

# Smith, T.M. ‘Smitty’ | 1929-2013

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T. M. “Smitty” Smith

T. M. “Smitty” Smith, 83, died Saturday, July 20, 2013 in Fort Worth.

Funeral is 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 24 at First Baptist Church in Boyd with Rev. Mark Autry officiating. Interment is at Oaklawn Cemetery.

Smitty was born July 29, 1929, on a ranch in Swenson to Charlie and Opal Smith. He was a graduate of Aspermont High School and earned a business degree from Draughons Junior College.

In 1948, Smitty moved to Fort Worth to work for General Dynamics and compete in rodeos. After serving his country in the U.S. Army, he returned to Fort Worth in 1952 and he and Earnest McHood formed the M Bar S Ranch Rodeo Company, which expanded into all phases of rodeo competition and production.

Smitty continued to compete in roping and steer wrestling events until he retired in 1978 at the age of 48. He was inducted into the Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame in Belton in 2004.

After selling the rodeo company, he began raising Registered Texas Longhorn cattle and in 1988 had the Grand Champion at the first World Show in Fort Worth. He served as president of the North Texas Longhorn Breeders Association and was a member of the Texas Longhorn Breeders Association, the Cowboy Gathering Association and other groups.

He retired from General Dynamics in 1990 after more than 41 years.

Smitty was also an avid pilot and a member of the Civil Air Patrol.

Survivors include his wife of 18 years, Jean Smith of Boyd; three sons, Charles Huston and wife Janet of Fort Worth, Terry Huston and wife Susan of Fort Worth, Don Brown and wife Shannon of Sonora; sister Doris Dillard and husband Elmer Dillard of Buffalo Gap; six grandchildren: Eric Huston, Jessica Corley, Cristen Martin, Jordan Huston, Collin Brown, and Carly Brown; and seven great-grandchildren.

Smitty was preceded in death by his first wife of 22 years, Patsy Smith, his parents, his sister Camilla “Lady” Pittcock of Aspermont, and brother W.L.”Dub” Smith of Aspermont.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Boyd, 140 N. FM 730, P.O. Box 336 Boyd, TX 76023 or the Texas Longhorn Breeders Association of America, P. O Box 4430, Fort Worth, TX 76164.