



Charles M Smith

January 5, 1947 - July 2, 2015

It is with a profound sense of sadness that we announce the passing of our husband, father, and grandfather, Charles Marion Smith. Dad lost his three year battle with cancer on July 2nd surrounded by family and friends. For those of you that did not know Dad, he was a man with a servant's heart. He served his family, his country, his church and his Heavenly Father. He was a man of great conviction and someone who believed deeply in the causes he served--even if it meant sacrifice. Consistently, throughout his life he put others before himself, and even at the end of his life, he placed the focus of his thoughts on others.

Dad was raised near Caldwell, Texas and lived his life and raised his family with the values he learned in that environment. Growing up on a dairy farm, and getting up at 4:30 every morning taught him the value of hard work, a principle he made sure his children also shared. He met his lifelong love, Barbara Gerland, at an early age in grade school. Some of Mom and Dad's earliest memories are of each other. His father and mother made sure he was a regular in church every Sunday, another value he passed along to his own children. As a child, Dad nearly died from a defective small pox vaccine. He barely survived but later was healthy enough to enjoy sports and all sorts of social activities in high school.

Dad married his grade school sweetheart, Barbara Gerland, and then earned two degrees, one from Sam Houston State and the other from Texas A&M. Dad served in the Army Reserves as a Military Policeman. After active duty,

he taught school for a few years and his first child, Scott, was born in 1971. In 1975, he started and managed a small construction equipment rental business with a group of partners. The business eventually employed 10 and some years generated revenue of more than \$1 million. His second child, Tami, was born in 1977. The economic crash in Texas in the mid 80's consumed his and his partners' business. He finished his career teaching middle school science and retired from Bryan ISD in May, 2008.

Dad had a wonderful sense of humor, a kind heart, and a quick temper. Nothing was more important to him than his family, and he enjoyed gardening, hunting and fishing and tending his cattle. We will greatly miss him--his passing leaves a great void in all of our lives. Services will be held graveside at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in Deanville, TX at 1:30 pm. Military Honors provided by VFW Post # 4458. That will be followed by a Celebration of Life service at Bethel Lutheran Church in Bryan, Texas at 3:30 pm. Thank you to all who have extended their support to our family during this time. Dad told us at the end that he was not afraid of death and was certain of his immortal soul residing with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 4. 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Caldwell
404 W. Buck St.
Caldwell, TX 77836
(979) 567-3232
phillipsandluckeyfh@yahoo.com
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

Family Present for Visitation

JUL 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Church Service

JUL 5. 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Bethel Lutheran Church
4221 Boonville Rd.
Bryan, TX 77802

Graveside Service

JUL 5. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery
2609 FM 60
Deanville, TX 77852

Tribute Wall

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time.*

Alton & Angie Wiederhold

Angie Wiederhold - July 04, 2015 at 07:10 PM

RL

“ *To the Smith Family:*

Your husband and father taught school with me at Jane Long. He was a wonderful person to know and to work with in a school that at times had challenges for all of us. He was one that befriended me when I joined the staff to teach computers.

I am sadden to read of his death and send my condolences to each one of you.

God Bless Charles and you as you go forward,

Rita Leisy

Rita Leisy - July 04, 2015 at 07:02 AM

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“ *I really enjoyed working with Charles at Jane Long Middle School in Bryan. He was such a nice person with a great smile. My sympathy to all of Charles' family.*

Rose Urbanovsky - July 03, 2015 at 02:34 PM

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“ So sorry you lost him so soon. The death of a father is harder to bear than anyone who hasn't experienced it can ever know. As for Charles, he was always so sweet to me each time I saw him.

Andrea - July 03, 2015 at 11:30 AM

GI

“ Charles was a great person. Our prayers go out to the family at this time. God always needs an Angel to add to his band and Charles will be a great addition to this.

Gary and Beverly(Reichle) Iselt - July 03, 2015 at 11:21 AM

BJ

“ The Dworsky and Johnson Families send their condolences to all. Charles was a wonderful man and we know he will be greatly missed.

(Chris and Bernadette Johnson and Family and Larry Dworsky)

Bernadette Johnson - July 03, 2015 at 10:54 AM



“ Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Charles M Smith.



July 02, 2015 at 09:50 PM