



## Bruce Lee Smithers

February 28, 1939 - August 27, 2011

Savannah, GA – Bruce Lee Smithers, 72, of Savannah, died Saturday, August 27.

He was the husband of Anita Durrence Smithers and was the son of the late Herbert and Ida Turner Smithers.

Mr. Smithers, formerly of Spartanburg, was retired from the Information Services Division of Milliken, Inc. He was a former member of St. James Methodist Church of Spartanburg, was a Life Master at Duplicate Bridge, and was an avid golfer.

In addition to his wife, survivors include three daughters, Lisa Collins and her husband Steve of Moore, Teri Bruce and her husband Steve of Campobello, and Tami Lawson and her husband Kenneth of Pauline; a step-daughter, Jessica Miller of Savannah; two sisters, Polly Dover and her husband Otis and Linda Wagers and her husband Bob, all of Apoka, FL; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be 11:00 a.m., Saturday, September 10, 2011 at Living Waters Funeral Home . The family will receive friends in the chapel after the service.

# Previous Events

## Service

SEP **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Living Waters Funeral Home and Crematory  
529 Spartanburg Hwy. S./P. O. Box 758  
Lyman, SC

# Tribute Wall



“ I knew Bruce first from Milliken and he was always so helpful trying to get us all on e-mail in the early years. I was delighted when he started playing bridge at the Spartanburg Duplicate Bridge Club. My husband and I enjoyed teaming with George Malone and Bruce in Gatlinburg at the Regional Bridge Tournament. Although we had not seen him since he left Spartanburg we thought of him often and his charming smile and great demeanor at the bridge table. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Martha Hartley##imported-end##

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family, I thought of Uncle Bruce often as the years have gone by and now my thoughts will be of him dancing with his big sister and brothers. Along with his mom and dad loved them all.##imported-begin##Becky Neely Hanner##imported-end##

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“ I seldom got the chance to spend time with Uncle Bruce, In my youth we lived what seemed to me as worlds apart. I would see him and his family on holidays, family reunions and or other special occasions. The memories are faded, But the man I called Uncle Bruce... That is a memory that will never fade. As a child I was always bragging on him in my circle of class mates about his accomplishments Sports, college, career, just to name a few. I can not imagine the pain and loss that my mother and my aunt Polly must feel. I am truly saddened by his passing. Our loss is Heavens gain. God only takes the best! You are all in our prayers. I send my deepest sympathy to all those who love him.

Wishing you peace

J.R. Osborne

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“ We knew Bruce for many years and were very fond of him and his family. Our thoughts and prayers go to Lisa, Teri and Tammy who have also been a large part of our lives as they were growing up. He will surely be missed by all who knew him.###imported-begin###Jim and Ann Franklin###imported-end##

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“ Tami and Teri, we are sorry to read of your dad's passing. We think of you two and the rest of the gang we worked with at St James so long ago. May God Bless you,

Kim and Margo Strong###imported-begin###kim and Margo Strong###imported-end##

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“ Bruce was a special brother- in-law to me.his brother always called him his little brother,eventthhough he was at least 6 inches shorter than Bruce. I will miss that sideways smile of his. he was one of kind and will always be missed by his family and many others###imported-begin###NORMA SMITHERS###imported-end##

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“ My brother Bruce was a very special person to me. We mostly lived some distance apart, but I always looked forward to his many visits through the years. I will miss him, and I will cherished the time we did spend together.###imported-begin###Linda Wagers###imported-end##

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“ Bruce was certainly a unique person. After knowing Bruce for over sixty years there are two things that stand our about Bruce. The first thing is that I have never seen him mad. He had tremendous patience and was very accepting of others and their ideas. And, if he didn't agree, he would calmly discuss or debate in a calm and friendly manner. The second thing is that Bruce was a worrier about the most insignificant things. It has been a real joy to have been a friend of Bruce and I have enjoyed many good times with him over the years. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.###imported-begin###Bob Adams###imported-end##

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