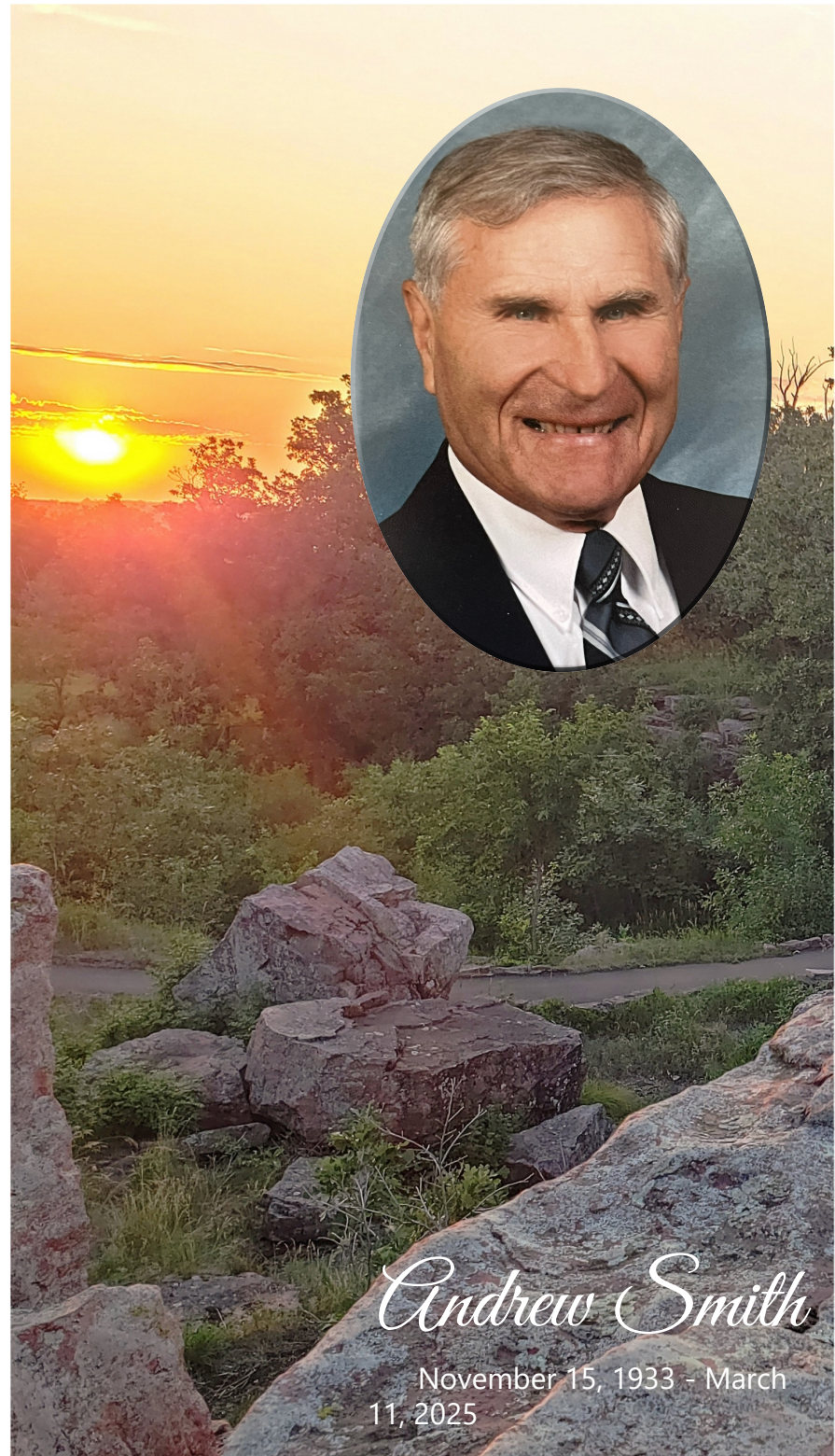


This is part of a letter Andy wrote to his children in 1987.
This is also a message to everyone, from Andy.

“It is a good life, filled with a lot of interesting things I have done and will do. I have enjoyed being a part of boys and girls lives as a teacher and principal and hope I have, in a small way, helped them. I found that my education, willingness to work, and my family have given me a successful life. I have enjoyed it, even though I complain a lot, and the best has been all of you kids and Sally. Without which my life would have been empty indeed.

Thought I would write this to you so you know a little bit more about me after I am gone. I love you all very much and hope all of you can and will have a happy life too. When you find what you like to do and can do it and make a living at it and have a life in addition to your job, you will be happy. Keep your faith in God, always. It has done so much for me when I think of where I came from and what I did. There is a spiritual life and force...and it is for the good. I hope you enjoy doing what you do and find success and happiness. You have added so much to my life and I thank you all for this...I love you all and hope you will remember me and Madre in your prayers and thoughts now and long after we have left you. Thanks and love to all.....

Your Dad



Andrew Smith

November 15, 1933 - March
11, 2025

Andrew Joseph Smith was born in Sioux City, IA on November 15, 1933 to Michael and Mary (Sadak) Smith. He grew up in Aberdeen, SD, attended St. Mary's Catholic School and graduated from Aberdeen Central High School in 1951.

Following graduation, he worked as a laborer for Great Northern Railroad. In 1954, he joined the Army and served as Company Clerk at Fort Campbell, KY. After his discharge, through the GI Bill, he attended and graduated from Northern State College in Aberdeen with a Bachelor of Science in Education with Honors, and Masters of Science in Education with honors. His first teaching position was at Ellsworth Air Force Base in Rapid City, SD.

In 1961, he was united in marriage to Sylvia (Sally) Schmitt at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Aberdeen. They moved to Madelia, MN where Andrew was employed as a sixth grade teacher. One year later he accepted the position of Elementary Principal. Their four children were born in Madelia. In 1971, the family moved to Pipestone, MN where Andrew was employed as Elementary Principal at Central, Woodstock, and Holland schools and later as Principal at Brown Elementary. In 1979, he was Title I Director and Remedial Reading teacher. Andrew retired in 1995.

Andrew was an active member of the community. He served on the Hiawatha Manor Board of Directors, the Ewert Recreation Center Board, was a volunteer for the Food Shelf and served as President of the Golden K. He was also an active member of St. Leo Catholic Church where he served on the Council, was a Lector and Eucharistic Minister.

Andrew was very passionate about exercise and sports. He was an avid cyclist and walker. He exercised daily at the Ewert Recreation Center until Parkinson's slowed him down. Andrew enjoyed spending time with his family and having coffee with friends and his fellow "philosophers" at McDonald's. Yet exercise continued to be a passion and he was a regular at the Parkinson's Rock Steady Boxing therapy class at Pipestone County Medical Center.

Andrew entered the Good Samaritan home in October 2024 and passed away on March 11, 2025 at the age of 91.

Andrew is lovingly remembered by his wife, Sylvia; children, Jennifer (Bruce) Blocker of Burnsville, MN, Laura (Patrick) Kinney of Ashland, WI, Charles Smith of San Antonio, TX, Stacey (Kenny) Rolling of Luverne, MN; and grandchildren, Brett and Benjamin Blocker, Anthony and Paul Smith and their mother, Ana Yanguéz and Henry and Kate Rolling.

In Loving Memory of

Andrew Smith



Memorial Mass of Christian Burial

Saturday, March 22, 2025 - 10:30 AM

St. Leo Catholic Church - Pipestone, Minnesota

Celebrant - Msgr. Gerald Kosse

Altar Servers - Adrian Caskey, Tenley Caskey, Marcel Arens

Lector - Charles Smith

Gift Bearers - Henry and Kate Rolling

Scripture Readings

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 Philippians 4:4-7

John 14:1-7

Eulogist - Jennifer Blocker

Organist - Carol Haubrich

Cantor - Kevin Paulsen

Congregational Hymns

"Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling"

"Shepherd Me, O God"

"Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ"

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

"Let There Be Peace On Earth"

"Song of Farewell" "Song of the Angels"

"Peace is Flowing Like a River"

Urn Bearer

Charles Smith

Interment

St. Leo Catholic Cemetery - Pipestone, Minnesota

Military Honors

Michael Boock American Legion Post #6

Pipestone, Minnesota

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