



Officer Howard Kritzer Smith, III

May 11, 1969 - September 27, 2021

Officer Howard Kritzer Smith III was born on May 11, 1969, in Spokane, Washington to Howard Kritzer Smith II and Grace Marie (Higdon) Kirby. He passed from this life on Monday, September 27, 2021, in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the age of 52 years. Howard was raised and educated in Meeker, Oklahoma and graduated with the Meeker High School Class of 1987. He then went on to attend classes at St Gregory's University in Shawnee, Oklahoma and Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Howard was married on October 1, 1996, in Las Vegas, Nevada to Susan Cathleen (Daniels) Smith. He spent most of his working life as a police officer with the Owasso Police Department for 26 years. In his time with the department, Howard has served on the Honor Guard and as the Assistant S.W.A.T. Commander. He enjoyed a variety of past times such as going to the lake, jeeping, hanging out with Rasta, playing pranks, and serving as Tori's modeling manager. Those he leaves behind who hold many cherished memories include:

His Wife;

Sue Smith

Daughters;

Tori Smith

Shauna Bellator and husband Jay

April Benjamin

Angie Parker

Grandchildren;

Kendall, Amelia, Dawson, and Archer

Siblings;

Eddie Kirby and wife Debbie

Wesley Kirby

Kelly Josway and husband Jim

Samantha Keener

Mother;

Grace Kirby

Granddogs;

Winston and Lola

He was preceded in death by his father, Howard Kritzer Smith II.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 3, 2021, at the Mowery Funeral Service Chapel. Funeral service will be held at 9:42 a.m. on Monday, October 4, 2021, at First Baptist Church Owasso. Graveside service and honors will be held at 2:30 p.m. at Calvary Cemetery in Shawnee, Oklahoma. In lieu of flowers, the family request's donations be made in Howard's memory to Owasso Cops for Kids, P.O. Box 149, Owasso, Oklahoma 74055. Arrangements and services provided by Mowery Funeral Service.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 3. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Mowery Funeral Service Chapel
9110 North Garnett Road
Owasso, OK 74055

Graveside

OCT 4. 2:30 PM (CT)

Calvary Cemetery
Paul Koehler Drive
Shawnee, OK 74804

Memorial Fund

OCT 4 (CT)

Owasso Cops for Kids
P.O. Box 149
Owasso, OK 74055

Tribute Wall

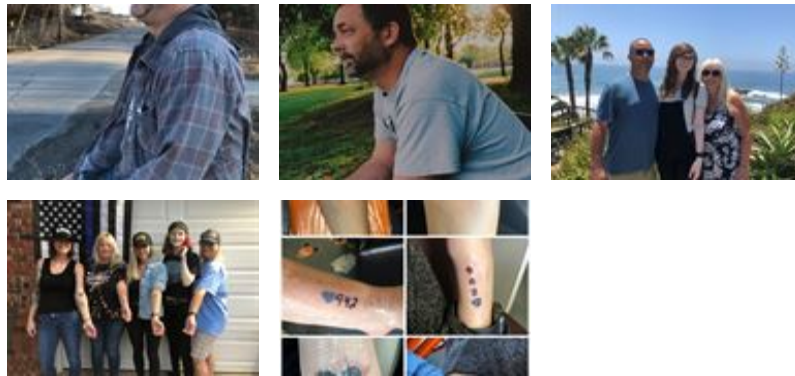
JF

“ I was unable to attend the funeral and live sstream. I was thinking about Howie and Sue as well as family and friends. God bless you all!

Jennifer fivecoats - October 04, 2021 at 07:51 PM



“ 75 files added to the album Life Tributes



Mowery Funeral Service - October 04, 2021 at 08:52 AM

SW

“ Howard and I worked together at Reasor's and became good friends. He always had a warm handshake and smile, and I will miss him seeing him from time-to-time around Owasso.

Our condolences to Sue and the rest of the family.

Sam & Sherry Wells

Sam Wells - October 04, 2021 at 08:49 AM

AP

“ Want to show love and support to the family of a brother in blue.
RIP brother we have the watch now.

