



## Charles W. Smith

May 28, 1931 - February 24, 2020

Charles William Smith was born May 28, 1931, in Parthenon, Arkansas, to Arvil Andrew “Darb” Smith and Maude Alma McArtor. He died Monday, February 24, 2020, in Claremore, Oklahoma, at the age of 88 years. Charles completed his secondary education in Clarkesville, Arkansas, and graduated with the Clarkesville High School Class of 1949. He was a veteran of the armed forces having served his country honorably with the United States Army. Charles was married November 12, 1950, in Arkansas City, Kansas, to Dorothy White. They had made their home in Owasso, Oklahoma, since 1966. He worked as an aircraft A & P mechanic and spent many years on a field service team performing major overhauls and updating avionics equipment on military aircraft. Those years brought many adventures for he and Dorothy as they traveled all around the United States spending time in every state. In 1966, he and Dorothy settled in the small community of Owasso, Oklahoma, at which time he began his 25-year career with American Airlines in Tulsa before retiring as a crew chief. He was a faithful member of the Free Will Baptist Church, most recently Collinsville Free Will Baptist Church. Over the years he served in various positions including Junior boys Sunday school teacher, bus ministry, church greeter, and several church boards. Charles enjoyed a variety of pastimes including gospel and bluegrass music. He and Dorothy played in a bluegrass band for many years performing at bluegrass shows, nursing homes, or just jamming with anyone who wanted to play. He also enjoyed antique and classic cars, and was a member of the

Model A Ford Club. He spent many hours in his shop restoring model A's and classic Mustangs. Above all, he loved his family and enjoyed spending time with his children, grandchildren, and his many great grandchildren. Those he leaves behind who hold many cherished memories include:

His wife of over 69 years; Dorothy, of the home

Children; Kevin Smith and wife Debi, of Fort Worth, Texas

Keith Smith and wife Diane, of North Richland Hills, Texas

Grandchildren; Baron "B.J." Smith and wife Morgan, of Fort Worth, Texas

Tristan Smith Polak and husband Brian, of Tahlequah, Oklahoma

Devin Smith and wife Bekah, of Tucson, Arizona

Taylor Smith, of North Richland Hills, Texas

Michael Smith, of Norman, Oklahoma

Great grandchildren; Finn Smith, Juniper Smith, and Aaro Smith, all of Fort Worth, Texas

Corbin Smith and Ember Smith, both of Tucson, Arizona

Sister; Janiece Armor and husband Ted, of Green Forest, Arkansas

He was preceded in death by his parents, and infant son, Michael Alan Smith

Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Friday, February 28, 2020, at

Mowery Funeral Service in Owasso. Funeral service will be held 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 29, 2020, at the Collinsville Free Will Baptist Church in

Collinsville, Oklahoma, with Pastor Herman Wood and Pastor Leonard Pirtle

officiating. Committal service and interment will follow at Riverview Cemetery

in Arkansas City, Kansas. The family requests memorial contributions be

made to the John 3:16 Mission, 575 North 39th West Avenue, Tulsa,

Oklahoma, 74127. Arrangements and services were entrusted to Mowery

Funeral Service of Owasso.

[www.moweryfs.com](http://www.moweryfs.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Riverview Cemetery

1502 N 15th  
Arkansas City, AR 67005

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 28. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mowery Funeral Service  
9110 N. Garnett Rd.  
Owasso, OK 74055  
(918) 272-6244  
<https://www.moweryfs.com/>

## Memorial Fund

FEB 29. 1:30 PM (CT)

John 3:16 Mission  
575 North 39th West Avenue  
Tulsa, OK 74127

# Tribute Wall

FB

“ Charles and Dorothy were our neighbors and friends for many many years. How sad we were when the widening of highway 20 took their home and they had to move. We didn't get to see them very often after that. Now we learn of his homegoing. I am sure he was received with open arms. Our loss is heavens gain. Dorothy you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Frankie & Don Bordwine - March 04, 2020 at 05:14 PM

SC

“ When I think of Charles, I always picture his smile. He had a wonderful smile and he seemed always genuinely happy. I will miss his visits to the Senior Center, but I know he is smiling down on his family and friends. My thoughts and prayers are with Dorothy and his family.

Susan Craig - March 04, 2020 at 02:06 PM

LL

“ My best memory of Charles is having lunch at the Senior Center and talking about church and the Lord. Then the special visits we had at his house and him taking me to the garage and showing me his cars and his old 45 pistol he had found was very special.

L D LEWIS - February 28, 2020 at 09:47 AM

JB

BJ and Morgan, I am so sorry for your loss. God bless y'all and your entire family.

jane brownlee - March 01, 2020 at 05:39 PM

ML

“ *Mary Ann Linton sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles W. Smith*



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**Mary Ann Linton** - February 28, 2020 at 12:09 AM

ML

“ *Charles was a special friend to my husband Bill and me. We were Donut Shop Friends as well as Sr. Citizen friends. He & Bill worked at American Airlines together and we became very close to him and Dorothy. Couldn't ask for anyone sweeter, or more loving than the Smiths. The kind of man he was certainly shows in his family. His two sons & their wives as well as Dorothy have that same tender loving attitude that is contagious and loved dearly. He is and will be missed for a long long time.*

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**Mary Ann Linton** - February 28, 2020 at 12:07 AM

DC

“ *Such a wonderful person! I've known him since I started playing music at GCBA. Sorry for your loss Dorothy!*

*-Daniel Collier*

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**Daniel Collier** - February 27, 2020 at 07:15 PM

FR

“ *Charles was a long-time friend and fellow musician. He was instrumental in helping me find a doghouse bass and giving me advice on how to learn to play. I always admired his special humor and loved him because of his kindness to everyone he met. Heaven is richer today because of his homecoming.*

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**Florence Rohr** - February 27, 2020 at 12:01 PM

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“charley was a mentor for me while I earned about taking airplanes apart,to ensure their airworthness for the traveling public,but he also was a great friend,I will miss him.

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**Frederick Booth** - February 26, 2020 at 03:31 PM