



William E. Smith

January 26, 1944 - February 9, 2016

William E. Smith age 72 passed away Tuesday February 9, 2016 at his home. Visitation will be 10-11 AM., Saturday February 13, 2016 at Maple Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 11 AM. Burial will follow services at Maple Hill Cemetery.

William was born January 26, 1944 in Kansas City, Kansas. He was united in marriage to his wife Freda (Pack) Smith and together they shared 50 years together. William proudly served his country in the United States Army during Vietnam. He was a retired member of Local #83, V.F.W, American Legion Post 346, The Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Assoc. He was also a Mason.

William was preceded in death by his son: William R. Smith, brothers: Robert and Frederick Smith. He leaves behind his wife: Freda J. Smith, daughter: Cynthia Smith, sisters: Sandra Waller and Janet Reno.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

2301 S 34th St
Kansas City, KS 66106
(913) 262-6610
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of William E. Smith* ”



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - February 12, 2016 at 02:49 PM



“ *William E. Smith* ”

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *William E. Smith* ”

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM

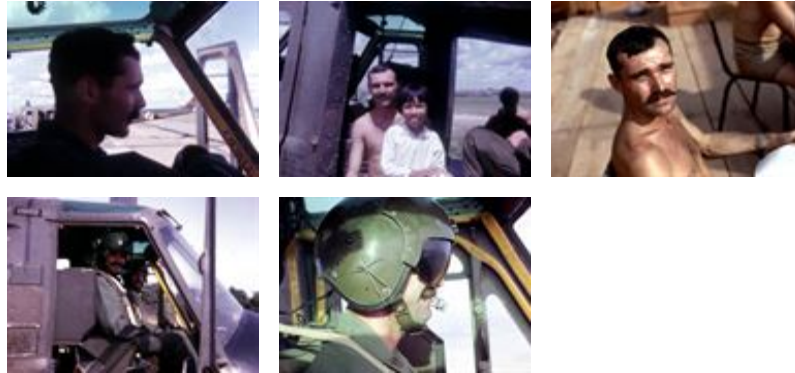


“ *Condolences to the family, fellow local 83 member family. J. Hutchinson* ”

james - February 19, 2016 at 10:22 AM



“ 11 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - February 16, 2016 at 04:28 PM

BK

“ I am grateful for the life of Mr. Smith. Thanks to his service and to the service of others in our armed forces, my family and I have been able to lead our lives in freedom and peace.

Bob in Overland Park, Kansas - February 13, 2016 at 09:41 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of William E. Smith.



February 12, 2016 at 06:07 PM

BF

“ *Bonewits Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William E. Smith.*



Bonewits Family - February 12, 2016 at 04:42 PM



“ *48 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - February 12, 2016 at 02:40 PM

“ Thank your Mr. Smith for serving our country in Vietnam; the country where I was born.

I thank you and Mrs. Smith for having your son, Billy; my first American friend. Billy and I were classmates drawing dinosaurs from Kindergarten until graduation when we both were awarded honors and scholarships from every Art College we applied.

Thank you, Mr. Smith for taking Billy and me to meet the original Darth Vader.

My sister, Linda and I thank you and Mrs. Smith for the opportunity to drink lemonade served from the fuel tank of a B52 with your children, Billy and Cindy at Richard Gebaurs Air Force Base.

Mr. Smith, I thank your and Mrs. Smith for raising Cindy to be the woman she is today. I embarrassingly share with you a story from my reckless 20s when I was out drinking and riding - my bicycle. As I am making a pit-stop at a Q-trip, I'm questioning if I hear a familiar voice from behind, calling my name. I turn around to see Billy's little sister, Cindy-Lou, all grown up, in uniform and full gear. But more than the sobering effect and the command my respect.. I was so proud of your daughter and was praying that she wouldn't issue me a ticket for drinking and riding a bicycle, under the influence. Again, to you and Mrs. Smith.. job well done!

I thank your family, Mr. Smith for supporting my family's business and believing in me when I was too busy, tired and broken to believe in myself. Your family has welcomed me since childhood into your home. I have been blessed and will find comfort when having supper in your home and being treated with Mrs. Smith's home cooked meals and desserts.

I am grateful, Mr. Smith for your wife and daughter to help me with what I will one day face.. you must be so proud of the strength and grace these two woman have.

It has truly been an honor, Mr. Smith.

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Almost forgot.. Mr. Smith, I can't thank you enough for being - One, WILD and CRAAAZY Guy, allowing me the option to call you Ray, or to call you Jay; but by no means would I ever call you Ray-Jay..

