



Leonard C. Smith

April 2, 1930 - May 23, 2013

Leonard Calvin "Bud" Smith went to be with his Lord and Savior at his home in Brighton, Missouri on Thursday, May 23, 2013 at the age of 83. Bud was born April 2, 1930 in Elk City Oklahoma, to Ida May Murdock Smith and Robert Dempsey Smith. Bud is survived by his loving wife of 61 years Carol, sisters Nita Bradley, Bessie Hale and Phyllis (Marvin) McClure, four children; Susan Rios of Brighton, Lauri Lippl of Vancouver, Washington, Steven (Jill) of Las Vegas, and David (Laurie) of Sacramento. Bud is also survived by 10 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews and his four beloved pets, Sugar, Sam, Mandy and Bobbie.

Bud lived his early years in Oklahoma before moving with his family to California where he graduated from Salinas High in 1948. He spent a time working on a cattle ranch in Arizona before joining the Army in June of 1951. Bud proudly served his country for 21 years including tours in Korea and Vietnam. He retired from the military in 1971 and remained in the Monterey, California area until 1989 when he and Carol decided to become homeless - and traveled our country for 3 years before choosing to resettle in Missouri.

Bud loved to ride his motorcycles and was a Lieutenant with Monterey County Sheriff Motor Squad. Additional pleasures in life were playing the guitar with family and friends, singing in the church choir, teaching Sunday School, gardening, wood working and was always willing to lend a hand to anybody in

need.

Bud was wheelchair bound from the early 90's, but continued to be an inspiration to his family and anyone who had the pleasure to know him through his lack of self-pity and a belief that he was capable of anything he put his mind to. He loved the Lord and served Him faithfully.

Please be comforted in knowing, as the family is, that there are no wheelchairs in Heaven!

We already miss you terribly but have comfort knowing you are with Jesus. We are more than proud to call you Honey, Dad and Poppy.....

Funeral services will be held at 11:00am on Saturday, May 25, 2013 at Brighton Highway Assembly of God Church in Brighton, Missouri.

Visitation will be held from 5:00-7:00pm on Friday, May 24, 2013 at the Church.

Burial will take place at 1:00pm on Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Springfield, Missouri.

Friends and family may sign the guestbook or leave private condolences at www.butlerfuneralhome.com

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Tribute Wall



“ *Leonard C. Smith*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Leonard C. Smith*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Carolyn and I extend our sympathy to the Family.*

Dr John E. Russell - May 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *He is in the arms of our Dear Lord and Savior. No more suffering.
Love to his sweet family.
Linda and Dale*

Linda Murdock - May 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM