



## Donald Joe Smith

April 15, 1945 - September 17, 2023

Donald Joe Smith entered into eternal peace and joy with the Lord on September 17, 2023, at the age of 78. Preceding him in death were parents, Lois Oliver Smith and George Emmett Smith; sister, Sue Toole; and brother, Jerry Smith.

Born in Snyder, TX, his high school years were spent in Odessa, TX where he graduated from high school in 1963. While working in Odessa for Continental Airlines, he entered the US Navy and was honorably discharged in 1970. Upon leaving the Navy, he rejoined Continental Airlines in San Antonio, TX, where he lived the remainder of his life. He kept close friendships with those he worked with at Continental, often joining them at their Continental Airlines breakfast group.

Don's favorite hobby was carpentry, a skill perhaps best demonstrated by the beautiful home he built on several acres in Spring Branch, TX. His favorite place to sit was on the 100-foot-long front porch that he built with his own two hands. From there, he loved watching the wildlife and sunsets while contemplating what his next project would be.

After health concerns prompted a move back to San Antonio in 2006, his love for the solitude and peacefulness of the country was replaced by a deep admiration for his neighbors in San Antonio, with whom he cultivated lasting

friendships as he cruised the neighborhood in his beloved Mazda Miata. He often spent his days enjoying fresh air on the back porch in the company of his dogs, Coco and Bentley, who were his world. Despite times of extensive illness, he gave them unconditional love and received it in return.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Linda Smith; his daughter, Kimberly Bowie McKenna; granddaughter, Riley Elizabeth Whitney; brother, Cleo Edward Smith (Sandy); cousin, Bobby Prater; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Celebration of life will be on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 12:00pm at the Chambers Chapel at Mission Burial Park North at Dominion.

# Previous Events

## **Celebration of Life**

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OCT 17. 12:00 PM (CT)

Chambers Chapel at Mission Burial Park North  
20900 IH 10 West  
San Antonio, TX 78257

# Tribute Wall

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“ I love Don like my own brother and I am grateful to God for giving me such a good friend. His friendship changed my life and He will always remain the friend that I will never forget.  
*Lupe Carmona*

**Lupe Carmona** - October 14, 2023 at 10:12 AM

CT

“ Don & I were good friends from our OHS high school days. After high school we joined the U.S. Navy together. Prior to leaving for the Navy, we would go to a billards room next to the Jr College & shot pool for a couple of hours almost every evening. After the Navy we got together again in Odessa & hung out together a lot before he moved to San Antonio to go bask to work. We didn't get to visit nearly enough. Over the years we only managed to see each other 3 or 4 times & talk on the phone several times. I've missed getting to visit with Don over the years & will continue to miss my dear friend. I love my dear FRIEND!! God bless you my brother. *Chuck Tune*



**Chuck Tune** - September 22, 2023 at 08:41 PM

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*Chuck, thank you for the memories you shared of Don and your friendship. It meant a lot to me. He spoke about you, Jimmy and Norman, among others, many times over the years and the fun you had back when we were all young . I will miss him every day and wanted you to know how much I appreciate your comments...Linda*

**Linda Smith** - September 27, 2023 at 08:03 PM