



Richard Eugene Smith

February 11, 1935 - October 21, 2014

Richard Eugene Smith, age 79, a resident of Burden, Kansas passed away Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at his home. He was born February 11, 1935 in Enid, Oklahoma the son of Earl and Edna (Harmon) Smith.

Richard served in the United States Army from February 1954 to February 1956. On December 6, 1980 Richard was united in marriage to E. Maurine Brown at the Burden United Methodist Church. He worked as a grain inspector in Enid for many years and he retired as a supervisor from the Winfield State Hospital in Winfield, Kansas. Richard had a strong faith in the Lord and a strong sense of morals. He enjoyed painting, drawing his own cartoon strip, woodworking, shooting guns, fishing, taking care of animals and going to the farmer's market.

Richard is survived by his wife Maurine Smith of the home; his children, Dottie Ferguson of Cedar Vale; Deborah Kimmell of Arkansas City; DeeAnna Widener of Arkansas City; Dee Ann Van Scyoc of Valley Center; Rick Smith of Wichita; Randy Smith of Wichita; and Twilla Kahm of Arkansas City; step-children, David Mitchell of Udall; Deborah Mitchell of Owings Mills, Maryland; Julie Olmsted of Derby; and Mark Mitchell of Udall; one brother Earl Smith of Enid, Oklahoma; 23 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; 4 brothers; 5 sisters; and one grandchild Sky Widener.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, October 24, 2014 at the Burden United Methodist Church with Rev. Kathryn Graver officiating. Viewing will be at the church from 9:30 until service time. Interment will be at Grace Lawn Cemetery in Howard, Kansas. Memorials are suggested to either the Burden United Methodist Church or the United Methodist Women (UMW) and may be left with the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at www.countrysidefh.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Countryside Funeral Home in Howard.

Cemetery Details

Grace Lawn Cemetery

Howard, KS 67349

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **24**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Burden United Methodist Church
118 E. 6th St.
Burden, KS 67019

Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *My grandfather Richard Smith was a great man I loved him dearly and always will I remember him teaching me how to ride a tricycle all the way up to a regular bicycle we would go driving down dirt roads and listen to Randy Travis songs and sing sitting on his lap when I was little and taking me and my cousin Candace to the candy shop in Dexter every summer to get them big lollipops he was a very special man yes he was my grandfather but in a lot of ways he has taught me a lot n I will always remember that n keep that in my heart I love you and miss you grandpa :) :)*

star snell - January 17, 2015 at 07:14 PM

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“ *Your family has my deepest sympathy. I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Richard will be dearly missed. Though now you are grieving, please remember that you are not alone. Psalm 46 : 1 says, " God is our refuge and strength, a help that is readily found in times of distress. " Pray to Him for strength. He will really help you (Isaiah 41 : 10) because He cares for you (1 Peter 5 : 7).*

Sharon - October 24, 2014 at 09:11 AM

 Janice Rhodes

“ *Thinking of you, Maurine. . .
from your OLD quilting friend in Winfield--Janice Rhodes*

Janice Rhodes - October 23, 2014 at 02:51 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to my best friend Twilla and her whole family during this difficult time. Richard was like a second dad to me growing up. He will be greatly missed. God bless. Love to all. ~Dawn Lindsay-Kyle*



Dawn Lindsay-Kyle - October 23, 2014 at 08:10 AM



“ *Twilla, Ricky and Randy,*

I'm so sorry for your loss. May God be with you all thru this rough time.

Debby Lindsay-Chenoweth



Debby Lindsay-Chenoweth - October 23, 2014 at 08:01 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Eugene Smith.*



October 22, 2014 at 10:31 PM

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“ We will always remember the special birthdays and anniversary dates we had with our dear brother Richard and our sister Maurine. We would meet on each of these special days for fellowship and dinner. We have driven from Enid, Ok to Yoder, Ks to have a day with our dear friends. We had so many memories whether it was a Cracker Barrel in Wichita, Ks or Joplin, Mo. or the Rustic Barrel in an alley in Ponca City, when we had something to celebrate we did it together for most of the last 15 years.

Even took us to Branson and Eureka Springs, Hutchinson, Ks and pottery place somewhere in Kansas that Marine wanted to go. So glad we have those memories and we were going this fall back to Branson but the Lord had other plans for Richard. Which that is O.K. We understand, that Richard was ready to go to his final Home, we are just going to miss him. But sometime in the future we will all be together again and what a celebration we will have.

Richard, I know you are feeding the stray cats and dogs. You were a special man and Sonny is missing you so much. You left him here, the only sibling left. I will enjoy each minute with him.

God be with your families and by the way, Richard, you did an awesome job with your children. We are so proud of them and I know you were.

Uncle Sonny and Aunt Eva

Eva Smith - October 22, 2014 at 08:00 PM

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“ We will always remember the special birthdays and anniversary dates we had with our dear brother Richard and our sister Maurine. We would meet on these special days for fellowship and dinner. We have driven from Enid, Ok to Yoder Ks to have a day of shopping and wonderful time. Whether it was Cracker Barrel in Wichita, Ks or Joplin, Mo. or the Rustic Barrel in an alley in Ponca City, when there was an anniversary or birthday for the last 15 years, we have celebrated together. What memories we have made. We had planned on a trip to Branson or Eureka Springs this fall but God had other plans for Richard and that is O.K. He was ready to go home, he had hurt for so long. We are sad, but we understand. It will just be a little longer before we can all start enjoying our birthdays and anniversaries again together up there. Richard is the last sibling that Sonny had. It hurts him deeply. Richard keep feeding all those stray cats and dogs in heaven. You are one special guy. God be with your families at this time. We love each and everyone of you.
Uncle Sonny and Aunt Eva

Eva Smith - October 22, 2014 at 05:47 PM

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“ Eva Smith lit a candle in memory of Richard Eugene Smith



Eva Smith - October 22, 2014 at 05:31 PM