Victor Perkins - February 12, 2016 at 01:33 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William E. Smith.*



February 12, 2016 at 11:55 AM



“ *Meda, Shawn and his family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of William E. Smith.*



Meda, Shawn and his family - February 12, 2016 at 11:39 AM

SL

“ It was a sad day when I found out Uncle Bill had passed. But having him in my life and in my heart was truly a gift from God. His passion for perfection, his patience, his easy going way with words, his wit, his integrity, his honesty, all the things I try to include in my life are merely an image of who he was. May God bless him, hold him and keep him in his loving arms with Billy at his side. Love to you Aunt Freda and Cindy. I miss you all.

Shawn Larson

Shawn Larson - February 12, 2016 at 09:47 AM

MK

“ Love , thoughts and prayers are with all you , with the passing of Bill. Was honored to say he was my friend and family , We all made some good memories around your table at Christmas that will never be forgotten . Meda Keeney

Meda Keeney - February 12, 2016 at 02:41 AM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of William E. Smith.



February 11, 2016 at 05:52 PM

CL

“ Uncle Bill will be greatly missed. I am blessed and grateful to have had him as my uncle.

Cheli Lopez - February 11, 2016 at 05:36 PM



“ *"Wild Bill", as he was known to me, was my Best Friend through out my life! He could do anything he took on and do it well! Flying U.S. ARMY helicopters, roofing, plumbing, pipe fitting, boilermaker, gardening, wood working and wood carving of birds and animals! I was lucky enough that my wife had him make me a male Wood Duck for one of my birthdays that I prize to this day! Done perfectly as he did everything!*

Also the many fishing and hunting trips we had with him, Bob and Fred! The trip to LaCygne Power Plant , and my catch of a State record white bass that I took home, skinned and ate. It was 3-4 lbs but Bill kept his story forever as my record bass was eaten! One of his Tall Tales!

A hunting trip to Valley Falls-McClouth with snow and very cold weather! Bill drove his beloved Corvair! Bill parked next to a large red barn but when we were ready to leave it would not start!!! Bill, Bob and I decided to push the car into the barn and shut the big door to help it thaw out and hope a farmer came by to help us! No such "luck". After several attempts to start it and also save the battery it started late in the afternoon! We headed home slowly and made it before dark! Wow, what a day!

A trip or two to West Virginia! One when Bill was in Vietnam and me, Freda and unborn Billy went to visit Freda's family. I got to meet all the family and had a GREAT time eating, talking and climbing that mountain out back of their house in Henlawson. Thanks Freda!

Also the trip with Bill, Freda and I think Billy was born then. We were in Kentucky and the Corvair had a blowout going down a mountain highway and I was driving! I kept it out of the guardrail and safe on the shoulder. Me and Bill changed the tire but my driving was done for awhile. All Bill kept saying was Good job, Catfish!

I spent many summer days at the house at 2417 S. Early with all the family, mostly the boys and Aunt Lois and Uncle Bud! Numerous tales of adventure and mischief that i will remember forever!

My sincere condolences to Susie and Janet on the loss of your big brother! Condolences to Cindy on the loss of a Great dad that cared for his son and daughter Very Much!

To my Friend, Freda I am Very Sorry for your loss but you know he

was the BEST!!!

All I can say is I miss you "WILD BILL" and will always remember you in my HEART!

RIP BROTHER!

Charlie Kovac - February 11, 2016 at 03:15 PM

CF

“ Aunt Freda & Cindy,
I'm saddened by the loss of Uncle Bill. Though we didn't see him often, his fun character will always be missed. We will hold you both near to our hearts in the coming days!

Love,

*Keith, Chari, Wyatt (Henchman) Fireline
Owensboro, KY*

chari fireline - February 11, 2016 at 12:56 PM



“ Cousin William Smith was also my Commanding Officer at the U.S. Army Aviation School at Ft. Rucker, AL. in 1969. By that time he had already flown numerous (perhaps hundreds of) missions during his tour in Vietnam as a Medevac Pilot. I have admired Bill's determination, courage and integrity as a gentleman and an Officer. He was my inspiration to achieve the difficult....he will be celebrated always and sorely missed.

James Journey - February 11, 2016 at 12:35 PM

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Shelly Journey - February 11, 2016 at 12:21 PM

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Shelly Journey - February 11, 2016 at 12:18 PM

SJ

“ *Our deepest sympathy and love to Freda and family. Bill was the perfect gentleman, I wish that I could be half the man he was. Our family hero and hero to those he trained to fly for our country. Love, Mark and Shelly Journey*

Shelly Journey - February 11, 2016 at 12:13 PM



“ *I can't even begin to express my sadness. Uncle Bill will be greatly missed. He was a wonderful man and I am blessed and grateful to have him as family.*

Cheli Lopez - February 11, 2016 at 09:41 AM

DW

“ Cindy - You and your family are in my prayers during this difficult time. May God hold you in His arms and comfort you and your family.

Derek Welsh

Derek Welsh - February 11, 2016 at 08:46 AM

KE

“ We've lost a truly good man much too soon. I'll miss Bill.

Karen Edwards

Karen Edwards - February 10, 2016 at 04:02 PM