



Ethen Dean Smith

July 15, 1948 - December 30, 2014

Ethen "Dean" Smith, 66, a native of Freeburn, KY and resident of Grand Prairie, died unexpectedly on December 30, 2014 at a local hospital.

Visitation: 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. Friday, January 9, 2015 at Guerrero-Dean Funeral Home, 500 E. Main Street, Grand Prairie, 75050. Graveside services will follow at 10:30 a.m. at DFW National Cemetery, Dallas.

Dean was a veteran of the US Army, serving proudly in Vietnam. His service earned him many accolades and awards, including 2 Bronze Service Stars, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal and Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device.

Survivors: wife of 12 years, Deborah Hurlburt Smith; son, Loren Dean Smith and his wife Alisha; step-son, Alex Beller and his wife Misti; grandchildren, Tyler, Zachary, Ryan, Haley, Jewel; siblings, Mary Etta Smith, Kenneth Ray Smith, Donna Smith, Don E. Smith and a large extended family, including his sister-in-law Judy (jokingly referred to as his 2nd wife) and the VFW Post 2494 in Irving, where he had served as Post Commander for 7 terms.

Cemetery Details

DFW National Cemetery

2000 Mountain Creek Parkway
Dallas, TX 75211

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 9. 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM (CT)

Guerrero-Dean Funeral Home
500 E. Main Street
Grand Prairie, TX 75050
(972) 263-5570

Graveside Service

JAN 9. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

DFW National Cemetery
2000 Mountain Creek Parkway
Dallas, TX 75211

Tribute Wall

TW

“ 12:43PM

Please except my sincere condolences on behalf of the North Texas Patriot Guard Riders for your loss. It was a privilege to Honor Ether Smith for his service to our great nation. May your family find comfort in the days to follow knowing he is in God's arms. Another Patriot has been called on his last mission.

Ted Waldron North Texas Patriot Guard Riders

Ted Waldron - January 25, 2015 at 03:00 PM

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Terri Minshall - January 08, 2015 at 03:28 PM

TM

A truly heroic, caring man, who will be missed. ~Rest In Peace~ Bless you & your family. Terri Minshall

Terri Minshall - January 08, 2015 at 03:31 PM


Beverly
Snow

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Beverly Snow - January 07, 2015 at 10:17 AM

PB

“ *It was my priviledge to have served two terms as your President. You were the best Cmdr. a Post & Aux. could have asked for. Perry And I both will miss you. Perry and Phyllis Burks*

Perry and Phyllis Burks - January 06, 2015 at 07:23 PM

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“ *Thoughts and prayers to the family. Dean is such a special person and will be missed. Love, Jeff, Melianie, Sierra, Savanna Roper*



Melianie Roper - January 05, 2015 at 10:45 PM

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“ *Eula Plummer -EJ lit a candle in memory of Ethen Dean Smith*



Eula Plummer -EJ - January 05, 2015 at 09:52 PM

BV

“ *An Old Soldier's Prayer by Lewis Millett*

*I have fought when others feared to serve.
I have gone where others failed to go.
I've lost friends in war and strife,
Who valued Duty more than love of life.*

*I have shared the comradeship of pain.
I have searched the lands for men that we have lost.
I have sons who served this land of liberty,
Who would fight to see that other stricken lands are free.*

*I have seen the weak forsake humanity.
I have heard the traitors praise our enemy.
I've seen challenged men become even bolder,
I've seen the Duty, Honor, Sacrifice of the Soldier.*

*Now I understand the meaning of our lives,
The loss of comrades not so very long ago.
So to you who have answered duties siren call,
May God bless you my son, may God bless you all.*

Rest in Peace Brother Dean

*Bobby Vandebush, Adjutant
American Legion, Love Field Post 453*

Bobby Vandebush - January 05, 2015 at 07:29 PM