



Smith, Gary William

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Gary William Smith, 84, of Slidell, went to the arms of our Lord Monday, March 4, 2019, in Denton, after a brief illness.

Funeral is 2 p.m. Saturday, March 9, at Ridin' for the Brand Cowboy Church in Sanger with burial at Slidell Cemetery.

Roger Marsh will officiate.

Gary was born Sept. 1, 1934, to Linton and Odele (St. Aubin) Smith in Midland, Mich. He graduated from Traverse City High School in 1954.

Gary was united in marriage to Elenor June Wyman Sept. 3, 1955, in Midland, Mich. He worked as a bricklayer and stonemason for over 50 years.

Gary loved horses, and in the earlier days, he participated in rodeos. Recently, you could find him playing the mandolin on Saturdays with the Saturday morning bluegrass jam at the courthouse on the square

in Denton. On Sunday mornings, he played the mandolin for the Branded Hearts Band at Ridin' for the Brand Cowboy Church in Sanger. He will be missed by his family, his bluegrass friends and his church family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife of 49 years, Elenor June Wyman Smith; his infant daughter; brother Linton E. Smith; and sister Myrna Smith Eyre.

Gary is survived by his three loving daughters, Alice Haddon and husband, Bill, of Denton, Laurie Marshall and husband, Vernon, of Weatherford, Okla., and Brenda Fox and husband, John, of Palmer, Alaska; grandchildren Crystal, Tommy, Katie, and John David; great-grandchildren Kaden, Cooper, Kreece, Joshua, Gabriel, Gideon and Rhett; and extended family Laura of the home, her children and grandchildren.

Gary is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

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