



Arthur Martin "Smitty" Smith

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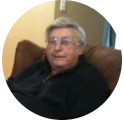
Arthur Martin Smith, better known as “Smitty” passed away on May 17, 2021 at Baptist Memorial Hospital after a brief stay. He was born September 4, 1932 in Eau Claire, Wisconsin to his late parents, Marty and Trace Smith. After graduating from St. Patrick High School in Eau Claire in 1951, he enlisted in the United States Air Force serving four years during the Korean War. He met his late wife Louise while stationed in Albuquerque, New Mexico while she was completing her residency at Baylor University. After getting married, they relocated to Memphis, Tennessee where he attended Memphis State University. Smitty was a long-time employee of Gordon’s Transportation in Memphis, TN as a claim agent. He also served as President of the Whitehaven Optimist Club in the early 1970’s.

He was a lifelong sports fan who enjoyed following the Green Bay Packers, Memphis Tigers and Grizzlies, where he was a season ticket holder. He was an avid tennis player who competed in the state’s Senior games well into his late 70’s. He was affectionately known for his spin shot while on the court.

Arthur was preceded in death by his loving wife of 42 years, Louise, his two sisters, Vivian Balke and Arlene Spaeth both of Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

He is survived by one sister, Delores McFaul of Eau Claire, Wisconsin and three children, Steve (Sherry) Smith of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, Michelle (Craig) Kitch of Kingston Springs, Tennessee, Greg Smith of Memphis, Tennessee and two grandchildren, Kaylee and Alexa from Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. He is also survived by a loving long-time companion, JoAnn Knight of Memphis, Tennessee and many wonderful nieces and nephews from Eau Claire, Wisconsin and Tulsa, Oklahoma.

He will be cherished for his great sense of humor, easy going personality who displayed a quick smile with kindness who genuinely loved life.



Obituary

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A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, July 21 at the Fireside Chapel of Memorial Park Funeral Home with inurnment to follow at Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Ave, Memphis, TN, 38119. (901) 767-8930.






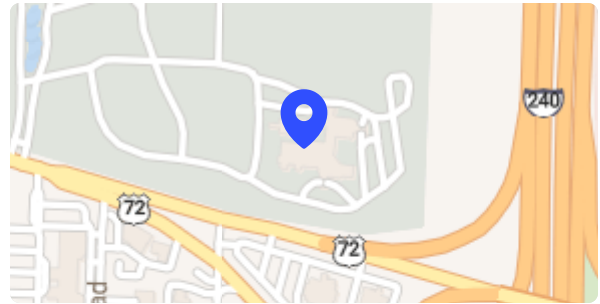
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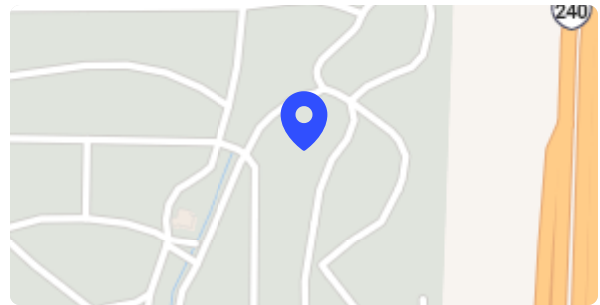
Memorial Service

-  **Wednesday**, July 21, 2021
-  11:30 AM CT
-  **Memorial Park Fireside Chapel**
5668 Poplar Avenue, Memphis TN 38119



Cemetery Details

-  **Memorial Park Cemetery**
5668 Poplar Ave, Memphis TN 38119
-  **(901) 445-8475**





Tribute Wall

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JB

Jack Brown posted:

Susan and I had many great evenings with Smitty and Louise at their house playing Trivial Pursuit with others from the VA Hospital staff back in the 80's. Smitty always laughed at his own stories as much as he laughed at yours. I'm glad we caught up with him and JoAnn a couple of years ago for a meal at Pancho's. He was a joy to be around.

July 19 at 3:21 PM

JK

Joann Knight sent a virtual gift in honor of Arthur Martin.



May 21 at 8:11 PM

JK

Joann Knight posted:

My dear Smitty, it's so hard to believe that I can't just pick up the phone and tell you the many things that have happened since you left us.. I wanted to do that so badly today! You would be astonished at the calls, messages and other outpourings of love for you and for those of us you left behind.. Everyone has been so kind and there's been a lot of tears but the strange thing is that after the tears, almost everyone has a funny story about you that makes us laugh. You brought so much joy to everyone especially me. Love You!!! Jo Ann

May 21 at 7:43 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Arthur Martin by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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