



Colonel Lloyd F. Smith

May 22, 1929 - December 29, 2010

Colonel Lloyd F. Smith, better known as “Smitty” by colleagues and friends, passed away on December 29, 2010. He fought a courageous battle against a powerful foe and he did it with dignity and an indomitable and positive spirit. He passed into God’s Hand at home. He died in Peace. Colonel Smith was born in Latour, Missouri on May 22, 1929 where he spent his youth and attended school. He joined the Air Force in 1947 and served a tour of duty in the enlisted ranks as a small arms instructor. In 1953 he joined the Air Force Reserves at Brooks Air Force Base in San Antonio and the fledgling unit that was to become the inimitable 433rd “Alamo Wing”. Smith came to the wing as a Master Sergeant and received a direct commission as 1st Lieutenant in 1965. Colonel Smith served in administrative and leadership positions, including Executive Officer of the Unit, during his 36 distinguished years with the “Wing”. In 1980, he achieved the rank of Colonel and assumed the post of Deputy Commander for Resources. He was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal and Legion of Merit for his outstanding and dedicated service for his part in helping make the 433rd the premier unit it became. The “Wing’s” giant C-5 aircraft and crews now fly missions worldwide in support of our country’s military and humanitarian needs. And he was proud of that, for himself and primarily for “his people”. Lloyd enjoyed traveling, visiting family and organizing reunions for the 921st Military Airlift Group. He particularly relished attending his Friday Morning Prayer Group for many years. Colonel Smith was preceded in death by his loving wife, Dora. He is survived by his

children, Sandra Bleakney and her husband, Phillip, Robert Smith and his wife Diane, Margie Bryson and her husband Thomas, Rosemary Smith, Jim Smith and companion Bob Miller, Frances Deane and her husband Dave; and his two sisters, Pat Kelley and Shirley Ballew. He will also be missed by his numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren who lovingly knew him as Pee Paw and Grandpa Lloyd.

Services

Visitation will begin Monday, January 3, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. with a rosary to be recited at 7:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. Funeral service will be held on Tuesday, January 4, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment will follow at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery with full military honors.

Tribute Wall

CI

“ Col Lloyd Smith, USAF; father; airman; husband; mentor; patriot; officer; quiet hero; missed “Comrade in Arms” Texan; veteran;
Alamo Wing’s most constant avuncular face.

As descriptions these all sound so inadequate for that man I knew for rough

Col John C. Silvia III - January 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ To Dad,
Rest in peace for eternity. I miss you! I am glad that I spent time with you in the end. I hope there is a Casino in heaven for you.
Rosemary

Rosemary - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Rosemary, Lloyd's daughter is my best friend and I met him many years ago when we were in the 8th grade. I have so many wonderful memories of being in their home with all of the family. He will be dearly missed. I send all my love to all of his family.

Robin Robillard - January 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ I first met Lloyd when we joined the Reserve program at Brooks AFB in 1953. We became close friends and remained so for over 57 years. He will be greatly missed. It was an honor to work with and for him over the years. My condolences to the family and his

John Tosh - January 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ My deepest sympathies to the Smith family. Lloyd was a respected member of the Alamo Wing and will be missed. Even in retirement he remained active in the Wing and I always enjoyed taking him on his shopping trips.

*Lt. Col. Marshall Moorman
USAFR Re*

Marshall Moorman - January 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ It is very sad to hear about the loss of Col. Smith. Smitty was a very special human being, I am honored to have known him and will always remember his wonderful laugh. With Deepest Sympathy to Col. Smith's family, you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Sylvia Brown - January 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ My heart goes out to all of Lloyd's family and friends. Lloyd was a very dear friend to me and he will be missed by all who knew him. My prayers will be with you all and may Lloyd rest in peace. I will miss him dearly.

Betty Crenshaw - January 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ We have known Lloyd for more than thirty years and have many fond memories of our time together in the Air Force Reserve. Our condolences to the family and many friends of this wonderful man.

Les & Victoria Wilson - January 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EF

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Your Cousin, Eleanor Fernandez

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MB

“ Lloyd was a dear friend he will be missed. The family will be in my
prayers.

Mrs Norman E Buescher - January 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Lloyd was a great man, a kind man and a patriot. I will miss his
smile, his handshake and his kind words.

"Osan or Bust!"

Mark and Anita Warren - January 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *The world is somehow a little less colorful now. I am sad at the passing of a good friend. Lloyd Smith was a good man, in every sense of that phrase that truly matters. Godspeed, Lloyd.*

David Martin - January 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ *Lloyd was a long time friend. We knew each other through the Air Force Reserve. He was a true comrad-in-arms. He will be missed deeply.*

Richard Leyda - January 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ *My heartfelt sympathy to all of you. Lloyd was always so nice to all my family. My girls remember him for his good looks. May his soul rest in Peace.*

Marie Johnson - January 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HH

“ *Col. Smith was a man that I respected greatly. I am glad that I got to know him and grieve at his passing. Fly high Lloyd, you will be missed.*

MSgt. Harry J Huff III ret

Harry Huff - January 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VI

“ *My sympathies extend to your family.*

Virginia - January 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ We are saddened by his passing. Many, many fond memories of working for and with him during the Wing's conversion to the C-5. Sorry Colonel that we never made it to lunch.

Harvey & Darla Sekimoto - January 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ I met Lloyd Smith when he was a Captain in the Training Office and worked for him which was a pleasure. He provided support to me when I applied to go to the NCO Academy and I graduated within the top ten of the class. He was one of the first to congratul

Bill Umphlett, Ret CMSgt - January 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Col Smith made a huge difference in the lives of so many, including me.
May he rest in peace.

Dan Carey - January 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM