



Carl Smith

October 20, 1932 - March 1, 2022

Due to the weather, we will be live streaming Carl's celebration of life for those that are unable to attend. Please click the following link to get to the funeral home Facebook page where the service will be streamed.

<https://www.facebook.com/Kevin-Brennan-Family-Funeral-Home-116876148342762/>

Carl William Smith, 89, Auburn, Kansas, passed away Tuesday, March 1, 2022.

Carl was born October 20, 1932, in Hamilton, Ohio, the son of Carl and Dora Wilson Smith. He graduated from Ashland High School in Ashland, Kentucky and earned a Bachelor of Science from the University of Kentucky. He married Rose Hubbard on October 16, 1965, at St. David's Episcopal Church in Topeka, Kansas. Carl entered the United States Air Force in 1956 and served in numerous capacities, including an Air Traffic Controller, Officer Training Instructor, Special Operations Instructor and a Vietnam War POW escort. He served in numerous locations stateside and abroad and is a Vietnam War Veteran, he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1977. After retiring from the Air Force, he and his family relocated to Auburn, Kansas where he worked at Security Benefit Group for thirteen years. Carl was a member of a multi-generational military service family that included his three siblings who served during World War II. Carl was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church

and Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity and was a Master Gardener. He planted over 40 thousand daffodils on his property over a 30+ year period that were enjoyed by the public every spring.

Carl is survived by his wife, Rose; children, Gretchen Haugh (David) and David Smith (Kazumi); grandchildren, Arthur Haugh, Austin Haugh, Lillie Siegrist (Brett), Anna Haugh, Grace Haugh, Faith Haugh, Cody Smith and Lane Smith; great-granddaughter, Alaina Siegrist; brother-in-law, Robin Hubbard (Jeannene); and cousin, Elizabeth Syverson. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and one sister.

Celebration of life service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 10, 2022, at the Auburn Community Center, 121 W 11st Street, Auburn KS 66402. Burial will follow at the Auburn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Auburn Presbyterian Church, Auburn Community Center or the Salvation Army and sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Cemetery Details

Auburn Cemetery

Auburn, KS 66402

Previous Events

A Celebration of Life

MAR 10. 10:00 AM (CT)

Auburn Community Center
121 W 11th Street
Auburn, KS 66402

Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Carl Smith



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - March 09, 2022 at 02:33 PM



“ Carl Smith

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Rose I am so sorry you have lost the love of your life. He is not lost, just vacant until you meet again. He was a wonderful man and will be missed by all who knew him. Loa and I enjoyed being around him when we cleaned your house. He showed us once how he could get a deer to come up and eat out of his hand. Amazing! Phillip enjoyed you both going on the space A trip to Japan with him. Please accept Les's and my condolences.

Linda Money - March 10, 2022 at 07:12 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss. Praying for you and your family. DeVere Winter and Rita Henderson

Rita Henderson - March 10, 2022 at 11:13 AM



“ Carl was a very kind man. He always let my girls ring the church bell when we came to church and that would light up their day. We were saddened to hear of his passing. My condolences to the entire Smith family.

Melanie McCue - March 10, 2022 at 11:10 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carl Smith.



March 10, 2022 at 07:21 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Carl Smith.



March 09, 2022 at 04:11 PM

NG

“ Prayers to you Rose and the entire family. Carl made such an impact on our life, he not only shared time, stories and wine with us over dinner every month for years on end. Carl inspired Bill to grow asparagus and improve our garden. He and I worked together in his barn cutting boards for a raised bed garden I wanted. He was always teaching and sharing. As the weather warmed here the past couple weeks our daffodils that he gave us were starting to break through the ground and I was wondering how his were doing and that I needed to call and see if we could meet at "Beans & Greens". Which brings me to one of the best memories we have with Carl and Rose, was to bring mom out to see his daffodils and he would take her in the gator down thru all the daffodils then we would end up in the house having drinks and snacks that Rose made while Carl was showing us the daffodils. Carl was always sharing and giving of himself for others, he will be dearly missed by our family.



