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## Charles J. "Chuck" Smith

Services for Charles J. "Chuck" Smith, 82 of Longview, will be held at Noon Wednesday, October 1, 2003 in the Chapel of Rader Funeral Home of Longview, with the Reverend Bill Cunningham officiating. Private family burial will be held in a Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Mr. Smith passed away on Sunday morning, September 28, 2003 in a Longview nursing facility.

He was born September 17, 1921 to John and Etta Zagorski in Shenandoah, Pennsylvania. He joined the air force in 1942 and being a career officer he continued to serve his country after World War II, flying 57 combat missions in Korea. During his career, he received 12 awards, including the D.F.C. and Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters.

After returning from Korea, he married Nez Smith in the Chapel at Langley AFB, Virginia in October 1951.

On June 30, 1963, Maj. Smith retired from the Air Force at McClellan AFB in Sacramento, California and started a second career as a realtor. He has been a resident of Longview since 1989. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Longview Elks Lodge #1128, American Legion 140 and VFW #4002.

He was preceded in death by his father, John Zagorski; mother and step father, Etta and Herbert Smith; and his beloved aunt, Anne Long. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Nez Smith of Longview, one daughter and son-in-law, Maura and Bill Sellers of Lake Charles, LA; grandson, Josh Sellers and his wife Vicki of Dallas; granddaughter, Leia Sellers of Dallas; brother, Edward Smith and his wife Juanita of MS; sisters-in-law, Ileene Kehn of AZ, and Elsie Warren of Mt. Pleasant; brothers-in-law, Malcolm Warren of Mt. Pleasant and Aubrey Warren of El Paso; several cousins including John Zagorski of Lititz, Pa.

Memorials may be made to the "Jim Kendrick Scholarship Fund" at Elks Lodge #1128, PO Box 123, Longview, Texas, 75606 or to the First United Methodist Church, 400 North Fredonia St. Longview, Texas 75601.



## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** posted:

Nez, I am sad to hear of Chucks passing. I know how sick he was and thanks be to God he went to his heavenly reward with you close by. No words can console at times like this but know I am thinking and praying for you to endure. Love, Jackie##imported-begin##John Zagorski##imported-end##

September 30 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Chuck was my uncle-in-law, but I couldn't have loved him more had he been my brother. I will always remember his wonderful laugh, the cheer, and happiness he brought not only to me but to all those that were fortunate to have known him. The Christmas' I spent with Chuck and Nez will always be remembered and cherished. Watching Chuck's delight as Nez opened her presents was so tender and heart warming. When Chuck opened his presents it was with sheer glee and brought laughter and more joy to Christmas. Another memory I shall never forget was the roses he gave to Nez on their anniversary-one for each year. He would always take her out for diner and "surprise" her with the roses. Of course, Nez always acted surprised and he loved it. It was just one of their special games played out with love. Chuck loved people and they loved him in return; he entertained us for years. But there was another side of Chuck that was, serious, compassionate, tender, interesting, protective and intelligent. I loved that Chuck as well. I nicknamed him "My Jewish Mama" because of his protectiveness of me. I will miss him terribly and pray to God that there will be others' like him. The world needs a lot of Chucks' to brighten our days, make us laugh, and bring us happiness. However, there will never be another quiet like him because he was an original and none can completely replace him. Goodnight, my very special Jewish Mama.##imported-begin##Yvonne Michaels and Ileene Kehn##imported-end##

September 29 at 7:00 PM



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