



## Donald "Don" Troy Smith

January 25, 1947 - June 3, 2023

Donald "Don" Troy Smith Loving Husband, Dad, Brother, Son, PapaDon, Pastor, and friend. January 25, 1947- June 3, 2023, Donald Troy Smith "Don", 76, went away quietly and gently with the Lord on June 3, 2023, surrounded by his wife and kids.

Don lived a life full of love and the Lord's blessings and favor. Don was born January 25, 1947, in Hot Springs Arkansas, to Troy and Betty Smith. He grew up in Oklahoma with his two younger sisters Kathy and Shelly. He grew up visiting and fishing with his family in Hot springs Arkansas. His father, Troy Smith, was known for his "Smitty's" grocery stores in Waynoka, Cyril, and Gage. Don often assisted his dad in these local stores. He graduated from Waynoka High School where he played football and baseball as a kicker and pitcher. He went on to graduate college from the University of Northwestern Oklahoma with a BA in Economics. Don enlisted in the Army in August 1969 and was Honorably discharged in March 1972 as an SP5. His medals and honors include: a bronze star, air medal, Vietnam defense medal, expert infantry, and artillery personal, along with various other military honors. Don married his college sweetheart Janice Smith on December 16, 1967. They were blessed with two daughters, Trisha and Crystal. Don was devoted to a life of ministry no matter what that looked like. He was an evangelist, pastor, counselor, compassionate soul winner, and advocate for others. He boldly stood up for people and saved lives because of it. He was the definition of

being a “champion for others”. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, writing poetry, various movies, and being with his family. He was a talented speaker and storyteller. He was wise, sensitive, and a joke enthusiast.

He was a loving Husband, Dad, Brother, Son, Papadon, and friend. Don was many things but most importantly he was a child of God. He loved big and well and he would leave you laughing without a doubt. Donald Smith was preceded in death by his parents Troy and Betty Smith. Don is survived by his wife Jan Smith, sisters Kathy Kocher and Shelly Decker, daughters Trisha Smith and Crystal Cripps, son in law Dillon Cripps, and Grandkids, Savannah Northcutt, Noel, Zion, and Serenity Cripps. As well as many friends and family. His celebration of life service will be held at St. Paul's Congregational church in Shattuck, Oklahoma on June 24, 2023, at 10am. In lieu of flowers donations can be sent to the Wounded Warrior Project.

Arrangements are under the direction of Brown's Durant Funeral and Cremation Service.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN **24**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St Paul Congregational Church  
917 Olive St  
Shattuck, OK 73858  
(580) 938-2451

# Tribute Wall

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“ *The LORD promoted Don, and He said "Well Done my Honorable and Faithful Servant"*

*I was Blessed with our time beginning in 4th grade to your promotion this year!*

*Baseball, Football, Golf, Bike Riding, all the activities young friends enjoy, and can't wait for summer and new tennessee's!*

*Don, you will be missed but I know you are enjoying every minute of your new home!*

*LOVE will be yours always!*

*Steve and Donna and Family*

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**SteveHolt** - June 21, 2023 at 01:53 PM

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“ *My family has know Don and Jan since the mid 70's. They've both been a part of our family since! Don was a character! Always making jokes and being right down funny! But most of all, a Godly man, who my family admired and loved! Don will surely be missed and my thoughts and prayers go out to you Jan, Trisha & Crystal..and family. Sending love and hugs to all! I will hold all memories of you, Don and Jan in my heart forever.*

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**sherri cross** - June 14, 2023 at 02:53 PM

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“ I knew Don mostly in Bridgeport when we pastored there. He was a great help to us in the ministry. I so enjoyed knowing him and the family. Then, of course, we were blessed to have his daughter become our granddaughter.

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**Thelma Cripps** - June 13, 2023 at 10:11 AM

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*Don was Truman's nephew and we enjoyed visiting with him and his family each time they would vacation in Hot Springs. Don grew up to be a brave military man and the family is so proud of him for that. But even prouder that he proclaimed the gospel of Christ. We thank the Lord for his witness.*

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**Truman and Ruth Smith** - June 13, 2023 at 11:40 AM

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**Truman and Ruth Smith** - June 13, 2023 at 11:41 AM