



B. Eugene (Gene) Smith Sr.

September 26, 1931 - July 24, 2022

Durant, OK- B. Eugene Smith was born Saturday, September 26th, 1931 in Durant, Oklahoma to Leslie and Elizabeth (Taylor) Smith. Gene passed from this life and entered into the presence of his Lord on Sunday, July 24th, 2022 at the age of 90.

Gene was born and raised in Durant, OK. He graduated from Durant High School in 1949. Since the age of 18, Gene has been a blacksmith/machinist and owned Gene's Machine Shop. He was an Eagle Scout and enjoyed sharing the unique recognition with his son, Billy, as being the first father-son Eagle Scouts who received their award under the same scout master. He continued involvement with the Boy Scouts for many years. Gene was also a member of the Durant Jaycees. He served as an Elder at the First Christian Church and is now a member of the First United Methodist Church. Gene married Marylin (Hildebrand) Hamilton on May 27th, 2006 in the First United Methodist Church on 3rd Street in Durant.

Gene enjoyed singing in the church choir, square dancing, growing tomatoes, and bird watching. He was a family man and was always involved in everything his children and grandchildren did. He was the rock of the family and will be deeply missed by everyone.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents; siblings, Cecil Smith, Kathleen

Gullo, Margaret Shull Hall, Geraldine Smith, Annie Mae Syler, J.R. Smith, and James Smith.

He is survived by his wife, Marylin, of the home; son, Billy E. Smith, Jr. (Gliniss) of Denton, TX; daughter, Angela Smith Rosencrans (Dean) of Flower Mound, TX; son, Paul Leslie Smith (Kimberly) of Ardmore, OK; two step-daughters, Susan Jones of Tulsa, OK, and Stacey Dwyer (John) of Colleyville, TX; grandchildren, Corrie Smith, Emma Rosencrans, Abby Rosencrans, Lezlie Hicks (Matt), Shawn Smith and Chad Smith (Tierani); five step-grandchildren, Taylor Ferguson (Clay), Abigail McMahan (Austin), Madison Cappabianco (Tony), Kate Jones and John Dwyer; great-grandsons, Morgan Hicks, and arriving in October is Michael Preston Hicks; five step great-grandchildren, Lillian Ferguson, George Ferguson, Cleo McMahan, Juniper McMahan and Bentley McMahan; sister-in-law, Ann Smith, and a host of nieces, nephews, and good friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, July 30th, 2022 at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Allen Carson officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the First United Methodist Church in Durant, OK.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.brownsfuneralservice.com.

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/DHRZF76FWJM8MBJ5>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

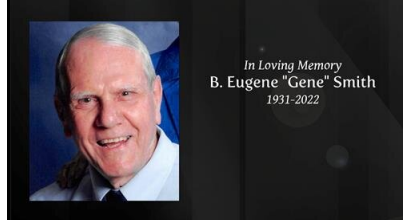
JUL **30**. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
Durant, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Brown's Durant Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of B. Eugene (Gene) Smith Sr.*



Brown's Durant Funeral Service - July 28, 2022 at 04:02 PM



“ *B. Eugene (Gene) Smith Sr.*

January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of B. Eugene (Gene) Smith Sr..*



July 29, 2022 at 02:57 PM

DR

“ Eugene is my father-in-law. For 30 years I’ve looked up to the man. Quiet, unassuming, always with a wit and laugh that I will always remember. No matter the circumstance he always seemed to have a calming sense of ease, a gentle soul. I’ve always tried to make him feel at ease that I have taken care of his daughter and grandkids. I’ll continue to try and live up to his expectations. Rest in peace Eugene.

Dean Rosencrans - July 28, 2022 at 10:44 PM

KS

“ A most wonderful father-in-law to me. I already miss him greatly. Just last night, I was wanting to call him to tell him something. Forever in my heart. Kim

Kimberly Smith - July 28, 2022 at 05:52 PM

AR

“Daddy – A Daughter’s Perspective”

By Angela Rosencrans

My siblings and I grew up in Durant, Oklahoma. My friends know me as Angela Smith. My brothers and I are a product of the 50’s and 60’s in small town America. Our parents had deeply rooted traditional values. My father owned Gene’s Machine Shop and worked to support our family every day I can remember. My mother, Jamie Oretha, cooked all our meals, took care of the house and children throughout our school years. Daddy would come home every night for family meals where we shared laughter and stories of our days. It has been described as a “Leave It to Beaver” home. My mother and father were totally onboard with all holiday and family celebrations and were so close to our extended families. We have deep religious faith attending every service and activity The First Christian Church offered. Our father daughter relationship was kind and intimate. Daddy would require good behavior but was such a gentle loving father. He was so proud of any accomplishment or activity we did.

I know that life is messy and keeps going. Through every marriage, divorce, birth, death, and family event my constants were the deep love and security I had from my parents. I knew my Daddy as so strong but forgiving. We have had so many moments to talk and laugh and play.

Life has changed tremendously, and we have so many more members of our family through marriage, birth and adoption. What I know is that my Daddy’s values and kindness lives on through his children and everyone he touched. My husband and I have tried to re-create our family in that mold.

I will miss his strong hug, booming voice, kind eyes and unflappable values. I know Daddy lives on through me. I love you forever, Daddy.

*His daughter,
Angela*

Angela Rosencrans - July 28, 2022 at 04:41 PM

 Jim
Estus

“ *Gene was a great friend and I admired him so much. Rest in peace.*

Jim Estus - July 28, 2022 at 12:25 AM

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“ *District 8653 Family purchased the Strength & So
lace Spray for the family of B. Eugene (Gene)
Smith Sr..*



District 8653 Family - July 26, 2022 at 12:19 PM

LJ

“ *My Mom, Annie Mae Syler and Uncle Eugene were very close. They
shared the same birth month and when Uncle Eugene would
mention that Mom's birthday was coming up, she would remind him
that his was soon to follow.*

*When we moved back from Arizona, I noticed that either Uncle
Eugene would call Mom or vice-versa every evening to check on
each other.. I always thought it was funny how if Uncle Eugene
mentioned that he had bought some sheets on sale locally, within a
day or two, Mom would mention she thought she needed some new
sheets and would go purchase her a set.*

*If Mom, were going to Durant for any reason we almost always
would stop by the machine shop for a visit.*

Linda Jennings - July 26, 2022 at 09:51 AM

AW

“ We shared many good times in our Fidelis Sunday school class at First United Methodist Church Durant, also fond memories of our visits at his machine shop. A fine Christian man with super square dancing abilities.

Arnold Walker - July 25, 2022 at 08:07 PM