



## Mr. Robert Earl Smith

March 11, 1946 - February 2, 2026

Funeral services for Mr. Robert Earl Smith, 79, of Rehobeth Community of Panola County, Texas will be 1:00 p.m. Thursday, February 5, 2026, at the Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Jerry Anderson and Rev. David Kennedy officiating. Burial will follow in the Rehobeth Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Visitation will be 6-8:00 p.m. Wednesday night at Hawthorns.

Mr. Robert Earl Smith was born March 11, 1946, in Henderson, Texas. He passed this life February 2, 2026, at his Rehobeth home. Robert was born to the marriage of Wilma Johnson and Floyd L. Smith. He was raised and schooled in Carthage graduating with the Bulldog class of 1964. He married his love Patsy Darlene Heflin on October 12, 1968, and they celebrated 57 years of marriage. Robert served his country through the U.S. Army stationed in Korea from 1964 - 1967 during the Vietnam Conflict. Mr. Smith worked for Bell Telephone as a repairman retiring after 31 years of service. Robert was a kind, funny, and deeply loved man whose greatest gift was his ability to connect with people through his stories. Known for his quick wit and humor Robert could make any room feel lighter simply by being in it. His stories, often hilarious, had a way of bringing people together. Whether recounting moments from his life, family history or everyday observations he made others feel at ease. Above all Robert was kind, he offered his time and showed up for others freely. His presence was steady and reassuring and his laughter was contagious. He believed that life was meant to be shared. He is preceded in

death by his parents and a beloved grandson, Devin Smith.

Mr. Smith is survived by his loving wife, Patsy Smith; children Kimberly Cardwell and husband Ernie, Jeffrey Smith and special friend, Beckie Smith; sisters, Trudy Gregory and husband Dr. Chet Gregory, Judy Freeman and husband James; grandchildren Callie Jo Jones and husband Cody, Jacob Rucker and wife Jamie, Emma Rudnik and husband Nate, Dustin Potter and wife Jenifer, Damian Potter and wife Halie, Cory Cardwell and Carly Oglesby and husband Jake; great grandchildren Carsyn Rae Jones, Camdyn Reese Jones, Nolan Rucker, Emmett Potter, Gunner Potter, Remi Potter and Jeffrey Potter; dear cousin, Marcia Poss and husband Lonnie; numerous nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be Keith Nutt, Jimmy Woods, Cole Faulkner, Smokey Smith, Darren Preston, Patrick Williams, honorary pallbearers will be Terry Bailey, Billy Skelton, Manuel Rodriguez, James Moon, Brandt Brewster, Justin Barron, Larry Dodson, Dean Jeffress, Rocky Bradshaw, Randall Thames and George Foster.

The family wishes to give special thanks to Heartsway Hospice, Amy Clinton, special caretaker Carson Preston Pride. Memorials may be made to Rehobeth Methodist Church or St. Judes in his memory.

# Cemetery Details

## Rehobeth Cemetery

2207 US Hwy 59 N  
Carthage, TX 75633

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home  
307 West Wellington Street  
P.O. Box 188  
Carthage, TX 75633  
(903) 693-3816  
info@hawthornfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.hawthornfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

FEB 5. 1:00 PM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel  
307 W Wellington St.  
Carthage, Tx

# Tribute Wall



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Robert Earl Smith



Hawthorn Funeral Home - February 04 at 01:44 PM



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Robert Earl Smith



Hawthorn Funeral Home - February 03 at 04:08 PM

KS

“ Sending many thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. My God give you peace knowing he is in the best place we can ever go !

Kristy Saucedo - February 05 at 12:53 PM

MC

“ Pat and family I am sorry for your loss.I know he will be missed by all who knew him.May God give you peace and comfort during this time and the days and years to come.

Mike Cross - February 04 at 06:39 PM

KH

“ My love and condolences.



Kim Henigan - February 04 at 03:56 PM



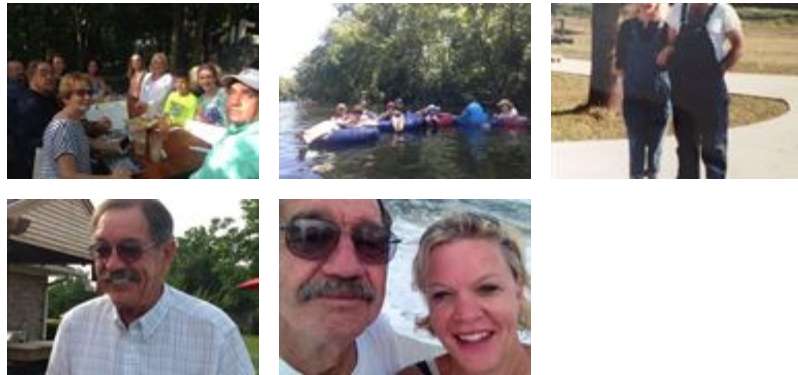
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Hawthorn Funeral Home - February 03 at 03:58 PM



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Hawthorn Funeral Home - February 03 at 12:47 PM

JC

“ John Michael Childs purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Robert Earl Smith.



John Michael Childs - February 02 at 08:35 PM

JC

“ John Michael Childs planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Robert Earl Smith.

John Michael Childs - February 02 at 08:35 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert Earl Smith.*



February 02 at 08:19 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert Earl Smith.*



February 02 at 07:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert Earl Smith.*



February 02 at 06:51 PM



“ *Love the Sorrells & Powell Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Robert Earl Smith.*

**Love the Sorrells & Powell Family** - February 02 at 06:51 PM

JD

“ Pat and family, we are so sorry to hear about your loss of Robert. We can not be with you during this time, but you are in our prayers. With much love,  
Jerry Don and Pat Edens Dorman ~ Isaiah 40:31  
CHS Class of 1964



Jerry Don and Pat Edens Dorman - February 02 at 06:43 PM

VL

Jeff I'm so so sorry to hear of your daddy's passing. I'm keeping you and your family in my prayers. I'm praying for strength for you all and that he may rest in peace. Love to you always, Vinita Lewis

Vinita Lewis - February 04 at 08:16 AM

HH

“ Our love and condolences. HeartsWay Hospice staff.



HeartsWay Hospice - February 02 at 06:37 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert Earl Smith.



February 02 at 05:07 PM

T,

“ *The Lesters ,Crutchfields&Cobbs planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Robert Earl Smith.*

**The Lesters ,Crutchfields&Cobbs** - February 02 at 05:07 PM

TH

“ *Toni and Mark Hampton purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mr. Robert Earl Smith.*



**Toni and Mark Hampton** - February 02 at 05:02 PM

BS

“ *Betty Jo and Shelly purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Robert Earl Smith.*



**Betty Jo and Shelly** - February 02 at 03:48 PM

FC

“ *From "The Front" @ The CDC purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Robert Earl Smith.*



**From "The Front" @ The CDC** - February 02 at 03:31 PM

FC

“ From "The Front" @ The CDC planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Robert Earl Smith.

From "The Front" @ The CDC - February 02 at 03:31 PM

TJ

“ Trudy & Pip and Judy & James purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Robert Earl Smith.



Trudy & Pip and Judy & James - February 02 at 03:27 PM

LR

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I didn't know Robert very long. He always teased me at church and made me smile. I will miss him.

Linda Reneau - February 02 at 01:50 PM

MT

Pat, so sorry for your loss. Robert was the best neighbor I ever had.

Mona Tucker - February 03 at 09:12 AM