



Gary Lynn Smith

August 15, 1948 - November 8, 2020

Gary Lynn Smith, 72, passed away on Sunday, November 8, 2020 in Orlando, Florida.

Gary was born on August 15, 1948 in Duncan, Oklahoma to J.B. and “Peggy” Smith, the second son of three boys. Growing up, he played many sports but truly loved baseball and wrestling. Gary graduated from Duncan High School and earned his associated degree from Cameron University in computer programming. He joked that he majored in pool during his college years.

After college, Gary moved to Dallas, where he met and subsequently married Kay Connor on September 24, 1977. Their first child, April arrived a year later, Jason followed in 1980, and Clay, the last baby, arrived in 1981. Not long after they were blessed with the addition of Nicole.

Gary worked hard for a number of companies including Levi Strauss and Computer Associates, in order to provide for his family. He was highly competitive and continued to love sports. He was always there for his kids and grandkids. He especially enjoyed coaching and cheering from the sidelines, even for the “communist sport of soccer.” Gary enjoyed fishing with his father and carried that tradition down to his sons and grandkids. He also shared his fondness of playing cards with many family nights spent around the table in competition. He relished winning money from his friends and family playing

Texas Hold'Em. Sports were central in Gary's life. Most days he would spend part of his time couch coaching his favorite teams, like the Texas Rangers.

However, the greatest loves of his life were God, family and golf. After many years of hard work, he finally landed his dream job by retiring. The Trails of Frisco became his second home, where he tended the greens, treasure hunted thousands of golf balls, and played golf almost every day with his buddies.

Gary grew up in the church and had fond memories of his time in the choir. He carried his passion of worshiping through song for the rest of his life. He was a member of First Baptist Carrollton, where he sang in their choir. He desired to pass the faith on to his children, and brought them up attending church. They observed his faithful and generous spirit, leaving lasting impressions on their lives.

Gary was a protector and a provider. His family will remember a joy-filled, kind and generous man of God.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Gary is survived by his wife of 43 years, Kay Smith; four children, Nicole James; April Hyatt and husband Bryan; Jason Smith and wife Laine; Clay Smith and wife Shala; two brothers Gene Smith and wife Kathy; Jay Smith and wife Danna; and 15 grandchildren: Lauren, Andrew, Nathan, Caden, Cole, Eyan, Eli, Lily, Micah, Gabriella, Jeremiah, Johannah, Ruthanne, Madeline, and Corban.

A Celebration for Gary's Life to be held Saturday, November 14th @ 11 A.M. at First Baptist Church of the Fields, 1401 Carrollton Pkwy, Carrollton, TX 75010.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that you honor Gary by giving a gift to Missions at First Baptist Boerne. Gary loved supporting missions to spread the name of Jesus. Giving can be done at the following link and will go towards international missions. Choose the Fund drop down button and select "In Memory of Gary Smith (for FBC missions)." <https://onrealm.org/fbcboerne/-/give/now>

Tribute Wall

SF

“ I worked with and for Gary at Levi Strauss. He was a great guy. I'm just now getting around to trying to find some of the old crew from Levi's and am sad to see that a lot of them have passed away. May you rest in eternal peace, Gary, and enjoy those streets of gold for all of eternity. Starlyn (Caglagis) Frank - now living in New Orleans, LA (if any of the family wants to contact me, please find me on Facebook under my name Starlyn Caglagis Frank)

Starlyn Caglagis Frank - January 22, 2025 at 04:58 PM

JT

“ I was shocked to find out that Gary had passed away. My heart is sad!!
I have a lot of memories with Gary. There isn't enough space on this medium to tell these. Back in the day, he went by the nickname of "Stinky". I never knew how he got that nickname. I never asked, though it feels strange to call him Gary. I spent many nights at his house, and he at mine. We were both from the same side of town. Gary was one weight lighter than I on our wrestling team. He was an outstanding athlete....playing football, baseball, wrestling and it was no surprise to me that when he went to college, he received a scholarship for track and field. At one time, I tried to talk him into coming out to Colorado and join the team that I was on. The last time I saw him was in 1969 and my future wife and I went on a double date with him and his (at that time) girlfriend. It never crossed my mind that we would become lost to each other. I tried hunting him down about every five years, but I couldn't find even where he lived, much less anyway of contacting him. From what I am reading he was the same guy I knew back in 1966. My heart goes out his family and his golfing friends. God bless you all, and to my best buddy,
Stinky.....R.I.P. Jody L. Thompson Duncan Demons forever.

