



## Cecil Eugene Smith

March 22, 1932 - November 20, 2008

Cecil Eugene Smith, devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend, passed away on November 20, 2008. Cecil, known as Smitty to his many friends, was born in Caledonia, MS on March 22, 1932 and lived much of his young life in Spanish Fort, Alabama. He served in the Army, then returned to Alabama and married the love of his life, Marie on December 11, 1953. With the pending closure of Brookley Field, Smitty and Marie moved the family to San Antonio and he continued his career as a civil servant at Kelly AFB. His career allowed opportunities to travel the world and he and his family lived in Germany and Taiwan before returning to San Antonio where he retired from civil service in 1981.

As all who knew him will attest, Smitty never met a stranger. His passions included his family, friends, golf, fishing and hunting. He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Marie Sheffield Smith, daughter Carla Smith and her family Judy and Cody, his son Terry Smith, his wife Mary Anne, sons Joshua and Matthew, sisters Grace Nelson, Gloria Hodges and many nieces and nephews.

His life will be celebrated on Wednesday November 26, 2008 at Mission Park North. The viewing will begin at 11:00am, the service at noon with the internment to follow at Ft. Sam Houston at 1:30pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Smitty's name to

ARCBC, Association of Retarded Children of Baldwin County P.O. Box 400  
Loxley, AL 36551 Phone: 251 964-4451

# Tribute Wall

SP

“ Dear Smith Family:

*It is with deepest sadness that I extend my condolences to you on the loss of your beloved.*

*As Chair of the Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military Installations, I am sincerely thankful for his valiant service and dedi*

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**Senator Leticia Van de Putte** - December 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Dear Marie, Carla and Terry,

*Growing up as part of the Brookly/Kelly families we always had a stong sense of family. I have such fun fond memories of your dad at our family gatherings. Without any other family here he became our beloved Uncle. Other*

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**Jan Jacobson Borg** - November 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EA

“ Dear Mrs. Smith, Carla, Terry and all of Smitty's big and adoring family,

*Mr. Smith was my first example of a true Southern gentleman. He was friendly and outgoing, and at the same time had a lot of class. I remember watching him and Mrs. Smith dancing*

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**Edwin Altomare** - November 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

WE

“ Aunt Marie, Carla, Judy & Cody, Terry, Mary Anne, Josh & Matt - Our family wishes to extend our deepest sympathy for your loss. At times such as this we let precious memories fill our minds, warm our hearts and lead us through...Uncle Smitty is and always

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**Win & Sharon Etheridge** - November 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ I am praying for you and the loss of your Dad and Brother. Uncle Gene made people feel welcome and always had a story to tell. His warmth and love of life was gifts he shared with everyone. God Bless Ray

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**Ray Harvey** - November 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Carla, Terry, Aunt Marie,

*Uncle Gene's love for life, family and friends is realized by all the wonderful comments and memories written in this guest book. As you read through you gain a true sense of measure of what a truly unique man Uncle Gene was*

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**Andy Summerlin** - November 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Marie/Terry/Carla/Mary Anne/Judy/Joshua/Matt/Cody,

*What a great person Smitty is!!!!!! I say that because he will live in our hearts and minds forever. The respect and love he had for his family and friends were tremendous. He had a true passion fo*

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**Charlie and Esmer Ruzicka** - November 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

WW

“ Marie,  
*I was a close friend of Cecil's. I live in Daphne just off scenic hiway 98. Just a mile or so north of my home is where you and Cecil lived years ago. Cecil, Jimmy Sims and I worked in the same division at Kelly. I am truly sorry that I will not be*

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**Warren West** - November 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Carla,  
  
*You and your family are in my prayers. May your memories of your father give you strength through this difficult time.*

*Love, Barb*

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**Barbara Wade** - November 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ *Uncle Gene was truly a wonderful man and great uncle. His silly grin & funny laugh will be missed. We will all miss Uncle Gene..... no doubt. Love to Aunt Marie, Carla, Terry and their families.*

*You are always in my prayers.*

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**Elizabeth Summerlin** - November 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Terry,  
  
*I am very sorry for your loss...our family has been praying for you and will continue praying for you and your loved ones.*

*Mary Flores and Family*

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**Mary Flores** - November 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I cherish the happy beautiful memories we all shared with Smitty. He would so approve the picture you all picked! He was so fun loving & Sweet. He was a wonderful Brother to Me! God Bless you all! Love & Prayers.jb

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**Joyce Brown** - November 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Carla, I'm sorry to hear of your loss. Praying that you and your family will find comfort in being together while celebrating your dad's life. Love you much.

Mary Ann

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**Mary Ann** - November 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Cecil was a great American. I knew him as as co worker and friend. He loved the USAF and his country and did a great deal in service to them

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**Dan Westmoreland** - November 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Marie, Carla and Terry - we share your sorrow and wish that we could make it better for you. Smitty was a good friend, great husband and father. He coveted the joy of having seen his children and their children growup and his last memories will be that

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**Drue & Pat Helms** - November 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ Love you brother. May the Lord bless you and keep you safe in his arms. Love to Marie, Carla, Terry and families.

Grace Nelson - November 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Granny and Granddaddy Smith shared a story with me about their son that demonstrated how inquisitive Uncle Gene was and how obsessed he was with how things work. When Uncle Gene was serving in the Korean War Granny received a letter saying that Uncle Gen

David Wilson - November 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ I remember my Uncle Gene as always being happy and smiling. His good mood and pleasant personality was infectious. I found myself happy just being around him. He will be greatly missed.

Cara Jernudd - November 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ We love you all and wish so much that we could be there with you at this difficult time. You are all in our prayers and will continue to be forever. Marie, hang in there we know it will be hard but you are a tough lady and you will make it.

All our

Tiny & Juliana Hall and Kay Corley - November 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Love you guys.

Tony & Jeannette Brown - November 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ You are in our prayers....Gloria

Gloria and Gerald Hodges - November 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Carla - I pray that the Lord will be with you at this time. I also pray that He will bring to your mind all the wonderful and fun times you have shared. I pray that your days of grieving will turn to rejoicing knowing that your Dad will be in a much better

Mary Lou Miller - November 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Dearest Marie, Terry and Carla,  
We love Smitty. We love each of you. I love this poem and it always encourages me as we sail through this life. and so hoping this poem will comfort you....

"I stood watching as the little ship sailed out to sea. T

Larry and Susan Ruzicka - November 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Carla - so sorry to hear about your Dad's passing. I know that he must have been so proud of you and the great love that you share with all around you. I pray that you find comfort in your memories together and that your hope of seeing him again is strong

Teresa Wetzel McGlasson - November 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *May our heavenly father abundantly bless the Smith Family in their time of sorrow and always...*

*Safely Home  
by Unknown*

*I am home in Heaven, dear ones;  
Oh, so happy and so bright!  
There is perfect joy and beauty  
In this everlasting light.*

*All*

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**Trinidad, Amanda & Marc Matos** - November 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *We are deeply saddened at the loss of a great friend. Reflecting on 'Smitty' brings back memories of exciting times. He was a wonderful mentor to many of us and brought boundless humor to all our endeavors.*

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**Tom and Mary McMullen** - November 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *We are so very sorry for your loss.  
Your wonderful family are in our thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time.*

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**Brent & Katherine Mora & Family** - November 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ *Extending our heartfelt condolences on the loss of your loved one.  
Directors & Staff at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North*

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**Mission Park Funeral Chapels North** - November 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM