



Charles David Smith

February 3, 1936 - August 5, 2022

We are sad to announce the passing of Charlie.

Charles David Smith, 86, loving husband, father and grandfather passed away on Friday, August 5, 2022 in an Arlington, Texas hospital surrounded by loved ones.

Memorial Service: 11 a.m. Saturday, August 13, 2022 at First United Methodist Church, 122 N Center Street, Grand Prairie, TX, 75050. Committal Service: 10:15 a.m. Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at DFW National Cemetery.

Charles David Smith was born on February 3, 1936, the youngest of three children born to the late William Harry Smith Sr. and the late Mabel Clara Lewis Smith in Coconut Grove, Florida. He would join the Air Force as a young man, serving during the Korean War in Japan and various bases stateside. After his four years of service, he would graduate from the University of Miami where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. Charlie married Joyce May Wells on Sept. 9, 1960 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida amid Hurricane Donna.

His college education would lead him on a 36 year path of employment with the Aerospace Defense Industry. Charlie and family moved to Grand Prairie, TX in 1968. Many of Charlie's hobbies include storytelling, whistling, fishing,

camping, writing his books, playing golf and an all around Mr. Fix-It. He would retire in 1999 to enjoy life with his wife and family. He was also a long-time member of First United Methodist Church of Grand Prairie, TX.

Survivors: beloved wife of 62 years, Joyce Wells Smith; daughter, Martha Sue Smith D'Brass and spouse Peter; son, Steven Lewis Smith and partner, Brian Molski; grandson, Jordan William Palmer and his spouse Kristine.

In addition to Charlie's parents, he was preceded in death by his eldest son, C. David Smith; sister, Mable Smith Lora and his brother, William "Harry" Smith.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG **13**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
122 N. Church Street
Grand Prairie, TX 75050
(972) 264-6148
<http://www.fumcgp.org/>

Graveside Service

AUG **17**. 10:15 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

DFW National Cemetery
2000 Mountain Creek Parkway
Dallas, TX 75211

Tribute Wall



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Charles David Smith.*



August 25, 2022 at 06:58 PM



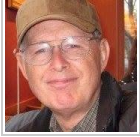
“ *I know Charlie and Joyce through Casita camping. I will never forget Charlie and his tablet walking around, looking at each trailer and tow vehicle, making notes for his database. I still use his method of tying down my awning, which does not fail. He was always willing to help solve a problem with the Casita & explain the solution in a way that I could understand. He was always willing to share his expertise but was never pushy about it. I loved his entries on Casita Forum, especially one where somebody told him his calculations were wrong and Charlie answered with about a 25 page formal document with charts, tables, and pictures to explain his solution to the problem. I saved that document so I could refer to it when I worked on my own trailer. I enjoyed listening to him talk, especially on the rare occasions he'd talk about his career and have always been proud to know him.*

Debra Tate - August 09, 2022 at 09:58 PM



I also remember Charlie from Casita camping and how he was always so willing to help with any problem we might have. Sometimes he would see a problem and just quietly show up to fix it for us with some gadget he had found. My camper still has several “gadgets” recommended by Charlie. Thoughts and prayers to Joyce and her family. He will be missed.

Sharon Stevenson - August 12, 2022 at 02:00 PM



“ Charlie was a great friend, and he will be greatly missed. We had lots of great times together. We camped together in our Casita RVs. We had lots of philosophical and Bible discussions. We enjoyed doing lots of things in common and generally enjoyed each other's company. I consider myself very fortunate to have known him intimately. We were not always in agreement on a number of things but we were always able to share viewpoints amicably. There are few who I had the kind of connection that I had with Charlie. To say that he will be missed is an understatement of the highest order. Goodbye, Charlie. Your friend David.

David McConnell - August 09, 2022 at 07:31 PM



“ Martha, Joyce and Steven, my deepest condolences to you all. I have such fond memories of Charlie. When I think of our childhood he was always in the picture. He will be missed but he will live on in our hearts and memories. ♡ Alicia

Alicia Miller - August 09, 2022 at 06:25 PM