



## **Smith, Richard Haden**

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Richard Haden Smith, 82, of Rhome passed away Thursday, July 27, 2023, in Decatur. A memorial service will be held 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 25 at Cross Timbers Church, 1119 S. US Hwy 377 in Argyle. Burial at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery to follow at 1 p.m.

He was born Sept. 28, 1940, to Philip and Bertha (Higginbotham) Smith in Houston. Richard was preceded in death by his parents and his son, David Smith.

He was in the U.S. Air Force and served in Germany during the Cold War as a signals intelligence specialist. Richard attended Texas A&M for his freshman year of college and studied mechanical engineering. He later went back to college and obtained a bachelor's degree in Russian studies from the University of Houston at the age of 50. He began his career with American General and then worked as a safety engineer at Foster Wheeler for 30 years. Richard was a member of Cross Timbers Church in Argyle. He enjoyed reading, both to learn and as a hobby, discussing politics and spending time with his

family.

Richard is survived by his wife of 23 years, Diane Fletcher; son, Tyler Smith, and his wife, Angela; daughter-in-law, Cindy Huitt; daughter, Lisa Smail, and her husband, Keith; brother, Paul Smith; grandchildren, Brooke, her husband, Daniel, Austen, Jacob, Hugo and Alex; great-granddaughter, Sloane; nephews, Todd and Kelly, niece, Amanda; and extended family and friends. He will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.