



## Charles "Chuck" R. Smith

January 3, 1961 - May 8, 2019

Charles Ridgzby "Chuck" Smith, 58 of Muskogee was born January 3, 1961 in Banning, California to John and Georgia Belle (Hall) Smith and peacefully passed away Wednesday, May 8, 2019 in Muskogee with his loving family by his side.

Chuck spent most of his childhood in Wanette, OK where he attended school. The family later moved to Fort Gibson where Chuck graduated high school and continued his education at OSU Tech, graduating with a heating and air degree. The love of working with wood led him to a career of cabinetry for over 20 years where his work allowed others to enjoy the beauty of his woodworking ability. He also worked at Brockway Glass. Chuck was a kind soul with a very giving heart. He was always willing to give anyone a helping hand, and his door was open to anyone that needed a place to stay. A lover of animals, Chuck took in stray dogs and would care for them until their owners were found. Chuck loved the Lord. His ministry as the Sunday School Director at the First Indian Baptist Church in Muskogee was his calling. He was very proud of his faith and the opportunity to attend the Promise Keepers Rally. He enjoyed spending time with his brother John working on his truck and was looking forward to his brother Eddie coming in from California to spend time with him. Chuck loved and adored his grandchildren, his wife, his mom and his siblings. His family was the love of his life.

Chuck was preceded in death by his father John Dewey Smith on April 26, 1963, his grandpa, Otis Day on November 24, 1980; his grandmother, Pansy

Day on June 11, 1994; step-dad, Dean Waggoner on July 28, 1991 and his beloved dog Lucy.

He is lovingly survived by his wife Sheila of the home; sons, Rocky Ballard, Adam Hart and John Dewey Smith all of Muskogee, OK; mother, Georgia B. Waggoner of Fort Gibson, OK; brothers, John C. Smith and wife Sandy of Fort Gibson, OK; Edward J. Smith and wife Cathy of Temecula, CA; sisters, Natalie Schoemann and husband Joe of Wanette, OK; Kathy Nichols and husband Johnny of Fort Gibson, OK; and Denise Hoos and husband Rick of Wagoner, OK; his grandchildren, Logan Ballard, Nathalya Smith, Addison Hart and Jordan Hart; numerous nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews, extended family and many friends.

Chuck was reunited with his daddy to play baseball and his beloved dog Lucy who was his shadow and enjoyed their car rides for ice cream.

Viewing will be held Tuesday, May 14, 2019 from 1PM-7PM at the Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home in Fort Gibson.

A celebration of Chuck's life will be 10AM Wednesday, May 15, 2019 in the Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Eddie Lindsey officiating.

Committal prayers and interment will follow in the Citizens Cemetery in Fort Gibson with Andy Ballard, Justin Mitchell, Brad Lindsey, Justin Manes, TJ Nichols and Danny Nichols serving as casket bearers.

The family of Charles Ridgzby "Chuck" Smith has entrusted his care, services and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home. 918-478-2555.

Online condolences may be left at [clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com](http://clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Citizens Cemetery

Fort Gibson, OK 74434

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAY **14**. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home (Fort Gibson)  
1224 E Poplar St  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434  
(918) 478-2555

## Celebration of Life

MAY **15**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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1224 E Poplar St  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Charles "Chuck" R. Smith*

January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ *Missed but not forgotten always in my heart*

**Sheila Smith.** - May 13, 2020 at 07:56 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Chuck was a good guy.*

**Sheryl cruse** - May 18, 2019 at 02:34 AM



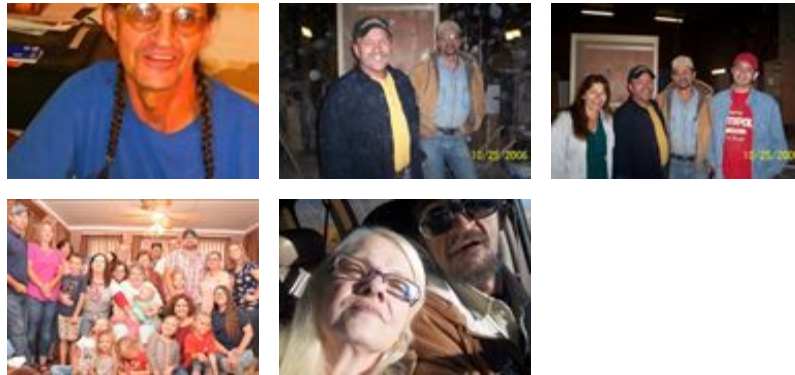
“ *Michelle Schulewitz lit a candle in memory of Charles "Chuck" R. Smith*



**michelle schulewitz** - May 14, 2019 at 07:14 PM



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Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home - May 14, 2019 at 09:16 AM

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“ To the family of Chuck:

*I'm grateful for being able to know Chuck. Sheila, Denise, Kathy and Natalie - Thank you all for making me feel like family. It was my privilege and honor to help you all care for Chuck in his final hours. I could see and feel the love you all had for him. It was very apparent that Chuck had influenced many family and friends.*

*Chuck leaves behind a wonderful family and I know you will all be a great source of comfort and support to one another. Cherish the memories that you have with Chuck. You all will be in my thoughts and prayers in the coming days. God bless you all.*

*Vivian Arnold RN, BSN*

Vivian Arnold - May 13, 2019 at 02:16 PM

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“ Natalie lit a candle in memory of Charles "Chuck" R. Smith



Natalie - May 12, 2019 at 08:05 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Chuck's passing. Chuck was one of the sweetest guys, I've ever known. He was a great joy to work with. My family went to church with Chuck and his family. My prayers are with his family, at this difficult time. God bless you all. RIP Chuck ❤️

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**Robin Renfro** - May 11, 2019 at 11:12 PM