



O'Neal "Sonny" Smith Jr.

October 21, 1947 - November 12, 2023

O'Neal "Sonny" Smith, Jr., 76, of Chanute passed away on Sunday, November 12, 2023 at Via Christi St. Joseph in Wichita. Sonny was born on October 21, 1947, in Chanute the son of O'Neal, Sr. and Helen (Potts) Smith.

Sonny grew up in Chanute and graduated from Chanute High School in 1966. In his younger years Sonny enjoyed fishing, shooting his bow, and riding his motorcycle. On September 1, 1979, Sonny married Barbara Curls at Malcolm Center in Chanute, Barbara survives at the home.

Sonny was a very hard-working man and he spent his working years doing road construction and road maintenance for KDOT. When Sonny was not busy at work, he loved to barbecue, watch television, and most importantly watch his children grow up.

Sonny will always be remembered as a very quiet, sweet, and loving man. He is greatly loved and will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Sonny is survived by his wife Barbara Smith of Chanute, his son O'Neal Smith III of Chanute, step-sons Alexander Curls and Aaron Curls of Kansas, his sister Mary Kay of Overland Park, nine grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Sonny was preceded in death by his parents and his grandparents.

Cremation has been requested with a celebration of life being held at Central Park Pavilion on Friday, January 19, 2024 at 3:15 pm. Online condolences may be left at: www.countrysidefh.com. Services entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home 101 N. Highland, Chanute, Kansas 66720.

Cemetery Details

Elmwood Cemetery

East 14th St
Chanute, KS 66720

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN **19**. 3:15 PM (CT)

Central Park Pavilion
101 S Forest Ave.
Chanute, KS 66720

Tribute Wall

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“ You’re still the best man I could ask for to be my grandfather. I miss that booming laugh that would ignite the room, and drinking hot coco with you during the winter. Thank you for allowing me to be the man I am today. Your name will always be celebrated, I love you grandpa



Xavier Curls - March 12, 2025 at 06:20 PM

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“ Sonny was my classmate throughout school in Chanute. We played together as children and kept in touch till I left in the mid 60's. When I returned to Chanute, he was one of the first old friends I saw. I will miss him greatly.

Tim Mitchell - January 20, 2024 at 02:01 PM

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“ So sorry to learn of this. I liked visiting with him in Walmart and when I worked at the Neosho County Treasurer's Office. Hugs. Doug and Teresa Frydendall.

Teresa Frydendall - November 14, 2023 at 06:52 PM