

William E. Smith | 1920-2016

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William E. (Bill) Smith, 95, died Wednesday, July 13, 2016, in Decatur.

Funeral is 10 a.m. Saturday, July 23, at the First United Methodist Church of Bowie. Burial will follow at 1 p.m. at Crestview Memorial Park in Wichita Falls.

Visitation is 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 22, at the White Family Funeral Home in Bowie.

Bill was born Aug. 1, 1920, in Dallas, S.D., to Willard B. and Ester Ann (Bowman) Smith. He was raised in California and graduated in 1938 from Grant High School in Sacramento. Bill served in the Army Air Corps during World War II in the Pacific. After being discharged, he returned to Sacramento where he met and married his wife, Cozette, in 1949.

In 1951, he returned to active duty in the Air Force until his retirement in 1968. He retired from Northrup Aviation in 1982. Bill and Cozette moved to Bowie in 1978. He was an active member of the Bowie First United Methodist Church, American Legion Speak-Meyer Post 252 and the Bowie Lions Club.

He was preceded in death by his father; mother; and wife.

Bill is survived by his dear friend, Phyllis Tauber; daughters Sharon Matthiesen and husband, Dennis, of Arlington, Susan Johnson and husband, Patrick, of Houston and Janice Bobo and husband, Michael, of San Antonio; grandchildren Jeffrey Clark and wife, Candace, of Spokane, Wash., Katharine Allen and husband, Sterling, of Houston and Jennifer Kite of San Antonio; and great-grandchildren Jakob Bobo, Fallon Trojanowski, Gatlynn Kite and Banks Allen.

Memorial donations may be made to the Air Force Enlisted Village, afev.us, First United Methodist Church of Bowie or the charity of your choice.