



Duane Gordon Smith

May 14, 1949 - October 31, 2019

Duane leaves his wife of 48 years, Phyllis (Henderson) Smith, and three children; son Shane Smith (Wendi); daughter Diana Pickle (Jerrod); son Jonathan Smith; and four grandchildren Sydney, Hayley, Ryan, and Nicole; and many close family and friends.

Born in Carmichael, CA, and raised in Dinuba, CA the son of Gordon and Ina (Faulkner) Smith. He resided in Tulare, CA for the last forty years. After graduating from Dinuba High School in 1967, he worked for Poppy Foods in Dinuba, CA as a butcher. He then attended Stockton Bible College until he was drafted by the US Army. He met his wife, Phyllis Henderson, at a church function in Dinuba, CA, and they were married on May 28, 1971.

After serving with the US Army as field medic, he joined the Southern Pacific Railroad Company in Fresno, CA. He worked as a signalman until September 1994 when he was involved in a severe railroad accident causing an untimely early retirement. He spent his lifetime faithfully serving God in the church ministry as a youth leader, Sunday school teacher, and praise & worship leader.

A devoted husband, father, and papa to his loving family and friends. He enjoyed vacationing at the coast, and traveling often. For many years, his hobbies were hunting and fishing.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
127 E. Caldwell Ave.
Visalia, CA 93277

Funeral

NOV 7. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (PT)

Mt. Zion Apostolic Church
7210 Ave. 308
Goshen, CA 93291

Graveside

NOV 7. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (PT)

Tulare Cemetery North
4572 J. St.
Tulare, CA 93277

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Duane Gordon Smith*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - October 31, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Duane Gordon Smith.*



November 04, 2019 at 03:31 PM



“ *Brother Smith sang "Truly" at my wedding a long time ago, and had a great voice, a wonderful sense of humor, the integrity of a true Christian and a wife who helped him become the very best husband, father and Christian on the planet. Our condolences for the family and friends who no doubt will miss that mischievous smile and twinkle in his eyes. Love, John and Julie Schmidt*

Julie Schmidt - November 03, 2019 at 05:19 PM