



Kenneth Marvin Smith

July 27, 1943 - August 2, 2017

Kenneth Marvin Smith was born July 27, 1943. He was born across the road from the place he would later live until his passing on Wednesday, August 2, 2017.

Kenneth was one of eleven children born to Willie T. and Gussie Maude (Church) Smith. He was always getting into trouble but he was his Momma's "Tumblebug". In the words of his sisters he was spoiled rotten. Kenneth always stuck up for his brothers and sisters and wouldn't let anyone pick on them. He was a good brother.

Kenneth joined the United States Navy on September 20, 1961 and was stationed at Fallon Nevada, where he communicated with aircraft for their bombing runs. After his Honorable Discharge he came home and worked several odd jobs until he was hired by Fansteel Metals as a Maintenance Mechanic. He was employed by them for 23 years. Kenneth married the love of his life, Jacqueline Cooper on March 27, 1965 in Stilwell, OK. They had three children, William Jackson who passed at birth, Kenneth Shawn and Kimberly Rena.

Kenneth loved life. He was always making someone laugh. He loved spending time with family camping and boating on Tenkiller Lake. He loved Sunday dinners at Granny Cooper's house, but really, who didn't!? Jackie recalls Kenneth really enjoying hunting and fishing with her father.

Kenneth enjoyed motorcycle riding, tinkering on cars and was an exceptional welder. He loved to visit family and friends, often unannounced where he might spend a few minutes or he spend all day. Kenneth enjoyed getting in the car with Jackie and taking off with no destination planned.

Shawn recalls fond memories of his dad teaching him how to ride motorcycles, weld and water skiing.

While Kim recalls him waking her up on Saturday morning to "sneak" out to breakfast while everyone else slept. She also shared many visits with him when Trent was small. Mike recalls Kenneth telling him when he started dating Kim that he really wasn't fond of him until he proved to Kenneth he could in fact work on cars and said "he wasn't so bad after all". They enjoyed many years hunting, fishing and tinkering on cars together.

Trina remembers him giving her a "hard time" about not liking squirrels and not wanting to eat "rodent", so Kenneth being the prankster he was tricked her into eating her fair share

of “chicken” aka squirrel for Sunday dinner. Needless to say she now loves squirrel. Trent remembers riding motorcycles with his Pawpaw. Being pulled around the yard in his wagon behind the lawnmower, working with his Pawpaw at the filling station. He recalls his Pawpaw complaining how he made more tips than anyone else all because he was “so cute”! They also hunted, fished and just spent time together.

Gavin remembers going to the barbershop on Saturday mornings and having to sit and listen to the “old” men complain! Going to breakfast with him and having biscuit and gravy, hunting and fishing and spending time with Pawpaw.

Aubrae remembers Pawpaw’s orneriness and constant pestering each other. Later she would become his “favorite girlfriend”!

Kenneth is survived by his wife of 52 years, Jackie of the home; children, Shawn Smith and wife Trina, Kim Sharp and husband Mike; grandchildren Trent and Aubrae Sharp and Gavin Smith; many nieces, nephews, cousins in many friends.

The family would like to invite everyone to a celebration of Kenneth’s life on Saturday, August 5, 2017 in the Fort Gibson Community Center from 1PM-5PM.

The family of Kenneth Marvin Smith has entrusted his cremation and services to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home and Cremation Service Fort Gibson, OK 918-478-2555
Online condolences may be left at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com

Cemetery Details

Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Road
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 5. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Fort Gibson Community Center
200 W Hickory
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Tribute Wall



“ Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Kenneth Marvin Smith



Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home - August 03, 2017 at 02:51 PM



“ Kenneth Marvin Smith

January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ Jackie and family, I am sorry for your loss. Kathy Stonebarger Stehwien.

Kathy Stonebarger Stehwien - November 10, 2017 at 11:34 PM



“ We will miss Ken here at the library. He's been coming in for his Westerns for years and he was one of our favorites! He always had a smile on his face and a kind word or joke for us. Thoughts and prayers to family and friends.
Jade Atchley at the Q.B. Boydston Library

Jade Atchley - August 06, 2017 at 12:20 PM



“ Nancy Smith Thomas lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Marvin Smith



Nancy Smith Thomas - August 04, 2017 at 08:58 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. He will be missed.

Nancy Smith Skidmore Thomas

Nancy Thomas - August 04, 2017 at 08:56 PM

EB

“ *Eunice Brown lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Marvin Smith*



Eunice Brown - August 04, 2017 at 01:09 PM

JS

“ *Mawmaw misses you so very very much pawpaw.*

Jackie Smith - August 04, 2017 at 09:46 AM

JS

“ *Jackie Smith lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Marvin Smith*



Jackie Smith - August 04, 2017 at 09:42 AM

JM

“ *Miss you uncle. No one could ever replace you!*

Jennifer (Morton) McGraw - August 03, 2017 at 10:53 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Kenneth Marvin Smith.*



August 03, 2017 at 05:44 PM

MI

“ *Midge lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Marvin Smith*



Midge - August 03, 2017 at 05:29 PM

MI

So sorry for your loss. Fly High Kenneth. Rest in Eternal Paradise.

Midge - August 03, 2017 at 05:30 PM

BM

So sorry for your loss!!Watching the video he sure reminded me of my Dad!Love and prayers!!

Barbara Smith McElmurry - August 04, 2017 at 02:52 AM



“ 34 files added to the album LifeTributes



Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home - August 03, 2017 at 02:40 PM

KI

“ *Love you Daddy! I miss you terribly already! I've said several times now that Fort Gibson, our family and life just isn't going to be the same without you!! Hug Tawni for me, I know she was so excited to see you!!
Love your Little Girl!!*

kim - August 02, 2017 at 08:07 PM

GF

Kenneth, oh where does one start! You were always such a joy to be around. You were funny and always cutting up. I enjoyed it when you would come out to mama's, you always had a way of cheering her up. She loved you so and so do I. Just keep them all laughing.

*Love You
Glenda*

Glenda Fausett - August 07, 2017 at 11:15 AM