



Gary L Smith
1939 - 2024

Just close your eyes & you will see
All the memories you have of me
Just sit & relax & you will find
I'm really still there inside your mind

Don't cry for me now I'm gone
For I am in the land of song
There is no pain, there is no fear
So dry away that silent tear

Don't think of me in the dark & cold
For here I am, no longer old
I'm in the place that's filled with love
Known to you all as "up above"



Gary L. Smith, born January 7, 1939, to Ed and Edith Beard Smith.



Gary graduated from Eureka High School, Baker Oklahoma in 1957, Oklahoma State University in 1962 and 1969 (Masters in Aeronautical Engineering).



1962



Gary served in the United States Army (1962 -1967) which included tours in Germany and Vietnam. Gary's career in engineering spanned 30 years until retirement in 1997.



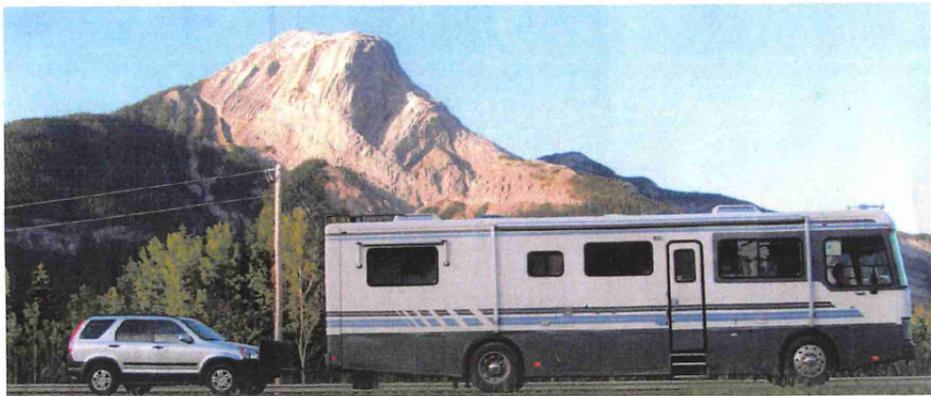
1970

Gary and Carol were married on November 14, 1970 and had just celebrated 54 years of marriage.

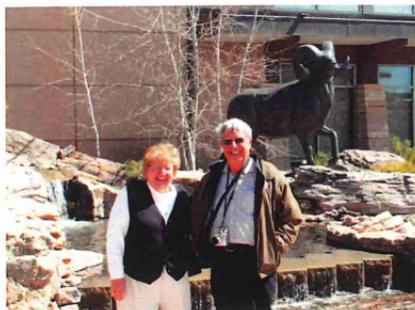


Gary was a quiet, yet witty person, who enjoyed some simple pleasures: long walks with his dog(s), Queen Anne Cherries, all sorts of building, wood carving and wood working, collecting thimbles with Carol, and an extremely rare steak cooked on a grill.





Gary loved planning in detail annual RV trips, to the south and southwest, with the dogs and Carol. Gary also enjoyed spending time on his computer and communicating with his Facebook friends daily. Gary really enjoyed an ice cream sandwich while sitting on the front porch of his long-time Golden Valley home and valued the many friends from the neighborhood.



**Some men see things as they are
and say “Why?”**

**I dream things that never where
and say “Why not?”**

George Bernard Shaw
Often used by Robert F. Kennedy



A Smile is quite a funny
thing. It wrinkles up
your face and when it's
gone you never know
its secret hiding place.

But what is more
wonderful is to see what
smiles can do.

You smile at one —
she smiles at you
and so one smile —
makes two.