

A NOTE FROM HEAVEN

*If I could write from Heaven,
this is what I'd say,
Please don't miss me too much,
I'm with you throughout your day.
You may not see or hear me,
but if you're quiet and still,
You may just feel my presence;
because, in Heaven, there is free will.
Don't worry for the day,
it will come and go as planned,
Enjoy each moment you are given,
keep worry from your hand.
Keep sorrow to a minimum;
For if Heaven you could see,
You'd know I'm safe and happy,
I did not cease to be.
Moments in time are brief,
until we'll be together again,
as Eternity lasts forever,
our lives, they have no end.*

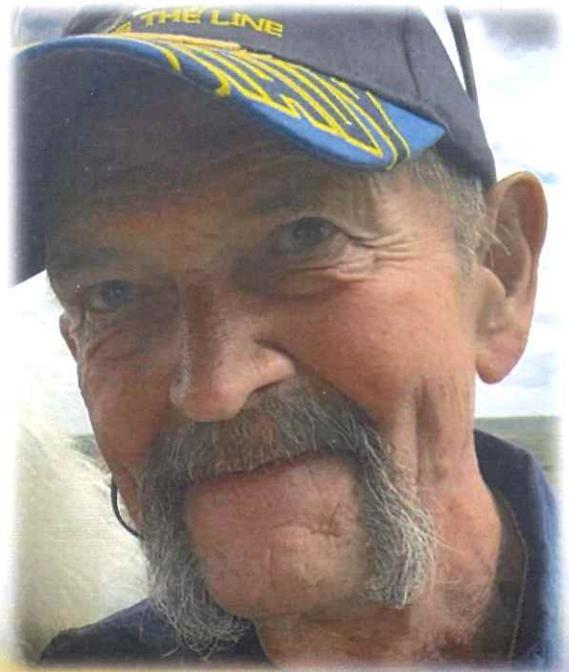


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IN LOVING MEMORY



Ron Smirl

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Ronald Eugene Smirl was born November 4, 1948, to Harold Eugene Smirl and Edmee Elaine (Jackson) Smirl, in Okarche, Oklahoma. He passed away peacefully on January 28, 2026.

Ron grew up in El Reno, Oklahoma and graduated From El Reno High School in 1967.

He joined the Navy and served honorably from December 1968 to November 1972, earning the title "Shellback," a sailor who has crossed the equator, as well as "Golden Shellback," a sailor who crossed the international dateline and equator simultaneously. Following the Navy, he was hired as a locomotive engineer for Rock Island Railroad, OKT Railroad, and ending with the Union Pacific Railroad. He served as the local Chairman for Div 523 Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, as well as Oklahoma State BLE Representative.

In 1996, he was asked to run the Olympic Train from Wichita, Kansas to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, carrying dignitaries, civilians, and the Olympic Torch.

Ron married Michelle Reaves, in September 1982 and they enjoyed 43 devoted years together.

Ron was preceded in death by his father, Harold Smirl; mother, Elaine Smirl; sister, Velva Davis; brother-in-law, Lloyd Davis; nephew, Brian Davis; and close friend, David Wright.

Loved ones left to cherish his memory are his wife, Michelle, of the home; son Joe and wife Natalie;

sister Shirley Pope and husband Ron; sister Rachael Turner; mother-in-law Judith Reaves; sister-in-law Shannon Cunningham and husband Ernie; brother-in-law Eric and wife Kelly; numerous nieces and nephews; and other extended family and friends.

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Ronald Eugene Smirl

November 4, 1948 ~ January 28, 2026

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Friday, March 13, 2026

10:30 a.m.

Ferguson Funeral Home Chapel

Chickasha, Oklahoma

OFFICIATING

Family

INURNMENT

Fort Sill National Cemetery

Elgin, Oklahoma

*Services by
Ferguson Funeral Home*

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