

# Rest in Peace - Dickson Smith

DICKSON K. SMITH, 71,

of Green Valley, and formerly of Milwaukee, Wis., died Thursday, April 3, 2008, in Green Valley doing what he loved: riding his Harley.

Survivors include his loving mother Marjorie (nee Dickson); Susan Sperry Smith, his beloved wife of almost 25 years; his loving children Michelle (Frank) Mueller and Jeffrey; loving stepdaughter Tracy Sperry; his adored grandchildren Christopher and Amanda Mueller; and his loving siblings Linda (Gary) Garff, Doug (Pat) and Sherman (Nancy).

Dickson received a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Utah and was a distinguished faculty member at Marquette University, Lakeland College, and, for the majority of his career, Cardinal Stritch University. He was a longtime Chair of the Department of Business and Economics.

In his last five years before retirement, Dickson was the Dean of the Arts and Science at Stritch, where he received the Teacher of the Year Award, the Thespian Medal, and the St. Francis Medal. As Dean, he was known for his passionate support of the arts, rarely missing a fiction or poetry reading, or a theatre, musical, or art event.

After retiring to Arizona, Dickson was active in the Tucson Harley Owners Group, where he was a safety officer, a road captain, and recently the historian. Dickson was also an enthusiastic tennis player. In 2005, he represented the GV Tennis Club at the USTA National Mens' 3.5 Doubles Tournament after winning the National Sections in El Paso.

In lieu of flowers, donations to ABATE of Tucson or the Green Valley Community Food Bank would be appreciated.

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We learned from ABATE's Tucson Chapter Coordinator Ron Kool that Susan Smith has asked that donations be made to ABATE of AZ in lieu of flowers.

The day before Dickson died he spent the day talking to 185 drivers ed students. Any donations will go directly into that drivers education program (**Motorcycle Awareness Program**).

A non-denominational service was held on Saturday April 12 at the Green Valley Mortuary, located at 18751 S. La Canada in Sahuarita.

For those who want to send cards or donations, please send them c/o ABATE of AZ, 1339 N Golden Palomino Pl, Tucson AZ 85715.

Additional questions can be directed to Ron Kool at 520-207-0791.

*Our condolences go out to Dickson's family and friends at this time of loss.*