



Charles G. Smith

October 6, 1925 - August 7, 2017

Charles Glenn “Charlie” Smith, 91, of Tyler passed away peacefully on Monday, August 7th surrounded in love by his family. Services will be held on Thursday, August 10th at Stewart Family Funeral Home. Visitation will begin at 2pm, followed by a memorial service at 3pm with Rev. Gerry Giles officiating.

Charlie was born to the late Charles Benson Smith and Anita Mabel Apperson Smith in Naples, Texas on October 6, 1925. His childhood was spent causing mischief with his cousin Homer in multiple small towns including Hawkins, Quitman, and Minneola. After a brief time living near the coast, he couldn't wait to get back to East Texas.

After graduating high school in Hawkins, Charlie entered the service as part of the Army Air Corps and was stationed in Biloxi, Mississippi. After the war ended, he moved to Overton, Texas and attended Kilgore Junior College. During this time, he had the good fortune to live across the street from a beautiful young woman named Vaneece. Their courtship included him circling the block in his parents' green coup until he caught her eye. He was head over heels in love and the two were married on February 15, 1947.

Charlie attended the University of Texas and received his Bachelor's Degree in Business. In Austin, they had the “time of their lives” attending Longhorn sporting events and socializing with family and close friends. They soon moved to Tyler for his job serving as an accountant with Mustang Drilling Company. His daughter Glenda was born in Tyler, followed by his son Kelly a

few years later. Charlie enjoyed being a father and spending time with his family. He continued his career in the industry as the owner of Southwest Drilling Company before retiring and focusing on his other great love... golf. As a longtime member of Briarwood and Willow Brook Country Clubs, he had a total of 10 holes in one throughout the years, shooting under his age well into his late 70's. In the clubhouse, he honed his craft of storytelling while playing cards and dominoes with his friends. Part of his comedy routine relied on his "ornery-ness," always the playful joker with an infectious smile. However, his kind heart is what will live on through remembering his love of children and his countless, anonymous gestures to complete strangers. He is survived by his loving wife of 70 years, Vaneece Smith of Tyler, his sister Peggy Watson of Kingwood, his daughter Glenda and her husband John Atkinson of Tyler, and his son Kelly Smith of Frisco. "Chasey" was also survived by his granddaughter Katie and her husband Rob Bryson and great-grandchildren Claire, Sydney and Harper of Austin; his grandson Jay Atkinson and fiancé Aubrey Jacquez of Tyler; his granddaughter Alex Smith of Ft. Worth and grandson Kyle Smith of Frisco. If desired, donations may be made to The Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75701.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 10. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Mem. Service

AUG 10. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Charles G. Smith*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - August 10, 2017 at 02:56 PM

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“ *Prayers for Mr. Smith's family. Glenda, we are thinking of you and praying for God to give you extra strength through this difficult time.*



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“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Charles G. Smith.*



August 08, 2017 at 02:47 PM