



Donald C. Smith

May 25, 1946 - July 5, 2026

Donald Corbin Smith, 80, of Howard, KS, passed away on Sunday, July 5, 2026, at the Greenwood Country Hospital in Eureka. Don was born in rural Elk County on May 25, 1946, the son of Kenneth Owen and Pauline (Corbin) Smith.

Don was a graduate of Howard High School class of 1964. On August 22, 1966, he joined the United States Navy, and traveled throughout the world, serving 3 tours, until receiving his honorable discharge. Upon his return, Don began working for Cessna and worked for the next 40 plus years until his retirement.

Don was a member of the American Legion Carter-Rader Post 0149 of Howard, KS. He enjoyed going camping, fishing, hunting, ship reunions and watching rodeos. He was an avid sports fan, especially KU and the Chiefs, and spending time visiting with people. He enjoyed making bets with folks and loved sharing his advice with others. Most importantly, Don loved spending time with his family, especially during Christmas time. His most memorable time has been the past 25 years spent with Christy.

Including Christy Tyler, Don is survived by:

Daughter: Steffanie Comer and husband Denny of Clearwater, KS

Stepchildren: Kenny Tyler (Miranda) of Derby, KS., Billy Tyler (Paxton) of Howard, KS and Heather Houchin (Ben) of Howard, KS

13 Grandchildren: Daylen, Kenzie, Alivia, Axten, Atlas, Kayla, Keaton, Kynlee, Cora, Beau, Mae, Avery and Marilyn Kay

Nieces and nephews: Lonnie (Ruth), Kyle (Tabitha), Melissa, Brandi, Hope, Paula, Owen, Laynee, Haden, Kevin, Michele, Tiffany, Zach, Aiden, Cody, Danielle (Jon).

Don was preceded in death by his parents, a brother Ronald Smith, sister and brother-in-law Paula Lanning and Bill Lanning, brother and sister-in-law Ron and Carol Smith, niece Rhonda, mother-in-law Ruth Watts, brother-in-law Tom Watts.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, July 13, 2026, at 2:00 pm at Countryside Funeral Home in Howard with visitation being held 1 hour prior to service time. Burial will follow at the Cresco Cemetery. Memorials have been suggested to the Donald C. Smith memorial as the family wants to get benches to place downtown where people can sit and visit. These may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Online condolences can be left at <https://www.countrysidefh.com> Services entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home 206 E. Washington, P.O. Box 1233, Howard, KS 67349

Cemetery Details

Cresco Cemetery

US HWY 99 & Rock Rd
Howard, KS 67349

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **13**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Howard
206 E. Washington
P.O. Box 1233
Howard, KS 67349
(620) 374-2381

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Klepper lit a candle in memory of Donald Smith*

Kevin Klepper - July 13 at 03:53 PM



“ *Don will be missed.*

Judy Nungesser - July 11 at 11:19 PM



“ *Kaye Yates lit a candle in memory of Donald Smith*

Kaye Yates - July 10 at 03:38 PM



“ *Sylvia Stites lit a candle in memory of Donald Smith*

Sylvia Stites - July 10 at 04:48 AM

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“ *Sylvia Stites lit a candle in memory of Donald Smith*

Sylvia Stites - July 10 at 04:47 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Donald C. Smith.*



July 10 at 01:26 AM



“ *Always enjoyed getting pestered by his mother and then him. It was a mutual respect that we shared. Will miss him in any further visits to the area. My sympathies to the families.*

Robin Kathy Haines - July 09 at 08:40 PM



“ *America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of Donald C. Smith.*



July 08 at 05:26 PM

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“ Don always came over when Rex and I were in town. In the summer time we would set out side and solve the worlds problem and have a lot of laughs.

Jane Vinette - July 08 at 03:40 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Donald C. Smith.



July 08 at 03:34 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald C. Smith.

July 08 at 03:34 PM



“ He loved his camping days, That's where we met him and christy, We seen him just the other day at the lake camping and as always he had a smile on his face, He loved teasing me every time i seen him, He is truly going to be missed .

Tammy Hurst - July 08 at 12:00 PM