



Azro "Smitty" Smith Jr.

February 2, 1931 - April 29, 2024

In Loving Memory of a True Hero and Beloved Family Man

On April 29th, 2024, our beloved grandfather "Pop Pop", husband, father and friend, Azro "Smitty" Smith Jr., peacefully passed away at his home. Born on February 2, 1931, he lived a life filled with love, service, and faith. He was preceded in death by his father, mother, and two older sisters. Smitty is survived by his wife of sixty-six years, Laura Mae; his son, Mark and his wife Janie and their three children, Laura, Dalton, and Joshua. Smitty had five grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and many many nieces and nephews that he cherished in life.

Smitty dedicated his life to serving his country in the Air Force, where his bravery and commitment earned him two Bronze Stars. However, his true pride and joy came from his family. His wife, Laura Smith, was the love of his life, his rock, and his constant companion for 66 beautiful years. Their love story, which began at Laura's parents' dry-cleaning business, was a testament to enduring love, laughter, and partnership.

A man of faith, Smitty found great solace and strength through his relationship with God. He volunteered through the church, working with inmates at the prison, offering guidance, support, and hope to those in need. His compassion knew no bounds, and his commitment to helping others reflected his deep-

rooted belief in the power of redemption and second chances.

As a father, Smitty imparted wisdom and integrity to his son, Mark, whom he cherished beyond words. Retirement from the VA did not slow down his passion for helping fellow veterans, a true testament to his selflessness and dedication.

But what truly brought the biggest smile to his face were his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Their laughter and playful antics brought immense joy to his life. Watching them dance and play made his heart full, and his silly faces never failed to bring giggles from his little monsters.

Smitty will be remembered for his big heart, unwavering love and infectious sense of humor. His legacy of service, love, and laughter will live on in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing him. Lest we forget, his borderline obsession for golf. As he literally finished a round while a funnel cloud was forming behind him.

Rest in peace, Pop Pop. Even though the tables are cleaner now, missing your crumbs. The rooms are quieter now, missing your hilarious one-liners. And our goodbyes are no longer the same, missing Pop Pops forehead kisses. We miss you so deeply, but we are celebrating that you are finally home.

The family will receive friends from 5:00pm to 7:00pm on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at Byrum Funeral Home Chapel. Graveside service will be at 10:00am on Thursday, May 16, 2024 at DFW National Cemetery.

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, the family requests that everyone bring or send your favorite Smitty story! They want to make a book of memories and would love to include yours! Memorials may also be made to The American Heart

Association in hopes of finding a cure for CHD at <https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/jeffreyhasheart> OR <https://jeffreyhasheart.org/>

Cemetery Details

DFW National Cemetery

2000 Mountain Creek Parkway
Dallas, TX

Previous Events

Graveside

MAY **16**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ 75 files added to the album LifeTributes



Byrum Funeral Home - May 07, 2024 at 12:21 PM

JW

“ Jay, Linda, Andrew, Becky & Harper Welch planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Azro "Smitty" Smith Jr..

Jay, Linda, Andrew, Becky & Harper Welch - May 07, 2024 at 10:32 AM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Azro "Smitty" Smith Jr..



May 07, 2024 at 10:32 AM



“ 41 files added to the album LifeTributes



Byrum Funeral Home - May 06, 2024 at 05:24 PM



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Byrum Funeral Home - May 06, 2024 at 05:04 PM



“ The Wilison & Sandling Families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Azro "Smitty" Smith Jr..



The Wilison & Sandling Families - May 06, 2024 at 03:57 PM



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The Wilison & Sandling Families - May 06, 2024 at 03:57 PM

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“ *Mark, Janie, and Family,*
We are devastated by your loss. Your parents
were the sweetest people, and we know it
must be very difficult for you. Our thoughts
and prayers are with you all as you navigate
through this time. Sending much love your way.

Howard and Stacy Willison

Stacy Willison - May 06, 2024 at 03:52 PM



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“ *Sharon Culpepper purchased the Be My Love Bo*
uquet with Red Roses for the family of Azro
"Smitty" Smith Jr..

Sharon Culpepper - May 06, 2024 at 10:53 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family*
of Azro "Smitty" Smith Jr..

May 06, 2024 at 10:11 AM

