



Fearl F. Smith

October 9, 1932 - June 14, 2015

Fearl Fain Smith, Jack County Commissioner of Precinct 1, passed away Sunday June 14, in the local hospital after suffering heat stroke and dehydration.

The son of George W. and Dovie Powell Smith, he was born Oct 9, 1932 in Jermyn. He attended school in Jermyn and Jacksboro before the family moved to Texhoma, where he graduated as valedictorian.

Upon moving back to Jacksboro, he was working as a mechanic at Ford Garage, as was Steve Tilghman. The two of them became enamored of twins Mollie and Dollie Suttle who walked by each day on their way to lunch. Fearl and Mollie married, as did Steve and Dollie. (All are deceased.)

He was a licensed pilot and had his own small plane. A niece remembers his flying his plane, at times even taking his aged mother to Arkansas to see a brother's football team play. The niece also remembers that he designed a house, tore down an old building to salvage the lumber to build his home near the airport. And that he always had a bountiful vegetable garden. Visitors never went home empty-handed. A great-nephew remembers going on a family camping trip to Colorado with him and 16 other aunts, uncles and cousins. For forty years, Fearl planned and put into action extended family vacations to the Colorado Mountains.

During his working life, Fearl used his mechanic abilities in his own auto repair shop. Later, he had a TV repair shop. For several years, he was transportation superintendent for Jacksboro ISD. When computers were just coming into widespread use, he set up a complicated software program for each of the schoolbuses. He also put his computer skills to work when he was Jack County Tax-Assessor. He served in the army during the Korean War and was packing to be sent overseas when the conflict ended.

He was supportive of his wife in her Jesus Name Church, where he was routinely persuaded to do his rendition of "Long Black Train."

Fearl Smith is survived by his son, George Carl (wife Karen) of Amarillo, daughter, Melissa Cowley of Bowie, grandchildren Emily, Chris and Michael Cowley, Jeremy, Joanna, James Fearl, Barbara and Molly Smith, a great granddaughter, Isabella Cowley. Also a sister, Wynelle Catlin of Mineral Wells and brother, Harvey Smith of Hope, Ark., sister-in-laws Mary Parker of Jacksboro and Emily Stout, brother-in-law Dan Suttle.

Fearl left behind his faithful companion, Jake, the grandson of one of George Strait's dogs.

Two of his favorite organizations were Concerned Citizens and Gladys Johnson Ritchie Library. Donations may be made to them in his name.

Cemetery Details

Roberts Branch Cemetery

1437 Roberts Branch Road
Jacksboro, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 18. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Coker Funeral Home
152 State Hwy 148
Jacksboro, TX 76458
(940) 567-3778
info@cokerfuneral.com

Service

JUN 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fearl F. Smith*

October 09, 2023 at 04:16 AM



“ *Fearl F. Smith*

January 28, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ *Mary Massengale lit a candle in memory of
Fearl F. Smith*



Mary Massengale - June 29, 2015 at 08:11 PM



“ *Reisha Horn lit a candle in memory of Fearl F.
Smith*



Reisha Horn - June 19, 2015 at 07:08 PM

AA

“ *Ann Amburn lit a candle in memory of Fearl F. Smith*



Ann Amburn - June 19, 2015 at 04:46 PM

LH

“ *Linda Heathcoat lit a candle in memory of Fearl F. Smith*



Linda Heathcoat - June 18, 2015 at 02:25 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Fearl F. Smith.*



June 18, 2015 at 10:33 AM

GP

“ *Greg And Redonna Pulis lit a candle in memory of Fearl F. Smith*



Greg and Redonna Pulis - June 18, 2015 at 06:25 AM

TA

“ Tammyshields sent a virtual gift in memory of Fearl F. Smith



Tammyshields - June 17, 2015 at 06:12 PM

TL

“ SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT FEARL PASSING,BUT HE IS IN A BETTER PLACE,HEAVEN WITH HIS WIFE MOLLIE.& ALL HIS FRIENDS & LOVED ONES.MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL!! TERESA LEMONS.

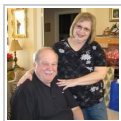
TERESA LEMONS - June 17, 2015 at 05:36 PM



“ Carolyn Smith lit a candle in memory of Fearl F. Smith



Carolyn Smith - June 17, 2015 at 12:37 PM



Praying for family and friends. My mom (Juanita) and Fearl were cousins. My grandmother (Callie Damron) and his father were brother and sister. Rick has good memories of Fearl taking him up in his airplane. It's wonderful to know that all our family in Heaven are having a wonderful reunion.

Carolyn Smith - June 17, 2015 at 12:53 PM

SR

“ Quite a guy.....he will certainly be missed.....



Sam/Shirley Roach - June 17, 2015 at 12:27 PM

DC

“ Donna Cramer lit a candle in memory of Fearl F. Smith



Donna Cramer - June 17, 2015 at 12:18 PM

RL

“ Fearl was 1 if a kind a wonderful person and friend to all he will be missed dearly.



Ronny Leatherwood - June 17, 2015 at 12:14 PM

VH

“ VICKY HARRIS lit a candle in memory of Fearl F. Smith



VICKY HARRIS - June 17, 2015 at 10:57 AM

VH

He was one of a kind. This is a great loss to all in Jack County.

VICKY HARRIS - June 17, 2015 at 10:58 AM

SR

“ *So sorry for your loss. Fearl was a friend who would always give you his honest opinion.*



Sherry Rupe - June 17, 2015 at 10:02 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Video Tribute*



Coker Funeral Home - June 17, 2015 at 07:37 AM



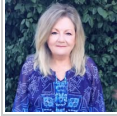
*Thank you so much for the beautiful, memory filled video...it brought tears and a smile...will miss you ,Uncle Fearl
Laura*

Laura Catlin - June 17, 2015 at 02:07 PM

JC

such a stirring of my emotions from remembering the very day that Fearl sang this very song to his living room. Had my very first airplane ride, airsick and all, with Fearl at the stick. So many wonderful times from such a wonderful man. Love James Catlin

James Catlin - June 17, 2015 at 02:34 PM



I had the pleasure of becoming part of the family 34 years ago when I married his nephew William. I loved going to their house, gathering around the piano and singing while Mollie played the piano. I also went for a ride with Fearl in his airplane. I was scared but he was a great pilot and I knew I was in good hands. His love for the Lord and for his family was inspiring. Many people were blessed by his life. RIP Fearl. You did it your way.

Sondra Catlin - June 18, 2015 at 03:25 AM



This video is a wonderful reflection of the uncle I remember - full of life, love, and family! Fearl and Molly are now together having fun again!! Love to all, Lynn Terral

Lynn Terral - June 18, 2015 at 10:14 AM



A POEM TO A HERO

*In our family we knew him as brother,
As son,
As Father,
As Husband,
As Father-in-law,
As grandpa,
But to me he was HERO.
He let me lean on him when I was in public school.
He helped me so much during my college years.
To our family, he was our direct link to Jesus. He introduced us directly to
Jesus in Colorado where one could reach up and touch the face of
god. We
camped under the stars as we sang to the wonders of life. We often
laughed until we cried. And we often shed tears over our love for one
another.*

*Oh for those trips again.
But they won't be forgotten as long as a warm heart beats in our family.
The intense love of our folks is amazing.*

Love Harvey & Della Smith

Harvey Smith - June 18, 2015 at 02:29 PM

DK

“ *Debbie King lit a candle in memory of Fearl F. Smith*



Debbie King - June 16, 2015 at 09:28 PM

DS

“ *Deborah Hale Strain And Sunny Strain lit a candle in memory of Fearl F. Smith*



Deborah Hale Strain and Sunny Strain - June 16, 2015 at 07:15 PM

CE

“ *Charlene Etheridge lit a candle in memory of Fearl F. Smith*



Charlene Etheridge - June 16, 2015 at 12:00 PM

GC

“ *Grace Risley Hall Clay lit a candle in memory of Fearl F. Smith*



Grace Risley Hall Clay - June 16, 2015 at 11:34 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Fearl F. Smith.*



June 16, 2015 at 10:54 AM



“ *John & Juanita Damron lit a candle in memory of Fearl F. Smith*



John & Juanita Damron - June 16, 2015 at 09:54 AM



“ *Linda Duggan Stringfellow lit a candle in memory of Fearl F. Smith*



Linda Duggan Stringfellow - June 16, 2015 at 09:19 AM



“ *George Fulbright lit a candle in memory of Fearl F. Smith*



george fulbright - June 16, 2015 at 06:58 AM



“ *Pauline Dunham lit a candle in memory of Fearl F. Smith*



Pauline Dunham - June 15, 2015 at 11:57 PM



“ *Larry & Rita Culwell lit a candle in memory of Fearl F. Smith*



Larry & Rita Culwell - June 15, 2015 at 10:08 PM



“ *Lanora And Ken Joslin lit a candle in memory of Fearl F. Smith*



Lanora and Ken Joslin - June 15, 2015 at 09:09 PM



“ *Fearl was a great friend to the library, sharing his raise as commissioner with us -he always appreciated the help my employees gave him. He will be missed by all of us.*

