



Carl Craig Smoot

August 1, 1931 - February 23, 2018

Carl Craig Smoot, 86 of Fredonia, passed away on Friday, February 23, 2018 at Kansas Medical Center in Andover, KS. Carl was born on August 1, 1931 to Ralph and Elsie (Wicker) Smoot in LaVerne, OK. Carl joined the Army at 17, and was sent to Korea in June of 1950. Carl was a forward observer in communications. He laid lines to the front line of battle, carrying telephone and radios where he was wounded in combat. He recovered in a hospital in Japan before being sent home. Carl received the Purple Heart along with other medals for his acts of bravery and allegiance to his country. He received his honorable discharge from the U.S. Army on June 2, 1952.

He married LaVada Kimzey, August 30, 1953 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Parsons, KS. Carl and La Vada lived in Wichita with their three sons Danny, Timmy and Jamey. They attended the Ark Valley Christian Church, where Carl was baptized into Christ on February 1, 1973. During this time, Carl was employed by the City of Wichita Fire Department as a Firefighter until he retired as a Lieutenant. In 1976, Carl and La Vada moved to Windsor, CO where Carl was employed by Kodak as a Fire Inspector. He retired from Kodak in 1987 and moved back to Wichita for 3 years before moving to Fredonia, KS in 1990.

Carl was a member of the Thanks Program and was instrumental in acquiring the present Fredonia Senior Citizens Building. He was a member of the

Retired Firefighters Association in Wichita, KS, a member of VFW Post 3018 in Fredonia and a member of the Church of Christ in Fredonia.

As a Korean War Veteran, Carl was honored by being presented a Longton High School Diploma by Longton School Board. The diploma was dated back to the class of 1950 which would have been Carl's graduating date from Longton High School.

Preceding him in death were his parents, and step father Lester Gritz who raised him. Son: Jamey Craig Smoot and one Brother: Delbert Smoot. His wife, LaVada survives along with their two sons, Danny Carl Smoot and wife, Dr. Michelle Smoot of Peyton, CO. Timmy Eugene Smoot and Dena Smoot of Wichita, KS. Four Grandchildren, Timothy Smoot, Leasa (Kirk) Bidwell, Zachary (Natalie) Smoot, and Jamey (Abigail) Smoot. Five great grandchildren. A half brother, Bob Gritz of Topeka, KS and two half sisters: Barbara Bloomquist of California and Sherry Awdish of Colorado. Several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. A host of friends and loved ones.

Carl's family, friends and church were the center of his life. He enjoyed traveling, playing pool, fishing and beautifying his yard. His honest, trustworthiness and caring for others were well known. His great sense of humor, generosity and compassion for life will live in our hearts forever. He will be greatly missed.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 10:30 AM at Countryside Funeral Home in Fredonia, visitation will be held Friday, March 2, 2018 from 5-7 pm. Online condolences may be left at: www.countrysidefh.com Burial will follow at the Longton Cemetery. Memorials have been suggested to either the Church of Christ in Fredonia or the Fredonia Public Library and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Services entrusted to: Countryside Funeral Home 420 S. 20th St., P.O. Box 247, Fredonia, KS 66736

Cemetery Details

Longton Cemetery

Longton, KS 67352

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Fredonia
420 S. 20th St.
P.O. Box 247
Fredonia, KS 66736
(620) 378-2882

Service

MAR 3. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CP

“ I just heard about Carl's passing. Knowing how very much Carl loved his family, my first thought was of Lavada, Tim, Danny, and their families. I pray for comfort and love to surround them at this time. My second thought was of Jamey greeting him in Heaven - and that made me smile!! RIP. Carl - and thanks for always treating me so well!!

Cheryl Bailey Payne - March 29, 2018 at 08:04 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carl Craig Smoot.



March 01, 2018 at 05:46 PM

HS

“ The final bell has sounded and Carl is responding to the call.

*Rest Carl, until you hear at dawn,
the low, clear reveille of God.*

Thank you for your service to this nation.

Harry Simpson - February 28, 2018 at 03:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carl Craig Smoot.*



February 28, 2018 at 11:53 AM



“ *Steve & Linda Smith lit a candle in memory of Carl Craig Smoot*



Steve & Linda Smith - February 27, 2018 at 11:22 AM



Our thought and prayers are with you LaVada and the entire family, we will miss you deeply Carl.

Steve & Linda Smith - February 27, 2018 at 11:26 AM



“ *John and Dianna Smoot purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Carl Craig Smoot.*



John and Dianna Smoot - February 27, 2018 at 09:34 AM

MK

“ Carl,
*We all traveled a lot of miles and made a lot of memories together that I will always cherish. I can still see the big pile of chicken bones after eating all of those chicken legs in Washington DC. Lol I can picture all of the family welcoming you to Heaven. Tell my Roy that I miss him.
RIP . You will be missed. 🙏*

Marilyn Kimzey - February 26, 2018 at 11:55 PM

DG

“ LaVada, Danny, Michelle, Tim, Dena and all the grandkids,

I am so sorry to hear of Carl's passing. I thank God for brave men like him who faithfully serve our country and put themselves in harm's way so we all can enjoy the bountiful pleasures of a free life. I pray you can all find comfort in knowing that he lived a full life and is no longer suffering from any ailments whatsoever. I have enjoyed so many family get togethers and I know he will be greatly missed. He was an accepting, friendly and warm individual, always cheerfully greeting everyone with a welcoming smile and a hug. As he made each of us feel special, so will we all carry forward in our hearts and minds the special memories we have of him. Thus, he will not be forgotten but instead treasured throughout our lives for his caring ways. May you feel the love of God, family and friends today and the days ahead as you grieve the loss of your husband, father, grandfather and friend.

*Love,
Deb*

Deb Graham - February 26, 2018 at 11:18 PM

MA

“ Carl will be greatly missed. Prayers for comfort and peace for Lavada and the rest of the family.



maria - February 26, 2018 at 09:46 PM

JS

Uncle Carl is a real life inspiration to me. How he lived his life, including his service in the army and the Purple Heart he earned, has given me some goals for myself. Thank you, Carl!

John Smoot - February 28, 2018 at 10:00 AM