



## William Junior (Bill) Smith

October 29, 1929 - December 28, 2022

William Junior (Bill) Smith, of Sulphur, Oklahoma, was born to William A. and Elma (Erion) Smith on October 29, 1929 and passed peacefully into eternal life to be with his Lord and Savior on December 28, 2022, at the age of 93 years.

Bill was raised in Fargo, Oklahoma. During his youth he enjoyed visiting his grandparents' farm and riding horses and playing with his cousins. While in school he was on the baseball team and played the clarinet in the school band. After graduating from Fargo High School in 1947, Bill served his country in the U.S. Air Force from 1950-1954 during the Korean War. He was promoted to Staff Sergeant while at Sheppard Air Force Base, in Texas, where he was an instructor for aircraft and jet mechanics. During his service he received the Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal, and Sharpshooter Medal.

On August 19, 1951, he married the love of his life, Queta Meyer. Bill and Queta celebrated their 71st anniversary on August 19, 2022. Bill and Queta had 3 daughters, Revae Brewer, Paula Boswell, and Kathleen Mattingly. After being discharged from the Air Force, Bill returned to Fargo, Oklahoma and partnered with his dad at the Smith Machine Shop where he repaired vehicles and farm equipment. During this time he also nurtured a large organic garden and provided vegetables to the local grocery store. As a hobby he was also involved in raising chinchillas. During the summer, Bill also enjoyed taking his family to the lake and he really liked water skiing. He

enjoyed taking his family on camping trips to Colorado and trips to Mexico. Since family was so important to him, every Saturday he would take the family to visit his wife's parents, Paul and Gladys Meyer. They would all eat a homemade meal, play cards, and then watch the Lawrence Welk Show. On Sunday afternoons he would take the family to see his grandparents, Gus and Nellie Erion, in Woodward, Oklahoma.

In 1969, Bill, Queta, and their 3 daughters, went on a new adventure in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, where they owned and managed the Valley Motel. During these years he also worked on restoring antique cars and airplanes. Bill also accomplished getting his private pilot's license and owning his own airplane. He also completed the construction of an airplane in his home garage.

Bill and Queta spent 18 winters in Zapata, Texas, where they were able to fish and spend time with both Bill and Queta's parents.

Bill was very talented and was able to do anything he set his mind on doing. He excelled in mechanics, carpentry, and baking. Bill loved baking. He enjoyed baking delicious dinner rolls and cinnamon rolls to take to meals at his church, the Renewing Life Church. Bill also served as a Deacon and Trustee for the Renewing Life Church until 2021. Using his mechanical ability, after a trip to Florida and seeing airboats on the Everglades, Bill returned home and built his own airboat. Throughout his life, Bill was a wonderful husband and father. He continuously helped his family in any way that he could. Bill had a very good sense of humor. When his daughters would ask him how he was feeling, he would say, "Well, I feel with my fingers." He will be greatly missed by his family.

Bill thoroughly enjoyed both attending and watching on TV the OU Sooners football and baseball teams.

His family is very thankful to the Sulphur Veterans Center for the fantastic care they have provided. Over the past year the Sulphur Veteran's Center provided trips to the Oklahoma Dodger's Baseball Games, fishing trips with BBQS, and lots of BINGO that he especially loved winning. We also want to thank Good Sheperd Hospice for the loving care that they provided these past weeks.

Mr. Smith is survived by:

Wife: Queta Smith

Daughters: Revae Brewer, Paula Boswell(Mike), Kathleen Mattingly

Grandchildren: Angela Yanez(Carlos), Michelle Boswell, Marcus Boswell(Briana), Melissa Hoppis(Jon), Joseph Niedbalski(Jenny), Peter Niedbalski

Great Grandchildren: Braxton Hoppis, Hadley Hoppis, Makena Boswell, Benjamin Boswell, Charlotte Niedbalski, Claire Niedbalski

Brother: Bobby Smith

In-Laws: Kay and Enrique Sanchez

Mr. Smith is preceded by:

Parents: William A. and Elma Smith

Son-in-law: William Michael Brewer

Grandparents: Gus and Nellie Erion

The services for Mr. Smith will be Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. at the Renewing Life Church in Wynnewood, Oklahoma. Interment will follow immediately after at Mt. Olivet in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. Services will be under the direction of Wooster Funeral Home. If you would like to send your condolences to the family you may do so at [www.woosterfuneralhomes.com](http://www.woosterfuneralhomes.com)

