



Robert D. Smith, Jr., MSgt. USAF Retired

July 20, 1926 - November 25, 2014

Robert D. Smith, Jr. age 88 of San Antonio passed away after a long illness on Tuesday, November 25, 2014 surrounded by his family. He was born July 20, 1926 in Watertown, Tennessee to Robert D. and Vaudie Sanders Smith who preceded him in death. Bob enlisted in the U.S. Navy at the age of 17 and served on the U.S.S. Pittsburg in the Pacific Theater in WWII as a Seaman First Class as well as the U.S.S. Hudson. After discharge from the Navy, he met and married Blanche Trammell in 1948 in Mt. Juliet Tennessee. He joined the U.S. Air Force Reserves in 1956 and later joined the U.S. Air Force in 1957 retiring as a Master Sergeant in 1975. His tours of duty in the Air Force were Sewart AFB, TN; Robins AFB, GA; Morocco; Philippines; Thailand; Ent AFB, CO; Eglin AFB, FL; and Aviano AFB, Italy. His favorite pastime was watching SEC football. A huge Tennessee Volunteer fan, he never missed a game. After retirement, they traveled frequently and were very involved at the San Pedro Church of Christ. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Blanche; daughters, Suzanne Weenink Rusty, Dianne Marbach and Leanne Smith Pamela Mattingly; grandchildren, Michelle Bryan Kevin, Jason Weenink and Jennifer Marbach; great grandchildren, Jeff Rhame and Taylor Bryan; nephew, Jim Winford Marilyn. Bob's family wishes to express their gratitude for the care given to him by his caregivers who showed him so much love, Rosie and Crystal and special heartfelt thanks to Ellie. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Hospice Vitas or Wounded Warriors.

SERVICES

Visitation will begin on Thursday, December 4, 2014 at 11:00 A.M. with the Service following at 12:00 P.M. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, 3401 Cherry Ridge Drive. Interment with Military Honors will follow at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. You may sign the online guestbook at www.missionparks.com under the obituary section.