly where I sat in his class. I can still quote important parts of poems. Those of us who were taught English at Newnan High School by Mr. Smith and Mrs. Landreth were, indeed, blessed by their desire to send us into the world with not only knowledge of grammar and composition but also pushing ourselves for excellence. Thank you for your example of loving your students, family, and community.

*Rest well, faithful servant
Karen Majors Craft (Class of 1982)*

Karen Craft - October 23, 2022 at 09:19 AM

LD

“*My name is Lora Daniels (formerly Arnold) Mr Smith was a great teacher. I often wondered why this brilliant man was a teacher. I quickly realized it was his calling. He knows how to bring out the best in you. I didnt think I was smart enough to be in his class. He was my older sister teacher and she was good at everything, so I felt a need to prove I was worthy. Mr Smith made it clear to me he would never compare me to my sister and begin to identify my needs. My job for the last 20 years of work was Management Program Analyst, primary job requirement was the ability to provide data driven written analysis, develop training, edit handbooks. Mr. Smith guidance and skills as a teacher prepared me for a job beyond my wildest dreams. He also was my young sisters teachers too. He made us all feel equally special. He was the best dressed teacher ever!!! RIP, Mr Smith.*

Lora Daniels(Arnold) - October 21, 2022 at 10:34 PM

TS

“ Mr. Smith was an amazing teacher. He was one of my favorites. He taught me that no matter what path I took in life, communication is key. If you cannot express yourself in writing, you cannot be an effective leader. I remember him talking to us about our future “career”, but I (being from Michigan and not being used to strong southern accents) thought he was speaking to us about our future “Korea”. Mr. Smith was my senior English teacher. Miss Andrews (Mrs. Landreth) was my junior English teacher. Mrs. Skinner was my sophomore English teacher. I minored in English and made all A’s, of course.

Terri Smith - October 21, 2022 at 07:13 PM

JS

“ Being taught by Mr. Smith taught me the power of words. I am forever grateful to have had him for a teacher. I fully credit him for the reason I have had a successful career built around words.

J Mark Staley - October 21, 2022 at 02:59 PM

BA

“ Richard and I were college friends and maintained that friendship for sixty-two years. He was a brilliant teacher. He will be missed!
Buck Asbill

Buck Asbill - October 21, 2022 at 12:25 PM

SC

“ Mr. Smith was a classic gentleman. He was a wonderful teacher and took great pride in everything that he did. He will be missed!

Sherry Cook - October 21, 2022 at 11:12 AM

RR

“*Mr. Smith was a wonderful teacher. While he didn't change my career path from sciences and math to future writer, he did impact my future success. I learned to find the stories within the stories, to see what lay beneath the surface of the written word, to understand the meaning based on the word choices and sentence structure chosen by the author. So much more can be said than what is actually spoken or written. This knowledge has influenced by choices in literature through the years (I still love the classics, though by now they may be considered "ancients") and critique my writing with the full knowledge and understanding that others will interpret it through their own lens...*

So, let me end with this...

Mr. Smith, you have influenced generations of writers and readers alike. You have helped them be successful in whatever their chosen profession because you shared, not only your knowledge, but also your passion for the written word. Thank you for shaping our world so that we can see the meaning in all that we do.

Renee

Renee Ramthun - October 21, 2022 at 10:59 AM



“*Mr. Smith is an amazing teacher who influenced me to become an English major. He is the first person to ever tell me I had potential as a writer and to help me grow that potential. I will never forget his dry humor and his passion for continual learning. What a blessing he was in my life. My condolences to his family and friends, but I hope you find comfort in knowing what a great influence he was on so many others.*

Heather McMillan - October 21, 2022 at 10:43 AM

KS

“ *A wonderful, caring person.*



Kathi W. Sumner - October 21, 2022 at 09:58 AM

TG

“ *Thomas Edward Gilbert lit a candle in memory of H. Richard Smith*



Thomas Edward Gilbert - October 21, 2022 at 08:59 AM

SM

“ *Mr Smith was an amazing teacher! I was so very lucky to have him my senior year at NHS . He and Mrs Landreth are the reason I made all A's in every English class I took at West Ga and the reason I could write an essay with ease .*

What a loving and beautiful thing to impart upon a 17 yrs old in the 1980's !

I enjoyed visiting with him when I used to see him at McCoons when I had to go home for a funeral visitation .

Praying for his family and friends ❤️

Sidra Smith Mcwhorter class of 1987

sidra smith Mcwhorter - October 21, 2022 at 08:25 AM

BM

“ Robert Ingersoll once said, "A great man does not seek applause or place; he seeks for truth; he seeks the road to happiness, and what he ascertains, he gives to others." To me and so many countless others, Mr. Smith was the embodiment of this. With his quiet, calm manner, he shared his enthusiasm for literature and knowledge in general with his students. There was never a day that I did not enjoy his class and the things he had to share. He was such a phenomenal part of my education, and I will always be grateful to have been his student.