# Cemetery Details

## **Mt. Olivet Cemetery**

Pauls Valley, OK 73075

# Previous Events

## **Funeral Service**

**JAN 3.** 10:00 AM (CT)

Renewing Life Church  
301 S. Moody Dr  
Wynnewood, OK 73098

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bill(far right) built this plane for Lee Dulin. He used a car engine.*



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**Kathy Mattingly** - August 04, 2024 at 12:59 PM

KM

“ *Bill(far right) built this plane for Lee Dulin. He built it using a car engine.*



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**Kathleen Mattingly** - August 04, 2024 at 12:13 PM

RH

“ *My deepest condolences to Revae and Paula for the loss of their dad. Many hugs and prayers to all of the Smith family and friends.*



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**Rita Hines-Fryar** - February 02, 2023 at 01:37 PM

KM

“ *kathy mattingly lit a candle in memory of William Smith*

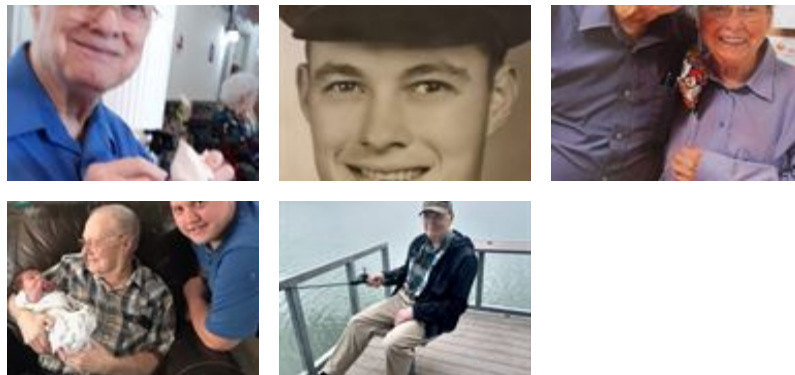


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**kathy mattingly** - January 13, 2023 at 11:26 AM



“ 37 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Wooster Funeral Home & Cremation Services - January 02, 2023 at 11:17 PM

PB

“ *Very thankful to have this man as my dad for 68 years. He was a wonderful example to me in so many ways. I will cherish every memory. He will be missed.*

Paula Boswell - January 02, 2023 at 02:59 PM

BS

*I'm so sorry for your loss Paula, i will always remember my Uncle Billy's smile and laugh, i'm sorry also that i couldn't be there.*

Bobby Dean Smith - January 04, 2023 at 11:16 AM

PB

*Thank you! I appreciate those words. He was one of a kind. ❤️*

Paula Boswell - January 07, 2023 at 03:07 PM

BB

*Sorry for your loss of your dad We love you"lol. Great memories.*

Bobby& Carolyn Bonner - January 17, 2023 at 04:57 PM

MH

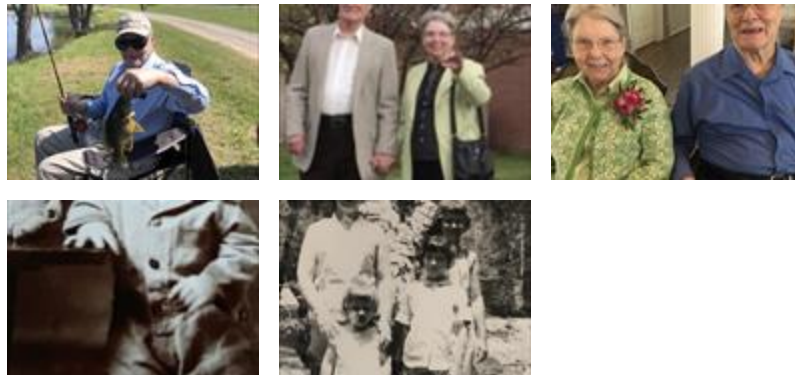
“ Grandad was the best Grandad that ever lived he will be truly missed . He loved his Great Grand babies so much also . Can't imagine our life without him but know he is busy fishing and praising Jesus in heaven .



Melissa Hoppis - January 01, 2023 at 08:44 PM

KM

“ 11 files added to the tribute wall



Kathy Mattingly - December 31, 2022 at 07:19 PM

KM

“ Bill was my dad and I will greatly miss him. He helped me so much and through him I learned how to treat my own children. When I think of him I smile and sometimes laugh when I remember some of the funny things he would say.

Kathy Mattingly - December 31, 2022 at 11:32 AM