



## Donald Smith

May 24, 1943 - January 9, 2019

Donald Eugene Smith, 75, was a devoted husband, father, son, brother and uncle. For the past seven years, he was a resident of Richmond, Texas, where he passed away peacefully at his home, surrounded by his loving family, on Wednesday, January 9, 2019. Donald was born on May 24, 1943, in Harrington, Delaware, to his loving parents, Ralph Smith and Delema Taylor.

Donald was a graduate of William Henry High School. He was a long-time employee of the State of Delaware for 30 years as a custodian and later a foreman and maintenance technician. After retirement, he worked for Colonial Investments for over 10 years as a Licensed HVAC Technician. He was a Licensed Home Inspector, HVAC Tech, Fire School Certified, Pool Maintenance Tech, and a Wood Craftsman. Donald had many special talents and gifts. He had a long and successful career with many accolades, but what stood out the most was his faith in God and his sincere devotion to his family. He was a member of Fort Bend Baptist Church, located in Sugar Land, Texas. Before moving to Texas, he was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Dover, Delaware. In his early years he was a member of M.F. Chase Church. Donald was a Deacon, a 32nd Degree Mason, member of the William Henry Motorcycle Club and Alumni, Block Captain, and an Honorary Marine Dad to his marine sons.

Donald was a GREAT MAN! He loved life and lived it abundantly, as God

intended. He was vastly creative and had a vivid imagination and utilized his skills to make everything he touched beautiful. He could build and fix anything with his own two hands. There was no task too hard for him to figure out. He renovated houses, built room additions, inground BBQ grills with full outside kitchens from scratch, and always added beautiful personal design touches to the five homes he owned. Each home was magazine worthy. If you could think of it, he could build it. He loved taking care of his lawn. He spent hours making sure it was perfectly manicured. Growing flowers and gardening were just some of his hobbies. He played the saxophone, guitar, and a little piano. He enjoyed traveling, camping, drawing, and doing wood craft. He had a special passion and joy for riding motorcycles. He rode bikes for 52 years. He purchased his first bike in 1967 and his last in May 2018. He owned too many to list. His absolute joy was his family, especially his granddaughter, Bethany. Bethany, along with Donald's loving wife Cynthia, who cared for him day in and day out until his very last breath.

Donald, was passionate in his service to God and God's people. He had a caring heart and kind spirit. He would do anything for anybody and do it to the very best of his ability. He was known as Donald, Dad, Smitty, Don, and Uncle Donald. Regardless if you were related to him or not, he was "The All American Dad" and Best Friend. His favorite passage of Scripture: "Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet, and a Light Unto My Path" Psalm 119:105.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph Smith, Delema Taylor, Albertha Smith, Elizabeth Harris, sister, Cheryl Smith and brother, David Smith.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Cynthia Smith; daughter, Donna "Jeanie" Smith; son, Cornell W. Smith (Deitra Smith); adopted son, Steven Wines; brother, Douglas Smith (Darlene Smith); sisters, Sylvia Smith, Faye Smith, Cynthia Garner, and Sally Mills (Earnest Mills); grandchildren, Bethany

Smith and adopted grandchild, Austin Wines; special in-laws, mother-in-law, Eleanor Manlove; sisters and brothers-in-law, Jeanette Glass (Carlton Sr., deceased), Tyrone Scott (Virginia), Gene Harris, Randolph Scott (deceased), Terinda Wisher (Benjamin), Stephanie Cornish (Thomas); godchildren, Candace Barnes, Kendall Smith, Teddy Dudley and Thomia Dudley; best friend, Elder Lawrence Craig; a host of loving nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins; and special friends in Delaware, Houston, San Antonio, & Franklin, LA.

Donald will be dearly missed by all who shared with him in life and love as he crossed many paths and touched many lives in the course of his journey. He is resting peacefully in the hands of the Lord.