Bobbi Lynn Moreno - October 21, 2022 at 08:15 AM

MC

“ Mr. Smith was an unforgettable and legendary academic at Newnan High for nearly four decades and just loved his job. He commanded respect in a ‘multiplicity’ of ways. No smart aleck student ever survived a verbal confrontation with him, that is for sure.

There just aren't teachers like him anymore unfortunately.

We were so lucky to be in his classes. He was a brilliant educator and even better person.

matt collins - October 21, 2022 at 08:00 AM

TR

“ Mr. Smith was my homeroom teacher and English teacher my senior year. He encouraged me to get to school to homeroom on time when I had a bad habit of being late. As an English teacher he was the best constantly challenging us to do our best on everything he taught us. Prayers for his family, his friends, and the many students who were in his classes. May he rest in peace.

Ted Richey - October 21, 2022 at 01:58 AM

CA

“ Richard Smith was the nicest person,treated everybody with respect.I for one will always remember he call me every year for my cranberry relish recipe.I respected him as one Good teacher . Rip Love Charlene

charlene atkinson - October 20, 2022 at 10:11 PM

TJ

“ Tardiness was never acceptable in his class. Never thought I would be able to understand Shakespeare either until he actually explained how Romeo and Juliet's romantic adventures play out like a modern day soap opera. When you were in his class he demanded respect but his sense of humor was unexpected and highly admired. He made you enjoy learning and, "Oh, what a tangle web we weave when we first practice to deceive." Is still embedded in this head for life. Thank you Mr. Smith for teaching us to love the world of literature and language arts! Job well done faithful educator!

Tanya Jones - October 20, 2022 at 09:53 PM

RM

“ Mr.Smith was one of the best teacher at Newna High school,he wanted his students to learn well in school he was a strick teacher,I didn't understand why,but when got my report card I did I think everyone that had him as a teacher had good grades,I took English1 and English2 from him twice in one day,he will be missed

Rosemary Sims Meriwether - October 20, 2022 at 09:39 PM

AB

Mr. Smith was my American Literature teacher. It was an extra class outside of ELA to prepare us for college...and it did. He was strict but fair. I'm a teacher now, and those are the words my kids used to describe me. I always tell them I learned from the BEST. He was a great teacher and influenced so many kids. Newnan High, and all the kids were lucky to have him RIP

Angela Bailey - October 22, 2022 at 11:02 AM

DS

“ *A truly no nonsense and also compassionate teacher who instilled so much in all of us fortunate enough to be in his classes, Mr. Smith was just the best! Junior and senior English classes with him were filled with content as well as the why we needed to know about what we were tasked to do. RIP Mr. Smith.*

Debbie Stuckey - October 20, 2022 at 09:05 PM

“Mr Smith was both my and my mother’s English teacher in high school. It was at her insistence he be my English teacher as well. She knew as I’d experience first hand just how good of a teacher he was.

It was always very clear just how much he really loved what it was his job to share and teach his students. As a part of the more mundane learning of rules of grammar, of the structure and form of sentences - you also learned to create and write a sentence, a paragraph, or a story. You were presented with not simply cold rules and structure which must be adhered to.

In time and during the years to come you remembered “if there were grammatical or structural issues with what you’d written, no matter how compelling the content, there’s a good chance no one would ever see it.”

Beyond simply learning sets rules, of do’s and don’ts of structure and format - you learned why those things were important. You learned those tedious rules and exercises were necessary if you ever wanted to unleash the power of words - If you were ever to write anything meaningful, helpful. Interesting or even entertaining.

He helped students begin to learn and understand the depth and breadth of power words can have. He helped to introduce concepts like symbolism, how the same word can have any number of meanings depending on many factors.

If you stepped back for a moment, sometimes you’d began to realize some words, phrases, lyrics, stories may even have completely different purpose, meaning, or message than it appeared.

Through world literature he really was able to help you begin to understand things like perspective, point of view and cultural differences. He helped you see begin to see a bit clarity, a bit if they

why behind a lot of the crazy and turmoil in the world. You could see and understand everything is not always black and white.

There's usually a few whys - it's up to you to remember what he brought to you in so many ways - the power of words and being able to effectively put them together in ways to help, to change, to explain, and improve whatever needs it most.

Thank you Mr Smith.

Ron Pike - October 20, 2022 at 07:03 PM

SA

“ *I was one of the many students fortunate to have Mr. Smith as a teacher. Not only was he a great teacher, but also a kind & caring man. We were all blessed to have such a special teacher.*

Susan Arguilla - October 20, 2022 at 06:53 PM

MW

“ *Mr. Smith was my teacher. He was such a great teacher and had such a sweet spirit. I remember coming back to school one day after being sick. I started coughing, and tried my best to stop. Mr. Smith never said a word, he just walked by my desk and placed two peppermints on the corner. His gesture meant so much to me...30 years ago, but I remember it like it was yesterday. What a kind, humble man. It was a blessing to have known him.*

Mary Beth Whiteside - October 20, 2022 at 05:15 PM

JW

“ I was fortunate enough to have had Mr. Smith in the 12th grade for composition. He was an amazing teacher and you knew that you had better turn in the work on time. (I always did, but I surely wouldn't have wanted his scowl come my way!) Dignified and knowledgeable. He was amazing! RIP.

