



# Dr. Tom M. Smith

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## **Dr. Tom M. Smith**

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**T**homas Michael Smith (Dr. Tom M. Smith) was received with great joy into Jesus's arms May 29, 2024. A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held Friday, June 28, 2024, at 3:00 PM at First Lutheran Church in Longview, Texas.

Tom was the firstborn of three sons to Ruth Fletcher Smith and Harry Ellis Smith in 1941 in Sewickley, Pennsylvania. He moved with his family to Texas as a 15 year old, marched with the Lobo Band, and graduated from Longview High School in 1959. He graduated with his Bachelor's of Science Degree from the University of Texas at Austin in 1963 and continued his education at the University of Texas Dental Branch in Houston, receiving his Doctorate of Dentistry in 1967, where he was a member of the Delta Sigma Delta International Dental Fraternity. During this time he met and then married his wife Susan Kay in June 1967. Tom entered the United States Army Dental Corps as a captain and served at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, for 3 years, receiving the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service upon completing his active duty. He was accepted into the Baylor College of Dentistry, School of Periodontics in Dallas (now Texas A&M School of Dentistry) and received his Master's Degree in Periodontics in 1972. He opened his practice in Periodontal Dentistry and practiced for 50 years in Longview, Mineola, and Mt. Pleasant, Texas. He was professionally active in the American Dental Association, Texas Dental Association, American Academy of Periodontology, and Southwest Society of Periodontists, where he served in these organizations on various committees. Tom was a past president of the East Texas Dental Society and a member of Gregg County Dental Society and Land of Pines Dental Study Club. He was a staff member of Good Shepherd Medical Center and Longview Regional Medical Center.

As a lifelong Christian and a member of First Lutheran Church of Longview, he sang in the Chancel Choir, was active on many committees, and volunteered in youth programs. He was a student of many Biblical study groups and led a class in Bible Study Fellowship (BSF). Tom cherished his relationships with God, with family, and with friends of all ages, inspiring and connecting meaningfully with others.



## Obituary

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Tom loved investing himself in his community. As a charter member of the Longview Kiwanis Day Break Club, he served as president and on many of its committees; he was a charter board member of the Harrison Street Day Care Center, which later became the Longview Child Development Center. He supported Longview Community Ministries, Texas Shakespeare Festival in Kilgore, and Gregg County Historical Museum.

As a Mason, Tom was an endowed member of the Longview Lodge #404, a Master Mason for over 60 years, a Scottish Rite Mason 32° for over 50 years, and a member of the Waco Scottish Rite Bodies.

His love of music led Tom to support the Longview Symphony and the East Texas Symphonic Band. Classical organ music was his passion and Johann Sebastian Bach his hero. Other interests included clock and watch restoration. He loved cultivating trees and plants on his farm. An enthusiastic fan of his grandchildren's activities, he was proud of their many accomplishments.

His parents preceded Tom in death. Of those left to cherish memories of him are his loving wife of 57 years Susan Kay Swedlund Smith and two sons: Dr. Todd Mikel Smith, wife Wendy, and children Tatum Michelle Smith, Clara Mikel Smith, and Noah Mikel Smith; and Sterling Kent Smith, wife Jami, and children Ellis Kennedy Smith, Emerson Kate Smith, and Harper Sterling Smith. He is survived by his two brothers Dr. David F. Smith and wife Nancy, Dr. Mark E. Smith and wife Jill Hunter, sister-in-law Trudi J. Swedlund, and many relatives across the USA.


Memorial contributions may be given to First Lutheran Church, 3901 Bill Owens Parkway, Longview, Texas 75605, or the charity of your choice.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.


Matthew 5:16

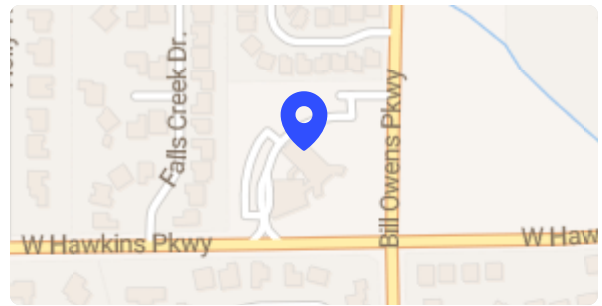


**Celebration of Life**

 **Friday**, June 28, 2024

 3:00 PM CT

 **First Lutheran Church**  
3901 Bill Owens Parkway, Longview TX





## Tribute Wall

Dr. Tom M. Smith

PT

**Pinnacle Implants And Periodontics Team** sent a Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray to the Smith family.

June 26 at 4:02 PM



DT

**Dr. John Taylor** lit a candle in honor of Tom.

Dr. Smith was one of the most caring, courteous health professionals I have had the distinct pleasure of knowing and working with over the past 35 years. He will be missed!Dr. John Taylor

June 26 at 8:56 AM



NM

**Nan Mitchell** posted:

Susan Kay, I am just now hearing of Tom's passing. My sincere sympathy to you and your family. Prayers for peace and comfort for you and your children.

June 26 at 6:29 AM

KN

**Keith Norris** posted:

Dr. Smith was a wonderful dentist, who aided me during my battle with cancer.A kind and gentle man, with a smile so beautiful and sweet.I love you Dr. Tom, RIP.Keith Norris

June 25 at 7:45 PM

NB

**Nell Raper Boren** posted:

A great dentist and a fine man. I know he will be missed in Longview and the surrounding area. Prayers of comfort for his family. Nell Raper Boren, formerly of Lake Cherokee.

June 25 at 4:50 PM

DH

**Deb Howell** posted:

I am so sorry to hear of his passing. Your family will be in my prayers. I was a patient of Dr. Smith's for many years up until his retirement. He was a great man, very caring and patient. I thought the world of him. Dr. Smith will be missed. Deb Howell

June 25 at 1:29 PM



## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Smith family.

June 23 at 11:24 AM



**Jason And Alesia Burnett** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Tom.

June 23 at 11:24 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Smith family.

June 22 at 4:55 AM



**Sonvya Duncan** lit a candle in honor of Tom.

We are so sorry, Dr. Tom will be missed and it just won't be the same at the Antique Shows without him. Susan Kay, may God continue to give you strength and grace, and we are here for anything you need. Sonvya & Joe Duncan

June 21 at 8:10 AM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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