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**S**ervices for William L. "Bill" Smith, Msgt USAF Ret., 72, of Longview will be held at 10 AM Wednesday, October 7, 2009 at Pine Tree Church of Christ with Chaplain Jerry Haymes officiating. Burial will follow in Rosewood Park. Services are under the direction of Rader Funeral Home of Longview. Mr. Smith passed away Sunday morning in a local hospital. The family will receive friends Tuesday evening from 6-8 PM.

Bill was born on August 6, 1937 in Mountain Park, NM to William and Lela Smith. He proudly served his country in the United States Air Force for 22 years. After his military career, he worked for Anchor Safety, formerly known as Glow Inc., and Southwest Steel Casting. He was a member of Pine Tree Church of Christ. Bill was a member of the Sound Connection Barbershop Chorus, and also enjoyed camping with his many friends in the Texas Military Retiree Camping Club.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, William Aubrey Smith; and one sister, Ethel Frazier.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 53 years, Jeanette Smith; daughters and sons-in-law, Melissa and Gordon Cooper, and Jolie and Corey Gilley, all of Longview; grandchildren, Melvin Cooper, Henry Cooper, Megan Gilley, and Morgan Gilley; cousin, Mary Blanch Martin of Silverton, Texas; and nephew, Drennan Smith of Tucson, AZ.

The family would like to extend a very special thanks to the Doctors and nurses at the Good Shepherd Medical ICU Unit and Intermediate Care, and also to the staff of Clairmont Nursing Home.

The family request that memorial donations be made to the Caring and Sharing Center, 1303 S. Mobberly Ave., Longview, Texas 75601.

A memorial guestbook may be signed online at [www.raderfh.com](http://www.raderfh.com).



## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** posted:

WE SEND OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS TO YOUR FAMILY. YOU ARE ALL IN OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS.##imported-begin##LIN AND DIANN ALLEN##imported-end##

October 6 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Melissa & Family, I am so sorry about your loss...My Thoughts and Prayers are with you!!!LoveDawn Rushing Sutton##imported-begin##Dawn Rushing Sutton##imported-end##

October 5 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Melissa and Jolie, We are deeply saddened by your lost and will keep you close to our hearts in your time of need.##imported-begin##Dale, Delia, and Kaleb Hively##imported-end##

October 5 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Gordon, Melissa, Melvin and Henryl am so sorry to hear about your loss. I will keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Janet Miles##imported-end##

October 5 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Mr. Bill will be missed by the mgmnt and staff at Ihop. He was one of our favorite regulars. Thoughts and prayers to his family. You were a part of our family.##imported-begin##Fred Kappen##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

We will never forget Bill's laugh and his unbridled enthusiasm for what he loved. He loved his family, his church, and his friends, but most of all he loved God. Now he is in the hands of his loving Savior and someday, we will join him and enjoy his laugh once again!##imported-begin##David and Kim Allen##imported-end##

October 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Jeanette, I am so sorry about your loss. I promise to pray for you and your family in the days to come.##imported-begin##Betsy Dunnivant##imported-end##

October 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Know that my prayers go out to you and all your family during this difficult time. May you all feel God's loving presence and His loving embrace.Love and prayers,Jan Kramer##imported-begin##Jan##imported-end##

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