

## Mr. Rual Smith

April 25, 1934 - March 20, 2018

Funeral services for Mr. Rual Denman Smith, 83 of Carthage, Texas, will be 2:00 p.m., Saturday, March 24, 2018, at the Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Charles Dodson, Rev. Dock Lazarine and Dr. Allen Tilley officiating. Burial will follow in Antioch Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Visitation will be Friday, March 23, 2018, from 6 – 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Rual Denman Smith was born April 25, 1934, in Woden, Texas to Claudie and Estille Hillyer Smith and passed away March 20, 2018, in Nacogdoches, Texas. The baby of three children, Rual attended Nacogdoches schools, graduating with the class of 1954. He furthered his education at Stephen F. Austin University, and served his country through the United States Army. Rual started his career as a logger, and then became a forrester working for Champion International and St. Regis Paper Company retiring after 25 years of service. Rual married the love of his life Patricia Ann Wilson on March 6, 1959, celebrating 59 years of marriage. A member of First Baptist Church of Carthage, Rual enjoyed spending time watching and coaching his grandchildren in their activities. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Charles and granddaughter, Ashley Havannah Smith.

Mr. Smith is survived by his wife Pat Smith of Carthage; children, Rual Eric Smith and wife Christa of Coppell, Roane Wilson Smith and wife Jill of Carthage and Ryan Gabryl Smith of Carthage; brother, J.T. Smith of Lufkin; grandchildren, Peyton Kree Smith, Kaylie Jordan Andrews and husband

Russell Aaron, Sadie Faith Smith, Arie Isabella Smith, Kurt Adron Smith and wife Christina, Kiley Aaron Smith and wife Jennifer, Rual Kelby Smith, Roane Austin Smith, and Jaden Denman Smith; step-grandson, Luke Slejko; great grandchildren, Bristell Rayne Andrews, Krosby Aaron Smith and Kainsley Elizabeth Smith, and Cora Eve Smith.

Serving as pallbearers will be Russell Andrews, Kurt Smith, Kiley Smith, Kelby Smith, Austin Smith, and Jaden Smith. Honorary pallbearers will be Raphael Crawford, Tom Paul Wedgeworth, Charlie Simmons, Jeb Barney, John Edward Smith, Donny Ray Smith and Patrick Smith.

The family suggest memorials be made to Gideons International.

# Cemetery Details

## Antioch Cemetery

345 CR 405  
Carthage, TX 75633

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **23**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home  
307 West Wellington Street  
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## Service

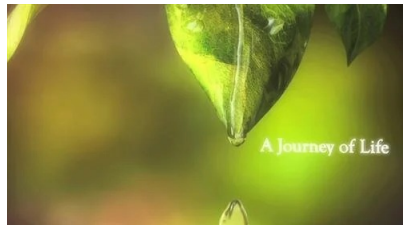
MAR **24**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



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



Hawthorn Funeral Home - March 23, 2018 at 11:38 AM

CR

“ I was a college classmate at SFA and remember Rual as a great friend who certainly brightened the corner where he was. And I truly am proud to claim that I knew and was a friend to this fine man.

charles reeves - March 29, 2018 at 11:54 PM

RY

Thank you

Ryan - April 02, 2018 at 05:32 PM

JT

“ Mrs. Pat Smith and family: My deepest sympathies to you on your loss. I think fondly of my days in Carthage, and the time my family spent with yours at the baseball field, in class, and elsewhere. Love,  
Jill Anderson Toft, Columbus, Ohio

Jill Anderson Toft - March 28, 2018 at 04:31 PM

MF

“ Mark Massey & Family purchased the Touching Tribute Spray for the family of Mr. Rual Smith.



Mark Massey & Family - March 24, 2018 at 12:24 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Rual Smith.



March 24, 2018 at 09:55 AM



“ 3 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hawthorn Funeral Home - March 23, 2018 at 02:54 PM



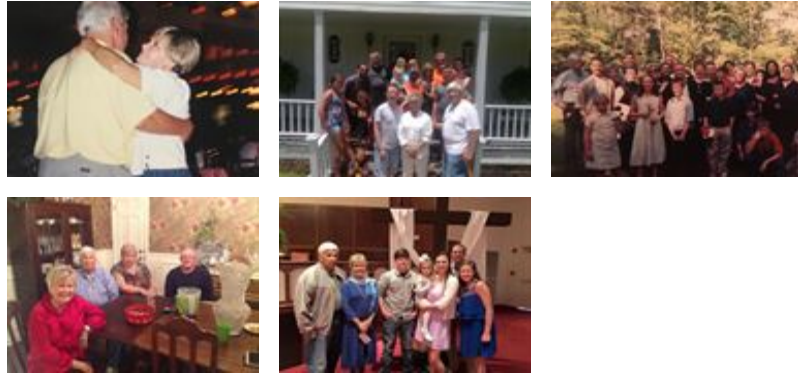
“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Rual Smith.



March 23, 2018 at 11:41 AM



“ 53 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hawthorn Funeral Home - March 23, 2018 at 10:17 AM

JL

“ PAT AND FAMILY MAY GOD BE WITH YOU AS YOU WALK THRU THIS VALLEY OF GRIEF. YOU HAVE SO MANY GOOD YEARS OF MEMORIES THAT YOU CAN DRAW STRENGTH FROM. IT WAS SUCH A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH RUAL DURING OUR TIME WITH SOUTHLAND PAPER.. THEN ST. REGIS.... CHAMPION INTERNATIONAL.. IN 1992, MY HUSBAND RETIRED FROM UNITED GAS PIPELINE AND WE MOVED BACK HOME TO LEESVILLE, LOUISIANA. MY SWEETHEART PASSED AWAY JUNE 23, 2006. GOD HAS BEEN SO GOOD TO ME SINCE HIS PASSING...

YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE IN MY PRAYERS.

JOY N. LEE  
LEESVILLE, LOUISIANA

JOY NOLEN LEE - March 22, 2018 at 09:52 PM

RY

I remember you & thank you so very much. You might remember me I'm his youngest Ryan ❤️

Ryan - April 02, 2018 at 05:31 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Rual Smith.*



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March 22, 2018 at 02:14 PM



“ *This time last year, Rual, Mike and myself were all parked beside each other sitting in our cars watching the CHS baseball team through the fence because we were either cold or too worn out to walk to the stands. But what fun we had discussing how the plays should have been made and what pitches they should have pitched or what pitches they all should have gotten a hit on. Pat, you and Rual have always been such great friends of our family as well as your boys and their families. We love all of you and are so very sorry. Rual was a sweet man. We all go back a long way and have lots of memories.*  
*Love you all,*  
*Sue and Mike Ross*

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**sue ross** - March 22, 2018 at 09:06 AM



“ *The sweetest, most honorable, gentle giant I knew in Carthage. Pat Smith, your darling, your champion has crossed the goal line.*

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**Pat Murrey** - March 21, 2018 at 06:13 PM