Jody L Thompson - December 01, 2020 at 05:14 PM



“ *Sending prayers and love to Gary’s family members.*
Carolyn Simmons

Carolyn Simmons - November 17, 2020 at 09:53 PM

BM

“ so many over the years since moving here in 2005. a wonderful man that loved his family and the game of golf...until his game would go south. our group would encourage him & remind him that this game comes & goes. after consulting with his "coach" weidert without improvement, he would say "that's it. i'm done". working at the trails of frisco golf course, we would constantly harass him about coming back out. of course, he would.

my cousin from tangleridge golf course has a traveling group that would play throught the metroplex. of course, our group would play with them when they came to a course nearby. he called me one day saying they're going on an overnigher golf weekend & wanted to know if i wanted to come. it was a 2 man team event at windstar casino & another course out in no wheres land. sent a note around to the group, and, no one but gary responded so i told him i wanted to drive up both saturday & sunday & would pick him up at the trails 1 1/2 hrs before tee time. we had a nice drive & round of golf on a beautiful fall day on saturday. on sunday morning, we were to play turtle creek as i recall which is about 20 miles away in a rural area. meet at same time & place. when i arrived, gary was there waiting. he rolled down the window and without hesitation says "put the clubs in the trunk & get in". so i did. next came the ride of my life!!! we're 20 miles farther than windstar on country roads. and, we arrive at the golf course in the same 1 hour time it took to get to windstar! those who have had the pleasure of riding shotgun with gary will certainly know of driving prowess.

gary, miss you dearly but take comfort in knowing that you are in the arms of the Father.

Bob Maeyama - November 14, 2020 at 11:06 AM

NM

“ *My deepest sympathies to the family.*



Nadine Roese McVey - November 12, 2020 at 02:19 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gary Lynn Smith.*



November 12, 2020 at 07:10 AM

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“ *Elizabeth and Steven Clark purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Gary Lynn Smith.*



Elizabeth and Steven Clark - November 11, 2020 at 07:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary Lynn Smith.*



November 11, 2020 at 01:59 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary Lynn Smith.*



November 11, 2020 at 10:46 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Lynn Smith.*



November 11, 2020 at 08:57 AM



“ *We lost a dear one our brother in- law Gary Smith !
Our grief is endless !
Gary was an amazing man , he always inspired us with his
kindness,
thoughtfulness , smiles !
People pass away , but t memories remain forever,
Gary will be missed tremendously , we are keeping our brother
Gary Smith in our deepest thoughts and prayers !
Jim and Lidia Connor*

*„Look down on us from Heaven,
keeps us free from hurt and pain !
You always be within our hearts !
until we meet again...”*

James Michael Connor - November 11, 2020 at 08:08 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gary Lynn Smith.*



November 10, 2020 at 10:28 PM



“ *Heaven's Comfort was purchased for the family of Gary Lynn Smith.*



November 10, 2020 at 08:32 PM

DC

“ I have a million memories of my friend and golf partner Gary Smith. I'm gonna share a memory that could have been tragic but turned out funny in the end. He came to the golf course wearing a defibrillator that was hooked up to his chest and the unit was in a fanny pack so he could swing a golf club. He told me that if the unit ever activated to stay away from him and don't touch him unless I wanted to get zapped. One day the unit was going off (beeping) every three or four holes. He had 30 seconds to deactivate the system and he did that a bunch. On hole #17, it started beeping and for some reason he ignored it. I said dude are you gonna take care of that beeping and he panicked and couldn't get to the button in time. Needless to say, it knocked him to his knees and I was helpless. Once it stopped, he ripped off his shirt and the defibrillator and threw them in the cart. I asked him if he was ok and he just said a few choice words and we both had really good laugh. He never wore the defibrillator again. I told him I wish I could have recorded the moment and sold it to America's Funniest Videos. I could have made a small fortune. LOL. I'm really gonna miss my great friend.

Doug Curtis - November 10, 2020 at 07:10 PM

WR

Walt Ripple
I will miss my good friend. You will be greatly missed, but never forgotten. I know you will see our golfing buddies Taylor, Mike, and Gaither. Makes a great foursome. I

Walt Ripple - November 14, 2020 at 10:05 AM

CC

“ Gary will be remembered by his smile and the joy he had in his heart. He loved golfing and was more like a brother than just a friend to the guys he golfed with. He will be missed but left all with a lot of good memories

Caren Curtis - November 10, 2020 at 06:54 PM