



## Jerry Don Smith

September 26, 1947 - January 18, 2020

Jerry Don Smith, 72, of Aubrey, TX, passed away Saturday, January 18, 2020 in Denton, TX. He was born September 26, 1947 in Crockett, TX to Luther and Bertha (DeHay) Pack and later adopted by Homer and Bernice Smith. As a kid, Jerry played baseball and was an all-star player! His little league team almost made it to the World Series. He coached both of his kids. If he wasn't coaching, he was watching them play. Jerry went to watch the little league World Series in 2011 which was a lifelong dream of his.

Jerry met the love of his life, Patsy Davis, driving the square in Lamesa, TX. Patsy was driving a brand-new Chevy Impala and he was driving a brand-new Firebird! He married Patsy on August 1, 1970 in Lamesa. They would have celebrated 50 years of marriage this year.

He loved his family more than anything, was so proud of his two kids, and thought his grandkids that hung the moon. He also had a sister-in-law that was pretty much like a daughter and he loved her kids (his nieces) like they were grandkids. He loved Thanksgiving, Christmas, and getting together with family. He enjoyed the grandkids' and niece's sporting and school events.

Jerry was always up for a road trip and loved traveling.

Jerry was very patriotic and loved his country. Jerry served in the US Navy. He was stationed on the USS Liberty when it was torpedoed and was awarded a Purple Heart for his injuries. For years, he was an active duty Army National Guard. In his younger years, he was a police officer and was always a proud supporter of law enforcement and military. He was proud of his son-in-law who

is in law enforcement. Jerry became a registered nurse at the age of 46. His hobby was woodworking. He could build anything. Once he built a sleigh that several people could ride in for a Christmas parade float and it won first place! He also made several crafts and sold them at shows.

Jerry loved the beach, any beach, but especially loved Surfside Beach. He went there a lot for vacations, deep sea fishing, and looking for shells. Jerry really enjoyed fishing. He and his son fished many tournaments. They had a pontoon boat at first but then traded it in for a bass boat. He said they needed something faster to get to weigh-in. The other fishing teams called them the pontoon boys and they didn't appreciate that!

Jerry loved old westerns and watched them nightly. He was very worldly and knowledgeable. He could hold a conversation with anyone on just about any topic and knew a little about everything.

He enjoyed reconnecting and keeping in touch with many old friends on Facebook. Some of those friends say that he even reconnected them with more friends.

He was a die-hard republican! Very outspoken in his later years about politics! Always made posts on Facebook about politics. He made sure no one was unsure about his political opinions!

He was so loved by everyone, was always smiling, and loved his family and friends with all he had.

Jerry is survived by his spouse, Patsy of Aubrey, TX; son, Garrett Smith and wife Jennifer of Aubrey, TX; daughter, Tammy Sweeney and husband Marc of Cross Roads, TX; six grandchildren, Sean Sweeney, Ashley Pape, Hunter Stelly, Dylon Smith, Logan Smith, and Brayden Sweeney; brothers, Billy Pack of Sierra Vista, AZ, Ronnie Pack of Thailand, Bobby Pack of College Station, TX, and Dwayne Smith of Dalhart, TX; sister, Margie Cooper of Paige, TX and Lora Smith McPherson of North Carolina; sister and brother-in-law, Carol and James Valadez; two nieces, Maci and Jami Valadez; and several nieces, nephews, brothers-in-law, and sisters-in-law.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Luther and Bertha; adoptive

parents, Homer and Bernice; and sister, Mable Stephens.

Visitation will be held 4:00PM-5:00PM, Thursday, January 23, 2020 at Slay Memorial Chapel in Aubrey, TX and the funeral service will begin at 5:00PM with Chris Heronema officiating. Interment will be 10:00AM on Friday, January 24, 2020 at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery in Dallas, TX. Online condolences may be shared at [www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com](http://www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of Terri Slay and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

To send a flower arrangement to the family of Jerry Don Smith, please click [here](#) to visit our Sympathy Store.

# Tribute Wall

RP

“ *Love you Jerry!*

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**Rick Phillips** - March 02, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *Thoughts and prayers for you all.*

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**Jennifer Kern** - January 24, 2020 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ *Sure going to miss my old friend Jerry. Hope he is getting to fish now.*

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**gary purdy** - January 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Dear Patsyl am so sorry to hear of Jerry passing. Our reunions will never be the same without him, you both always came to our Class of 65 reunions!!! I hope you will still come if you can. I really loved him he was a great guy!!! Please keep in touch....*

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**Janis Bailey** - January 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ *Patsy, Garrett and Tammy, please accept our sincere condolences on the loss of uncle Jerry. You're in our thoughts and prayers. Wishing you feelings of peace and comfort. May you find joy in your memories during this difficult time. Ron Jr. & Sallye Pack*

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**Ron Pack Jr.** - January 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *My prayers are with you and your family .*

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**Bonnie Mahan** - January 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *Thinking of you Miss Patsy and your two beautiful children, as well as Miss Carol and all the family! I know you are missing him so much, but he is your special angel now, and no longer in pain! Love to all of you!*

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**Mary Hasty** - January 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *So sorry for your loss prayers for you and your family.*

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**Sheila Foley** - January 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ *With deepest sympathy*

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January 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ *God seen you were tired and took you home. You were a man that loved his Family and his country . We are proud to have known you and thought of as Family Rest in Peace.*

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**Henry & Erika Sweeney** - January 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ *Dear Patsy and family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss, lifting prayers for you*

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**Pat Clary** - January 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *RIP JERRY. Condolences to Family.*

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**Danny Cobb** - January 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *I love you Uncle D*

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**Sarah Sikes** - January 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *Ive know Jerry for many years. He always had a smile on his face and a kind word for you. He was a caring person and loved taking care of his patients. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. My love and prayers for Patsy and his family. He will be missed. RIP Jerry, you will be missed.*

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**Barbara Stagner** - January 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *Patsy, Tammy and Garrettwe are so sorry for your loss. Jerry was a wonderful nurse. He was kind and compassionate, an all around good guy. He will be missed by so many. Our prayers and love to you and your family during this difficult time.RIP Jerry. Love-Susan, Jim and Jimmy Murray*

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**Susan Murray** - January 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Patsy, Tammy & Garrett may each & all family know that our hearts are saddened by Gods calling of Jerry home. Praying for peace in the days to come. We also have tears for the loss of this sweet friend, school classmate, & brother of Gods family. Many treasured visits during Littlefield fictions that we shared. We are so sorry we can not be able to attend his service. We will add another Wreath for National Cementaries for Jerry's service. Love Brenda & Dale Holton

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**Brenda& Dale Holton** - January 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Please accept my deepest sympathies and sincere condolences for your loss.

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**Terry Gordon** - January 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ My deepest condolences to your family for your loss. We are praying for you all.

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**Marissa Sellman** - January 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Patsy and family so sorry for yalls loss - my thoughts and prayers are with yall in this difficult time.

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**Joy Pilgrim** - January 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM