



## David Smith Gilcrease

October 22, 1936 - December 13, 2015

On the evening of December 12, 2015 at 11:15 pm, David Smith Gilcrease died at his son David Lyn's home surrounded by family in Huntsville, Texas. David was 79 years old. He was born on October 22, 1936 in Negrette, Louisiana to Edward and Hazel Gilcrease where his Aunt Zedda helped deliver him. He always had a special place in his heart for her. Shortly after he was born his family had to move their home to Zwolle, La because Toledo Bend Lake was created.

David lived in Zwolle until his brother Charles, a few friends, and himself signed up in the buddy program under the United States Air Force. They were shipped to boot camp in Illinois, and then stationed in South Carolina where he was an airplane mechanic. After his time in the Air Force, David moved his growing family to Huntsville, Texas where he started working at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. He retired from TDCJ after 34 years of service.

David is survived by his daughter Judith "Judy" Elborai and husband Youssef; son David Lyn Gilcrease and wife Kate; son Karlton (Katt) Gilcrease and significant other Susan; son Dennis Gilcrease and wife Debra; son Micah Gilcrease and wife Amy; grandchildren Eric Gilcrease and wife Tammy, Shanna Moore and husband Charles, Kreig Gilcrease, Brian Grahmann, Micah David Grahmann, Sharon Venglar and husband Jonathan, Denise

Gilcrease, Dee Dee Gilcrease, and Devin Gilcrease; and great-grandchildren Joshua, Jason, Steven, Justin, Ashley, Sophia, and Isabella.

David Smith Gilcrease is preceded in death by his parents Edward and Hazel Adams Gilcrease; sister Merlene Gilcrease Barrow; brothers Henry Gilcrease, Charles Gilcrease, and Thomas Gilcrease; and granddaughter Denise Ann (Nina) Gilcrease.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 PM till 7:00 PM on Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas. A funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, December 17, 2015 in the chapel at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas. Interment will follow the service at Pine Prairie Freewill Baptist Cemetery in Huntsville, Texas.

Full obituary may be viewed and memorial condolences made to the family at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Pine Prairie Free Will Baptist Cemetery

77 Phil Wood Road  
Huntsville, TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 16. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
(936) 291-7300  
belinda@shmfmh.com

## Service

DEC 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of David Smith Gilcrease* ”



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**Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home** - December 16, 2015 at 08:03 AM



“ *David Smith Gilcrease* ”

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM

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“ *Micah and Amy,*

*So sorry to hear of the loss of your dad. Our condolences to you and the rest of your family. I worked with you and Amy at the Excel center and Fred worked with your brother, Dennis, at the Walls Unit.*

*Fred lost his father when he was ten and we both lost our mothers a few years ago so we understand what you're going through right now and know that it is especially hard to lose a loved one around the holidays. Rest on the fact that God promises us that we will see our loved ones again one day (1 Thess. 4:13-18, Rev. 21:4).*

*As we lift you and your family up in prayer, we ask God to give you strength and peace in the coming days.*

*Take Care and God Bless,*

*Love,*

*Fred, Jody, and Freddy*

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**Fred and Jody Otto** - December 17, 2015 at 10:46 PM



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“ *Thoughts and prayers for the Gilcrease family. May God give you strength and peace during the days to come. God Bless You and Yours All of Your Days.*



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**Nicole Venette (McCarty)** - December 17, 2015 at 08:45 AM

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“ *HHS Class Of 1976 lit a candle in memory of David Smith Gilcrease*



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**HHS Class of 1976** - December 17, 2015 at 12:24 AM

SF

“ *Just clicked on face book and learned of David's death. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. He sat with me at his brother Tom's funeral. He was so full of life and seemed like he really enjoyed his retirement. We talked a lot about our family and how we missed our parent's. His family meant the world to him. Love you all. Sissy "Adams" Freed*

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**Suzanne Freed** - December 16, 2015 at 10:13 AM

JH

“ *Rest In Peace David. We shared great family memories. What a wonderful reunion you must be having now. Prayers to the family and love to all.*

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**Jackie Barrow Hlavinka** - December 15, 2015 at 06:11 PM



“ *Denise Gilcrease lit a candle in memory of David Smith Gilcrease*



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**Denise Gilcrease** - December 15, 2015 at 05:55 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Smith Gilcrease.*



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December 15, 2015 at 12:24 PM



“ *You are in my prayers, much love for you all.*

*Dorothy Hightower*

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**Dorothy Hightower** - December 15, 2015 at 11:46 AM



“ *Bridgette Neeley Clay lit a candle in memory of David Smith Gilcrease*



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**Bridgette Neeley Clay** - December 14, 2015 at 09:00 PM