Jennifer Welch - October 20, 2022 at 03:57 PM

TW

“ Such a great teacher. I had him for Sr English. Prayers for Gail and the rest of his family

Terry Wyche - October 20, 2022 at 03:23 PM

FF

“ Prayers for Mr. Smith's family. He was a great teacher at NHS. I was lucky I had him for my teacher one year.

FRANK FARMER - October 20, 2022 at 01:39 PM

GW

“ Richard was an outstanding teacher at Newnan High School for many years and enabled thousands of students to become better educated in literature and grammar. I taught with him in the early 1960's and always enjoyed knowing him. May he Rest In Peace.



Geraldine Welch - October 20, 2022 at 12:29 PM

JM

Excellent teacher plus had many more talents. Mr. smith prepared us well for college English classes. My sincere condolences to his family.



Janet Long Morgan - October 20, 2022 at 01:55 PM

CB

Mr. Smith was the absolute best. He taught us so much more than just literature. His manners and personal accountability lessons shaped our futures. When I think of the word gentleman, I always think of him. He had the highest standards for every student. He is one of the reasons I became a teacher. Rest in peace. Your many lessons will live on through the countless students you touched over the years at NHS.

Christy Bennett - Class of 91

Christy Lee Bennett - October 20, 2022 at 03:23 PM

MT

First knew Richard as classmate and friend of my husband Bob Trammell. We were able to enjoy Richard's company socially, in worship with his beautiful organ music, and admire his snappy dress. It was a pleasure knowing him. He was one of the people who called and asked me how I was doing when Bob had been deceased a little while and asked if he could do anything for me. He was thoughtful and compassionate. Blessings to you all in his loss. Menlia Trammell

Menlia Trammell - October 20, 2022 at 04:27 PM

SB

Mr. Smith had high expectations of all his students! He gave us such a great foundation academically and was truly a model of decorum and manners! How blessed we were to have such a wonderful teacher!

Sara Barron

Sara Barron - October 20, 2022 at 05:10 PM

KM

The single best teacher I ever had. Inspiring, respected, and simply - amazing. The world was made a better place thanks to Mr. Smith. I'm sure he's teaching sentence structure in heaven right now.

karl McMichael - October 20, 2022 at 08:07 PM

MW

Certainly one of the best teachers, and one of my top favorites, during those High School years! He taught me that what you say/write and how you say/write it makes a difference. The words you choose, the phrases you put together, have meaning and that meaning changes depending on how you use it. I carried that through my college years and through 40 years of business, it was of utmost importance to me and Mr. Smith instilled that into my being. He also tolerated our occasional cutting up, but we buckled down when it was time to get serious about what he was teaching us! He was one awesome teacher, and I'm sure he will be missed by many!

Michael Warren - October 20, 2022 at 08:46 PM



I was a student at Newnan High School when Mr. Smith taught English there. Unfortunately I never had him as a teacher but could sense his love for his students by the way he spoke with them in the halls. I never heard anyone say an unkind word about him. Everyone loved him. Rest In Peace, Mr. Smith.

Ellen Britt - October 20, 2022 at 09:39 PM

TB

We were sorry to hear of Mr. Richard's passing. We were two house down the road neighbors all of my growing up life in Moreland along with his parents Mr. Harvey and Mrs. Lavonia. As a young boy I would often walk through their yard on the way to the store, and throw up my hand in a neighborly wave.

The Smiths were fine people who in the small community of Moreland everyone knew as well as many of their kin folks who we also knew. He was the last of the original neighbors that lived in the South Highway 27 community south of Moreland. I never had him as an English teacher at NHS but his reputation was well known as well as his musical abilities on the organ and piano. We ask God's blessings on his family.

Sincerely,

*Tom and Cindy Barnett
Harold Barnett Family
Moreland, GA*

Tom Barnett - October 20, 2022 at 11:05 PM

PC

Thanks, Slick. Some say you commanded respect but I say it was given.. Mr. SMITH, you did well.

Parker Cleveland - October 20, 2022 at 11:49 PM

AW

*Many teachers positively influence their students. Some change them forever. Thank you Mr. Smith, always our Jonathan!
Ame and Eddie Whitlock*

Ame and Eddie Whitlock - October 21, 2022 at 03:28 PM

SY

My brothers and I grew up two houses south of Richard Smith. None of us had him as a teacher at NHS. We got to experience the neighborly love from all the Smith family. That will always be in our hearts. May God provide strength and comfort throughout the days ahead.

Sylvia Barnett Yeager

Sylvia Yeager - October 24, 2022 at 02:51 AM