



## John W. Smith

September 25, 1926 - September 2, 2019

John W. "Smitty" Smith born in Beeville, Texas on September 25, 1926; went to be with the Lord on September 2, 2019 at the age of 92. He is preceded in death by his beloved wife Lillian F. Smith. Survivors include his loving daughters Debbie S. Simpson and Christie S. Kitchens, Grandchildren Christopher Draffkorn, Matthew Simpson, Gary Simpson, Cory Simpson, Michelle Dawdy, Christina Delgado, Carol Reichenbacher, Chris Yarborough and their Spouses and numerous Great Grandchildren along with other family members and friends. His second wife Margie E. Smith also precedes him in death.

Smitty was a very talented man. He started working at an early age to help support his Mother and other Family members doing various odd jobs including driving a truck. He soon worked alongside one of his Uncles as a Carpenter. They worked at Lackland AFB in San Antonio to build the Barracks for the troops.

Not long after that Smitty started driving 18 wheelers/ Big Rigs. He hauled film to Movie Theatres throughout Texas, hauled cars out of Detroit and so forth. When he started hauling Petroleum Products, he seemed to have found his calling. He worked for Union Transport for a few years then went on to Coastal Transport. There he found a group of folks that became "Part of the Family" as he did with them. He had many adventures including hauling Antique and

Classic Cars with Kenneth Wagner for their boss Bob Atwell. They were quite the Pair. They traveled to Many Prestigious Car Shows including the Pebble Beach Show.

Smitty enjoyed spending time with his family. They would go on “Sunday drives” and he would show them new places he had found along his drive while working. Sometimes it was a great little spot to get Honey, get a good Meal, a New Bakery or Texas Historical sites. It was never dull.

Smitty enjoyed Dancing, Fishing, Hunting, Gardening and a variety of other activities. He was also an Ace at Grilling and making Margaritas. More than all of that he was a Great Husband and a Wonderful Daddy!

Visitation will begin on Friday, September 13, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. Funeral service will be held on Saturday, September 14, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. Interment will follow at Mission Burial Park South.

For personal acknowledgement, you may sign the online guestbook at [www.missionparks.com](http://www.missionparks.com) in the obituary section.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **13.** 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories  
1700 SE Military Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
(210) 924-4242  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Funeral Service

SEP **14.** 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ May God bless you during this time of grief and celebrating the life of Smitty. It was a blessing to get to know John and yourselves -- thank you for that privilege. Know that God will be with you during this journey and the others you take in life as you travel "West." May God give you His peace that passes understanding during this difficult time. In His Love, Andy Taylor :)

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**Andy Taylor** - September 15, 2019 at 09:09 AM

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“ Smitty was always smiling and ready to do whatever it took to do what had to be done. He was a dear close friend of my father R.L "Bob" Atwell. They all worked hard ,enjoyed their work and their fun at car concours all over the United States . Our family enjoyed working with Smitty and Lillian and their family including the Schnazers. May God Bless Smitty and his family and to Smitty " Job Well done my Friend look forward to seeing you again someday ."

*Rich Atwell*

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**Rich Atwell** - September 11, 2019 at 10:48 PM

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“ My prayers are with all the family & friends.  
*Debbie I pray for you-peace.*

*Connie & Duane Cooper*

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**Connie Cooper** - September 07, 2019 at 02:25 PM