



Charles Lee Smith

December 28, 1947 - November 5, 2016

Charles Lee Smith (“Papa Charles”) 68, of Tyler, Texas, rode off on his final adventure to meet his Creator, Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on November 5, 2016, in Dallas.

Born December 28, 1947, in Tyler, the son of Earnest Smith and Bonnie Brown Smith and of Jacksonville, Texas, Charles grew up and attended high school in Snyder, Texas. He also attended Tyler Junior College. He enlisted in the U. S. Navy in 1967 and served two tours in Vietnam aboard the USS Turner Joy (DD-951) Navel Destroyer.

Charles was married to the "love of his life ", Betty Stone Jayroe, on May 12, 1990. They are members of Green Acres Baptist Church.

Charles worked for Southwestern Bell and AT&T for 30 years, retiring in 2005. He then worked in real estate in Lindale and Tyler until 2013. He also worked for the East Texas Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse as a recovery coach working with veterans.

Charles was a member of the Kairos Prison Ministry and served as a volunteer chaplain at the Michael Unit in Tennessee Colony. He founded Christian Men’s Job Corps in Tyler with Green Acres Baptist Church and helped to start East Texas Marriage Savers marriage mentoring ministry.

Charles was an active member of the Christian Motorcyclists Association (CMA,), Cross Spoke Riders chapter. He and Betty blessed bikes and their riders, which was his passion, telling them of the love of Jesus. They ministered to bikers through CMA across the U.S. on the road and at rallies for the last few years of his life. He was also a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA). Charles regularly attended the Sunrise Prayer Breakfast in Tyler.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Betty; brothers and wives Richard and Mary Jo and Robert and Claudia all of Jacksonville; daughter Jennifer Smith Cook of Tyler; son and wife Christopher and Michelle Smith of Van, Texas, and grandchildren Damon and Amelia; son Eric Smith of Tyler; stepdaughter and husband Diana and Steve Awbrey of Tyler and grandchildren Rebekah and Mark Price of Chandler, Andrew, Aaron, Rachel and Anna Awbrey; stepdaughter Denise Jayroe and Robin Parker of Dallas and grandson Zayn; stepdaughter and husband Deborah and Bill Gilcrease of Tyler and grandchildren Christopher and Shelby Gilcrease and great grandchildren Owen and Matilda of Forney; and Emma , Steven, Noah, and Vivien Gilcrease.

A celebration of Charles' life will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, November 12, at Green Acres Chapel, 1607 Troup Highway, Tyler. Longtime friend Reverend Jerry Goff of The Well in Waxahachie and Pastor [David Dykes of Green Acres Baptist Church will officiate. The family will receive friends 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM, prior to service.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to the "Run For The Son," Christian Motorcyclists Association, c/o Cross Spoke Riders, P.O. Box 953, Whitehouse, TX 75791, instead of flowers.

Events

NOV **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Green Acres Baptist Church

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NOV **Memorial service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home - November 11, 2016 at 10:58 AM



“ Charles said he worked on our phone system when Calvary Commission first started. He came by the office and told me about his treatment and hope for recovery. He later told me of his travel plans and had his RV on our property for a while. He was always ready to help those in need. We will miss him but we know he had prepared his life for eternity.

Joe L Fauss - November 14, 2016 at 10:40 AM



“ Betty and other family members:

I was saddened to learn of Charles's passing. He did so many good things in the community, and it was a pleasure to know him. May you find peace in the good memories we all share.



John Sims - November 11, 2016 at 06:24 PM



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“ Charles (and Betty) were so instrumental in preserving our marriage 21 years ago. We were mentored by them for many, many years and would not be married today if not for them. Charles was always first to speak truth in love and always wanted the best for us. His impact on this world will be far and wide, as the ripples that continue to spread to our children and theirs will be a direct reflection of his work in our lives. We loved him and are continuing to pray for Betty. We pray for peace and comfort for all of the family during this time of loss.

Julie Ross - November 07, 2016 at 08:39 PM



“ Charles Smith was a special delight to me. Always "good" or OK when you would ask him how he was doing, he exemplified what the Christian life is to me with his wisdom and input in our class.

I enjoyed the times we could visit and reminisce. It was especially exciting to me to find out that he was also a Snyder Tiger, having gone to high school in Snyder Texas, graduating a year or so after me. We had our own special "Argh" greeting when we saw each other.

I will miss him--as will many, many more people who he has touched.
God bless you Betty and family! I look forward to seeing him again soon.

Scooter Harbour

W H Harbour - November 07, 2016 at 07:10 PM