



1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 (NIV)

...make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

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Funeral Service
Trinity Lutheran Church
McPherson, Kansas
Monday, March 27, 2023, at 10:30 AM

Officiant
Rev. Tim Leaf

Special Music
Hymn: "I Love to Tell the Story"
Solo: "The Old Rugged Cross"
Pam Thiessen, vocalist / Judy Shaw, pianist

Pallbearers
Ethan Pauly Jon Kerschen Jeffrey Schmidt
Keith Kerschen Adam Sciacca Marshall Hay Mason Smith

Honorary Pallbearers
Willie & Evie Johnson Bob & Kathryn Reissig
Vernon & Jennifer Henry

Ushers
Kevin Bengston Darrel Thiessen

Final Resting Place
North Inman Cemetery ~ Inman, Kansas
Monday, March 27, 2023, at 1:00 PM

Memorial Donations
The family suggests that memorial donations be given to Trinity Lutheran Church, Andover Lutheran Church, or American Red Cross.

Appreciation
Our family would like to express our deepest appreciation and sincere thanks for your attendance today and also for the thoughtfulness and sympathy conveyed to us in so many ways during this difficult time.

Stockham Family Funeral Home

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A Celebration of Life
Howard M. Smith
March 2, 1930 - March 22, 2023



*There was always love
in daddy's hands.*

Howard M. Smith

March 2, 1930 ~ March 22, 2023



Howard Milton Smith, 93, of McPherson, KS and formerly of Inman, KS, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at The Cedars, McPherson.

Howard served in the United States Army from 1951 to 1953. He retired from the maintenance department at NCRA Refinery where he worked for 34 years. Prior to the refinery, he worked for Santa Fe Railroad.

Howard was born on March 2, 1930, in McPherson, KS, the son of Ray Adelbert and Mildred Helen (Rump) Smith. He graduated from Inman High School in 1948. On February 11, 1951, Howard was united in marriage to his high school sweetheart, Vivian Carol Briggs, at the Andover Lutheran Church, Windom. Two children were born to this union, Perry and Norene. Howard and Vivian were married for 70 years prior to her passing on July 23, 2021.

He was a member of Andover Lutheran Church, Windom and associate member of Trinity Lutheran Church, McPherson.

Survivors include: a son, Dr. Perry Smith (Krista) of Great Bend, KS; a daughter, Norene Kerschen (Daniel) of Garden Plain, KS; seven grandchildren, Emily Pauly (Ethan), Jon Kerschen (Emily), Rachel Schmidt (Jeffrey), Keith Kerschen, Kim Hay (Marshall), Kelsey Sciacca (Adam), and Mason Smith; eleven great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by: his parents, Ray & Mildred Smith; wife, Vivian Smith; brothers, John Smith and Glen Smith; sister, Gladys Meek; and twin sister, Helen Regehr.

Grandchildren's Tribute

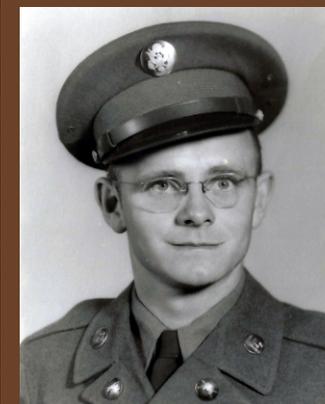
There are many quotes about grandpas. There are sentimental ones that make you smile and humorous ones that make you laugh. Indeed, many of those remind us of Grandpa Smith. But there is one simple saying that seems to describe him best: *"Grandfathers are for loving and fixing things."*

Long and flowery quotes don't really capture the way we remember Grandpa. He was practical and resourceful—much like duct tape, which he found particularly helpful when it came to fixing things! The workbench he had in the garage was not only used for fixing, but also for crafting many useful items out of wood for his family. Attached outside of that garage was a basketball goal, where his grandkids spent many hours trying to copy his "famous" hook shot. Grandpa could also make us laugh with his uncanny knack for making granny shots from nearly anywhere on the court. As his grandkids grew, he went from playing with them in the driveway to watching them play on their own sports teams.

Grandpa was just the right combination of funny and kind that made him so enjoyable to be around. I think you would be hard-pressed to find anyone who knew Grandpa that didn't like him. Anyone who worked at the refinery in McPherson during the years he was there seemed to know him. Somehow, this guy who liked his salad dry and dipped his cookies in water made everyone around him thankful to have spent time with him.

When he and grandma moved to The Cedars, he made new friends and discovered some old ones. It was amazing how many people would be visiting someone else at the facility and end up talking to Grandpa because they knew him. His practicality also continued into his years at The Cedars. His Christmas lists almost always included a belt, and would often request rubber bands and scotch tape if you asked him if he needed anything. Grandpa liked fried bologna, cheese balls, crazy socks, and playing cards.

While grandpa certainly was always kind and courteous to others, and loved his entire family well—there was no doubt that Grandma was at the very top of the list of people he treasured. And while it may be sad for us to say goodbye to him now, it is very comforting to know that he and Grandma are once more at home again together.



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