Lanora and Ken Joslin - June 15, 2015 at 09:06 PM

LM

“ Leo & Carla Marley lit a candle in memory of Fearl F. Smith



Leo & Carla Marley - June 15, 2015 at 08:36 PM

MR

“ Maudene Rylee lit a candle in memory of Fearl F. Smith



Maudene Rylee - June 15, 2015 at 07:10 PM

RM

“ Raymond and Peggy lit a candle in memory of Fearl Smith.

raymond matlock - June 15, 2015 at 06:02 PM

Holly Firestone

“ Holly Firestone lit a candle in memory of Fearl F. Smith



Holly Firestone - June 15, 2015 at 03:51 PM

TP

“ *Tracie Pippin lit a candle in memory of Fearl F. Smith*



Tracie Pippin - June 15, 2015 at 03:41 PM

BF

“ *Brenda Fuller lit a candle in memory of Fearl F. Smith*



Brenda Fuller - June 15, 2015 at 03:04 PM

DT

“ *Debra Tillery lit a candle in memory of Fearl F. Smith*



Debra Tillery - June 15, 2015 at 02:52 PM

AK

“ *Ann Yoder Kimbrough lit a candle in memory of Fearl F. Smith*



Ann Yoder Kimbrough - June 15, 2015 at 02:32 PM

BM

“ My introduction to Fearl included news that my daughter Karen (engaged to George, his son) had flown with him in an airplane Fearl himself built. Whoa! His intelligence, independence, and confidence--and respect shown others--endeared him to all of us who had the privilege to spend time with him. We will miss his sense of humor and ready laughter.

Barbara Sue McGuirt - June 15, 2015 at 01:43 PM

DL

“ Dwayne And Glenda Lamberson lit a candle in memory of Fearl F. Smith



Dwayne and Glenda Lamberson - June 15, 2015 at 12:47 PM

ES

“ Ed And Yvonne Smith lit a candle in memory of Fearl F. Smith



Ed and Yvonne Smith - June 15, 2015 at 11:55 AM

EF

“ Evelyn Craft & Family lit a candle in memory of Fearl F. Smith



Evelyn Craft & Family - June 15, 2015 at 10:05 AM

MS

“ *Michael Stout lit a candle in memory of Fearl F. Smith*



Michael Stout - June 15, 2015 at 08:54 AM

RN

“ *Robert And Angie Nimmo lit a candle in memory of Fearl F. Smith*



Robert and Angie Nimmo - June 15, 2015 at 08:26 AM

MM

“ *Marianne Myers lit a candle in memory of Fearl F. Smith*



Marianne Myers - June 15, 2015 at 07:49 AM



“ *I will miss talking politics with Mr. Smith. He was an interesting man. Our condolences to the family. May God grant you peace as He comforts you in his arms in this time of loss.*



Sharon & Gene Van Baale - June 15, 2015 at 05:31 AM

HW

“ Hack And Roni Winters lit a candle in memory of Fearl F. Smith



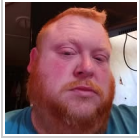
Hack and Roni Winters - June 15, 2015 at 02:19 AM

TH

“ TJ Hart lit a candle in memory of Fearl F. Smith



TJ Hart - June 15, 2015 at 01:28 AM



“ Michael Singleton lit a candle in memory of Fearl F. Smith



Michael Singleton - June 15, 2015 at 01:01 AM

WB

“ Wayland & Bobbie Barnes lit a candle in memory of Fearl F. Smith



Wayland & Bobbie Barnes - June 15, 2015 at 12:50 AM

KG

“ *Kathy Garner lit a candle in memory of Fearl F. Smith*



kathy garner - June 15, 2015 at 12:28 AM

MM

“ *Mary Massengale lit a candle in memory of Fearl F. Smith*



Mary Massengale - June 15, 2015 at 12:21 AM

PH

“ *Paula Kaye Ross Harley lit a candle in memory of Fearl F. Smith*



Paula Kaye Ross Harley - June 14, 2015 at 10:51 PM

GK

“ *Gayla Kinder lit a candle in memory of Fearl F. Smith*



Gayla Kinder - June 14, 2015 at 10:00 PM

SF

“ *Susan Rhodes & Family lit a candle in
memory of Fearl F. Smith*



Susan Rhodes & family - June 14, 2015 at 07:13 PM