

Vaden Robert Smith passed from this life on Sunday, January 29, 2023 surrounded by his loving family at the age of 83. Vaden was born in Morris, Oklahoma on March 19, 1939 to Vernon and Willine Smith. After graduating from Dale High School in 1957, Vaden worked for Gentry Farming in Shawnee and in the oilfields in New Mexico. Vaden proudly served in the United States Air Force from 1959 to 1963. After leaving the Air Force he worked at Tinker Air Force base as a sheet metal mechanic and retired after 28 years.

Vaden is one out of eight brothers and sisters. Those that had the privilege of calling him brother are Carol and David Allison, Margaret Tucker, Wilma and Larry Reppert, Linda Nirschl, Gary and Dottie Smith, Fred and Paulette Smith, and Mike and Wanda Smith. He was a brother-in-love to Wanda and Jim Burfurd, Duke and Mary Herzel, Mary and Jim Young, and Larry and Nancy Herzel. He was lovingly called Uncle Vaden by 31 nieces and nephews and numerous great nieces and nephews.

Vaden married the love of his life Loretta on June 2, 1962 in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Vaden and Loretta have been married for 61 years and created a loving family. Vaden is survived by his bride, Loretta of the home, daughter, Donna Smith of Shawnee, daughter, Darlene Smith of Perkins, and daughter and son-in-love, Deanna and Richard Clifton of Shawnee. Vaden's favorite title was being called Grandpa and Poppy by Amber Peck and fiancé Bo Adkins, Aaron Beams and wife Rachel, and Jacklyn and Jaden Clifton. He was a great grandpa to Trigg Peck and Carson and Avery Beams.

Vaden was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church in Shawnee for over 50 years. He was a true servant of God. Vaden is well known for making us all laugh and making the best homemade ice cream. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Vernon and Willine Smith, mother and father-in-law, Ben and Lena Herzel, brother-in-law, Jim Burfurd, David Allison, Larry Reppert, Jim and Mary Young, brother, Mike Smith and one son, Brian Robert after a short 12 hours of life.

In lieu of flowers please consider donations to Loving Care Hospice of Shawnee.

Boomer Sooner!

In Loving Memory Of



Vaden Robert Smith



March 19, 1939



January 29, 2023



Vaden Smith

Funeral Ceremony

Friday ~ February 3, 2023
Ten O'clock in the Morning
Wesley United Methodist Church
Shawnee, Oklahoma

Officiants

Gerard Nsabimana
Kris Steele

Musical Selections

"In The Garden"
"How Great Thou Art"
"Portrait of My Love"
"Y'all Come Back Saloon"
"Perhaps Love"

Soloist

Linda Porter

Final Resting Place

Resthaven Memorial Park
Shawnee, Oklahoma

Casketbearers

ers Richard Clifton
Aaron Beams
Brandon Smith
Travis Smith
Chad Smith
Tommy Talley

Honorary Casketbear-

Fred Smith
Gary Smith
Mike Smith
Mike Rooker

*But if serving the **Lord** seems undesirable to you, then
choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve,
whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Eu-
phrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you
are living. But as for me and my household, we will
serve the **Lord**."*

Joshua 24:15