Anthony P - October 04, 2021 at 08:39 AM

SH

“ RIP Officer Smith, your brothers and sisters will handle the watch
from here.

- LEO from Watertown, SD

Shane H. - October 04, 2021 at 08:24 AM

CB

“ Thank you for your service sir. We got it from
here!



Chris Buck - October 04, 2021 at 08:16 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Officer Howard Kritzer Smith, III.



October 02, 2021 at 06:28 PM

JF

“ I failed to mention I worked with his wife Sue as well. She was the
best coworker and such a fun, free spirit. Praying for you all Sue!!

Jennifer fivecoats - October 01, 2021 at 04:05 PM

JF

“ I worked with Howard at Reasor's. He was so kind and funny. I saw him a few times in town after he became a police officer and it was like we never lost touch. My heart goes out to his family and friends. Thank you for your service Howard. You will be missed by all.

Jennifer fivecoats - October 01, 2021 at 03:54 PM

BD

“ Beth Dolin and Rebecca Dolin purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Officer Howard Kritzer Smith, III.



Beth Dolin and Rebecca Dolin - September 30, 2021 at 02:43 PM

CW

“ Owasso PD had a Christmas raffle a few years ago when we lived in Owasso and my wife had the highest bid for me to ride with an officer. After spending a shift with Officer Smith, I couldn't stop talking about what a fantastic experience it was. Howard was EXCELLENT!!! He also helped me find an individual who backed into my van. I will never forget him. Our prayers for his family during this difficult time. May God bless his family and The Owasso Police Department. Calvin Warren, Palm Coast Florida.

Calvin Warren - September 29, 2021 at 01:04 PM

DR

“ One evening I was out running and got a little too far from home and the sun was setting quickly. It was getting really dark and I was running as fast as I could. Officer Smith pulled up beside me and honked then shined his light while driving slowly beside me until I got back to my neighborhood. Thank you for keeping me safe that night and for shining your light.



Dona Rose - September 29, 2021 at 12:52 PM

VW

“ Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God.

Veteran EMS LT Peter “Doc” Wight - September 29, 2021 at 01:37 AM

VW

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Veteran EMS LT Peter “Doc” Wight - September 29, 2021 at 01:36 AM

RF

*Graduated with Howie 1987. He was the sweetest young man. Proud of what Howie has done in his life. Praying for his family and friends.
RIP my friend!
Last goodbye Monday 4th*

Roberta Childress Forehand - October 02, 2021 at 07:29 PM

BF

I met Howard when he worked at Reasors. Always smiling and so friendly. Then he got on the Owasso Police Department. I worked at RCB Bank on 86th Street, and retired from there after 35 years. Howard always made me laugh. A few months ago, when they were widening 76th Street, I left QT heading East. Howard got behind me and had his lights and siren on. I thought he was headed to a call, so I sped up to get out of his ways. He just kept coming. I only live a couple of blocks off 76th Street so I pulled into my drive way. Howard blocked my car in the drive way and yelled for me to stay in the car. Of course I didn't because it was Howard and I was just trying to get out of his way. He kept asking why I did stop, again I told him, I was trying to get out of his way. Every question he had, I had the same answer...trying to get out of his way. He kept telling other officers who were coming to assist him, he had it under control. After he fussed at me for a bit, he finally asked why I pulled into this drive way? This is where I live and I was finally out of your way. I gave him a big hug and apologized for the misunderstanding. I will greatly miss Howard.

*Prayers and hugs to his family.
Billie Fulbright*

Billie Fulbright - October 04, 2021 at 12:21 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Officer Howard Kritzer Smith, III.*



September 28, 2021 at 05:43 PM

 Suzy Walters

“ *My heart is broken for Howard's family & OPD. Praying...*

Suzy Walters - September 28, 2021 at 05:35 PM

DB

“ We just wanted you all to know how very sorry we were to hear about Howie. He was a special person and will be missed by everyone who knew him. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Love you all! Dale and Janice Broudrick, Sandra and Andy Wilkins and Michael Broudrick and families.



Dale and Janice Broudrick - September 28, 2021 at 02:35 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Officer Howard Kritzer Smith, III.



September 28, 2021 at 01:51 PM