



## Donald Kevin Smith

August 2, 1951 - March 25, 2018

Donald Kevin Smith, 66, of Huntsville, Texas passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family on March 25, 2018.

The funeral service will be held Monday, April, 2, 2018, 2:00 PM at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas. Joel D. McMahon III officiating. Visitation will be Monday, April 2, 2018 from 1:00 PM- 2:00 PM. Interment will follow the funeral service at Brooke Cemetery. The family will receive family and friends for a celebration of life reception to be held at the Smith Home on Southwood Drive following graveside service.

Kevin was born in Beaumont, Texas on August 2, 1951 to Norman M. Smith and wife Martha Lee McMahon. He graduated from South Park High School in 1969 and continued his education at Sam Houston State University where he was a member of the KKY fraternity. While attending Sam Houston State University, Kevin met the love of his life, Josephine Emmett and they were married on June 15, 1985 at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Huntsville, Texas. After spending some time in college, Kevin became a restaurateur where he began his career managing Pizza Huts of Brazos Valley. Kevin eventually came to own his own Pizza Hut restaurant in Fairfield where he worked until he retired.

Kevin had a special place in his heart for Boy Scouting and he was deeply

devoted to Scouts and Scouting in the Huntsville area. Kevin was a member of the Robert A. Josey Boy Scout Foundation and he was also a Committee Chairman of Boy Scout Troop 114. He was also the George Strake District Commissioner. Kevin served Scouting for more than 20 years. Kevin received the Silver Beaver award on October 15, 2012. This award is the highest recognition Sam Houston Area Council can bestow for a volunteer Scouter. All three of Kevin's sons received their Eagle Awards and he influenced many other Boy Scouts to work hard to obtain their Eagle Awards as well. His daughter, Carlee, was also involved in Scouts where she received her Gold Award through the Girl Scouts. Other awards that Kevin received include the LeRoy Golson Award, District Award of Merit, Commissioner of the Year, Wood Badge trained, and the Scout Leader of the Year.

Kevin served in the United States Army Reserve where he was awarded a medal for sharpshooting. Kevin enjoyed his time in the great outdoors. He went on many camping trips across the Country and he also enjoyed hunting and fishing. He had a special place in his heart for the coast, especially Canal City in Gilchrist, Texas, where his family had a beach house.

Kevin was a loving husband, father, brother and friend. He had an amazing sense of humor and always knew how to make you laugh. He also enjoyed being creative and loved trying out different craft projects, such as making fishing pole Christmas trees, lamps, and other fishing related décor.

Kevin is survived by his wife of 32 years, Josephine, son Norman Matthew Smith II and wife Dana, daughter Carlee Ann Smith, son Samuel Kevin Smith, and son Christopher Joseph Smith, brother Norman David and wife Patti, brother Barry Joel, and sister Jennifer Lee Taylor, brother in law Joseph Emmett and wife Judy, brother in law Ross A. Emmett, and sister in law Mary Ann Behan and husband John, Aunt Hope and Charles Martin, Uncle Ronald and Joanne Smith, and Castella Smith and numerous nieces, nephews, great

nieces and nephews, and cousins, and Waldo the dog.

He is preceded in death by his father Norman Matthew Smith I and his mother Martha Lee Smith and his father in law Sam Emmett and mother in law Josephine Emmett.

Thank you to the doctors, nurses, and staff at Cornerstone Hospital, Conroe Regional Hospital, and Memorial Hermann The Woodlands for their expert care, support, and perseverance during Kevin's 109 days of hospitalization.

The family suggests memorial contributions be sent to the Robert A. Josey Lodge, Inc., 1300 11th Street, Suite 630, Huntsville, Texas 77320.

# Cemetery Details

## Brooke Cemetery

672 FM 980  
Huntsville, TX 77320

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

APR 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Kevin Smith*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Kevin was a good guy & positive influence to our KKY pledge class. Condolences to the family, just ran across this on the interwebs.*

**A. Pledge** - June 29, 2021 at 05:58 PM



“ *Kevin was always ahead of his time in the restaurant business. I remember times when we would talk about food I never even heard of. He was a great friend, leader, and consultant for me personally. He helped me understand how to run a Pizza Hut along with how to control matters. He was working for Mr. Lampo when I met him and that is when he helped me when I became a Pizza Hut franchisee in 1982. He loved all of his all of his people who worked with him, but expected them all to do their jobs correctly. Some of the stories people told at funeral were dead on about him.*

*He will be missed by many and I am sure his beautiful family will miss him most of all.*

*Sincerely,  
Mike Patranella*

**Mike Patranella** - April 05, 2018 at 09:27 AM

CW

“ So sorry for your loss, y'all will be in our thoughts and prayers, The Watson Family (Trey, Christal, JonRAY, Kindell and Wyatt.



Christal Watson - April 02, 2018 at 11:57 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Kevin Smith.



April 02, 2018 at 09:59 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Kevin Smith.



April 01, 2018 at 12:55 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Kevin Smith.



March 29, 2018 at 03:13 PM

BM

“ Jo, I believe I only met Kevin at one of our classes; however, the Lord granted our meeting (you & me) & i always enjoyed our conversations. I'm so sorry for your loss of THE LOVE of YOUR LIFE! In reading the posts on Facebook, Kevin was well loved, well respected and thought of. Yes, you definitely will miss him. Bill and I prayed for him all these months in Hope and Faith that the Doctors and the Divine Physician would heal him. We prayed for you and the family to help you cope with his suffering. The Lord's Plan evidently was different. He was your Gift from God these last 32 years, almost 33 years, and for some reason He needed/wanted Kevin with Him to help with something. In your children you will see and hear Kevin. I believe and KNOW Kevin will be with you spiritually and in your MEMORIES. Please feel free to talk to us, your friends, acquaintances & family because we are here to listen, give hugs and pray. Bill and I will be continuing to pray for you and the Family. GOD BLESS YOU ALL! Love & Prayers, Karen & Bill McPike

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**Bill Karen McPike** - March 29, 2018 at 02:26 PM

WP

“ With Much Love Anthony & Phyllis purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donald Kevin Smith.



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**With Much Love Anthony & Phyllis** - March 29, 2018 at 01:33 PM

MH

“ *My prayers to the family and friends of Donald Smith. He has a special place in the many hearts of young men that he effected in his tenure with the Boy Scouts.*



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**M. Hyvl** - March 28, 2018 at 07:10 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Kevin Smith.*



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March 28, 2018 at 03:49 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Kevin Smith.*



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March 28, 2018 at 03:02 PM

SM

“ Jo and family, The Josey Board was blessed to have Kevin working for us for so many years. His experience and enthusiasm were priceless! He will be missed. Our prayer for you is that God will wrap you in His loving arms to give you comfort during this time. Many have received blessings by knowing Kevin and being helped by him, but he was truly blessed, too, to share his love and talents with so many. His time here was well spent. Well done Good and Faithful Servant!

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**Susan Mott** - March 28, 2018 at 11:41 AM

AP

“ Kevin was a fine friend and business man. We shared many great times together and I will miss him. Just look at that smile. He loved to laugh and found time for everyone. Our common denominator was Pizza Hut. Rest well Kevin. They don't make many Kevin Smiths so we will just have to be happy with the time he gave us.  
Andy Purvis

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**Andy Purvis** - March 28, 2018 at 11:08 AM

DW

“ What a loss to our community! Kevin has truly left a legacy in the hearts, minds, and spirits of all Scouts and scouters. I cannot remember a time when I did not see Kevin actively working in the background to promote scouting. I consider him a pillar in scouting, whose Legacy will never be forgotten. Thank you for sharing your husband with us for "an hour a week". We loved him dearly and I know you will deeply miss him in your life, as we will in ours. May God grant you peace and serenity as you cope with his passing.

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**David Van De Walle** - March 28, 2018 at 08:08 AM

LS

“ Spent lots of time with Kevin back in the 70's at Pizza Inn and Pizza Hut, as well as KKY, He was always helping somebody, with a job, advice, or just raising your spirits. He was my friend, and I have missed talking to him over the years. Jo God be with you and comfort you and your family. Not only was he my friend he was my Brother, and I will miss him.

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**Laney Sims** - March 27, 2018 at 10:28 PM

SM

“ It was always a pleasure to see Kevin in my office. I will miss him and the truly delightful conversations we always had when he came by. He was one of the really good guys. May the Lord bless and comfort his family. Stephen Means

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**Stephen Means** - March 27, 2018 at 09:38 PM

WM

“ Dear Jo and family,  
Your family with Kevin at the head was a light in Scouting that shined bright. His boisterous personality and follow through spirit made a path for many scouters to travel by. Our hearts are heavy and prayers are with you and your family. Will, Joy and Thomas Matchett

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**Will, Joy and Thomas Matchett** - March 27, 2018 at 09:36 PM

TR

“ Dear Jo and family,

*We are so sorry to hear about the loss of your precious Kevin. He was truly a unique individual whom everybody loved. He will be missed. The boys, Phillip, Daniel, Stephen Jeremiah and us give our condolences.*

*Live Loved,  
John and Sylvia Rosenberger*

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**The Rosenbergers** - March 27, 2018 at 09:06 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. We had the honor of knowing Mr Smith through scouting. He will truly be missed.

*Larry & Judy Miller*

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**Judith Miller** - March 27, 2018 at 07:06 PM


AA

“ Dear Jo and family,

*I am so sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers will be with you! Kevin was a good man, and truly love scouting! He will be greatly missed throughout the community.*

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**Allen Artho** - March 27, 2018 at 06:20 PM

 Robert Kane

“ Dear Jo and Family,

*We are sorry for your loss. Kevin was always the bright light in a Scout and Scouters life as he was always willing to help in any way possible to enhance the Scouting experience. He will be missed by all who have lived with him and worked with him.*

*Bob and Elaine Kane'  
Huntsville, TX*

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**Robert Kane** - March 27, 2018 at 04:15 PM

JE

“ Joe and I are very sad for the Entire Smith family. Kevin will be greatly missed.

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**Judy T Emmett** - March 27, 2018 at 01:59 PM

AS

“ Dear Jo,  
So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
Love,  
Darryl and Anna Shreves



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**Anna Shreves** - March 27, 2018 at 11:00 AM

BC

“ Jo and family Sorry for your loss.I enjoyed my time with the family and think of you often.Our thoughts and prayers are with you,Matt,Carlee,Kev and Chris and all your extended family.



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**Bill and Peggy Crabb** - March 27, 2018 at 10:49 AM