Lovingly Submitted, The Family

# Tribute Wall



“ *Everyone is going to miss you Cousin Donald. Revelation 21;3, 4*  
*Valerie Harris*

January 31, 2019 at 04:00 PM



“ *From the Gibbs Family: With sincerest sympathy, our hearts go out to the family of Donald Smith. He was a faithful friend always.*

**Edward and John Gibbs, and Angela Brittingham** - January 25, 2019 at 03:32 PM



“ *Our warmest condolences. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

**Norman Oliver and the Staff at Rock Solid and Our** - January 23, 2019 at 02:08 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

**Windmark Investment Partners** - January 23, 2019 at 11:28 AM



“ *To the family of Donald Smith. There are never words to express how sorry we are for your lost. Carlton and I want you to know that we will keep you in prayer for God's comfort and strength. Hold on to the great memories that you have. They will help you through the days to come. Love Carlton and Deborah Bowers.*

**Carlton and Deborah Bowers** - January 21, 2019 at 09:26 PM

HF

“ My deepest condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. While nothing will completely take away your grief, by meditating on Gods promises found in the Bible, you can find real hope and the strength to keep going. My family and I have found the scripture at Isaiah 25:8 to be especially comforting. Here it promises that God "will swallow up death forever and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."

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**H. Fields** - January 21, 2019 at 06:02 PM

LG

“ Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.

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**Love you all, Bruce and Sonia Grant** - January 21, 2019 at 02:35 PM

SW

“ May the precious memories of your love one provide the family comfort as you mourn during these difficult days. May you find comfort knowing that we have a Loving God who is ready to give comfort and heal those with a broken heart. Psalm 147:3 Shenell Watson

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**Shenelle Watson** - January 20, 2019 at 08:41 AM

PW

“ To the family, My sincere condolences in the passing of Donald. Please note the words of Micah 4:3, 4: "They will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning shears. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, nor will they learn war anymore. They will sit, each one under his vine and under his fig tree, and no one will make them afraid, for the mouth of Jehovah of armies has spoken." This is a prophecy foretelling the near future when there will be no more wars or crime. Everyone will enjoy true peace and security. Donald will be resurrected to enjoy these blessings. (Acts 24:25; Luke 23:43)

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**Phyllis Watson** - January 17, 2019 at 09:31 AM

TM

“ So. very sorry for your loss, to the family of Mr. Donal Smith. May the peace that surpasses all human understanding, be with you. May you look forward to the resurrection, it will mean life for all in the memorial tombs. John 5:28,29 A promise of hope for all who mourn.

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**Teresa Midget** - January 15, 2019 at 06:15 PM

TE

“ Sorry for your loss. Tina and Aza Edmunds

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**Tina Edmunds** - January 13, 2019 at 02:24 PM

IR

“ Sorry for your loss of a loved one. Read Psalms 34:18 for words of comfort and peace.

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**Irene** - January 13, 2019 at 10:40 AM

JI

“ My deepest sympathy for your loss. I hope you will find comfort in knowing that God is ready to heal the brokenhearted. - Psalm 147:3

JI - January 11, 2019 at 07:25 PM

JO

“ I would like to offer my sincere condolences for your loss. In such difficult time, many families appreciate the comfort offered by the Bible of the time when no one will lose a loved one in death and we will be able to enjoy life again with our loved one. (Isaiah 41: 10). I hope these thoughts comfort you

joyceA - January 10, 2019 at 03:52 PM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss Jesus Christ Loves Me We Love You

Thomas Widgeon - January 09, 2019 at 08:44 PM

MJ

“ I am sorry for your loss, please accept my sincere condolences. I hope the family will find some comfort and strength in Jesus promise of the earthly resurrection(Acts 24:15)and the renewed Paradise earth, where death will be no more and no family will mourn the death of a loved one.-Revelation 21:3,4;John 5:28,29;Luke 23:43. May GOD(Psalms 83:18)grant you peace and comfort now, during this grievous time.-Matthew 5:4.

M Jones - January 09, 2019 at 11:07 AM