



Luther Carl Smith

July 23, 2015 - November 19, 2015

Luther Carl (L.C.) Smith, 92, passed away November 19, 2015 in Plano, Texas of complications of Alzheimer's disease and congestive heart failure.

Graveside services will be on Friday, Nov. 27, 2015 at Elmwood Memorial Park in Abilene.

Luther was born in Winters, TX on July 23, 1923 to Hubbard Charles Smith and Annie Mae (Davis) Smith. He was the Valedictorian of the 1931 class of Fluvanna (TX) High School.

He married Vanzlee Cox after moving to Abilene. While he had a full scholarship to Hardin Simmons University in Abilene, he did not complete a degree there. Instead, he worked for H.R. Gibson Wholesaler in Abilene and was chosen by Mr. Gibson as the first store manager of the newly formed Gibson's Discount Center.

He was manager of the Abilene Gibson's Store until 1979. He was widowed in 1978 shortly before moving to Dallas where he was co-owner and manager of the Seagoville Gibson's until his retirement in 1988. He married Shirley D. Smith in 1979 and was again widowed in 2005.

He was a member of the Prestonwood Baptist Church of Plano where he was

active until 2008 when his health would no longer allow it.

He is survived by his daughter, Patricia Duffel and her husband Michael of Iowa City, IA; two grandchildren; Sarah Duffel Karber (and husband Shawn), of Boone, IA, John Duffel (and wife, Jessica) of Oklahoma City, OK; one great-granddaughter, Harper Duffel (age 3), of Oklahoma City; one sister, Laverne (Smith) Hight of Abilene and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, and two sisters. His family is exceptionally thankful to the owners and staff of The Garden View in Plano, Texas, where he happily spent his last years.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to The Alzheimer's Association (<http://www.alz.org>) or the charity of your heart.

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