Nancy Gargan - March 07, 2022 at 06:47 PM

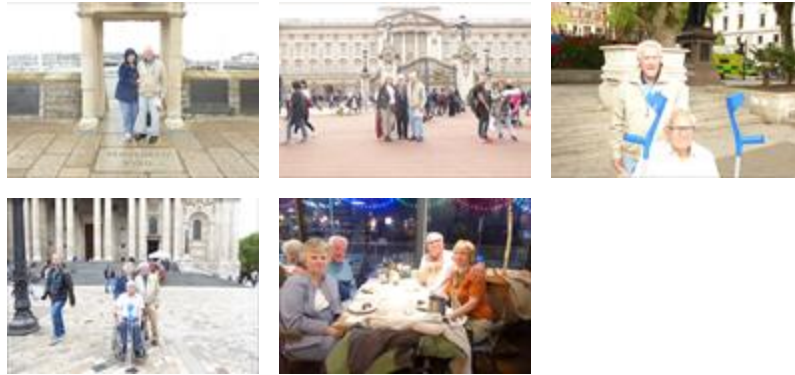
ES

“ The common sense of Carl is something he passed on to all. So many good stories he shared. He was a man with many interests and a “forever” student. Carl clearly knew himself. His love and devotion to family was without limit. The love and contentment between Rose and Carl is a model for all.

elizabeth syverson - March 07, 2022 at 05:02 PM



“ We first met Carl and Rose on the Queen Mary 2, crossing the Atlantic, and fell in love with them instantly. Subsequently we visited them twice in Auburn and, on a later visit to England, showed them the sights of London and the Mayflower Steps in Plymouth. He was terrific company – witty, generous, full of enthusiasm and just a delight to be with. His passing is a great loss to all who knew him and not least to his family and we shall miss him greatly – and especially his home-made ice cream!



Rodney Wilson - March 07, 2022 at 12:12 PM

LL

“ Rose how blended you were to have had Carl and he you. Two wonderful people! Carl made a positive difference during his time on earth. What an amazing guy! Thinking of you and your family.

Loren & Vicki Long - March 07, 2022 at 11:22 AM

KS

“ Rose, I'm so sorry to hear of Carl's passing. The time we shared was brief, but I have so many fond memories of him just being there with us during shows and rehearsals. His presence was always calming and buoying! My heart and prayers are with you.

Kathy Slawson - March 07, 2022 at 10:51 AM

EB

“ *Daffodils, bonfires, gardens, turkeys, compassion, down-to-earth friend, proud husband and grandfather -- so many wonderful memories. He was a true Kentucky gentleman. He and Jerold Binkley will be out in Heaven's Flint Hills picking up rocks and planting flowers.*
Ellen Brown

Ellen Brown - March 06, 2022 at 12:09 PM

JB

“ *I have many fond memories of working with Carl and talking about his garden projects. Heaven has received a wonderful child of God. He will be missed by many of us still here on earth. Rest in peace Carl,*

Jean Buchanan - March 05, 2022 at 02:58 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Ron Fike - March 05, 2022 at 09:57 AM



My family and I express our deep condolences to Rose, David, Gretchen, and the rest of the family. We thank God for the blessing of Carl's life, faith, and friendship. It is impossible to write all that Carl meant to us, but I found this picture of Carl, my dad, Taylor, and Tanner and share it as a tribute to the gift Carl was. He taught my boys how to fish, ring the church bell before worship services, and on behalf of the Auburn Presbyterian Church, he presented them for their baptisms. Thank you, God, for Carl, and thank you, Carl, for being a good representation of God's love.

Ron Fike - March 05, 2022 at 10:06 AM

SA

I couldn't have said it better. Carl was such a blessing to all who knew him. We are so thankful for his love and influence in our boys' lives, and for his love and friendship to us. So many wonderful memories. You and the family are in our thoughts and prayers, Rose.

Sandi - March 05, 2022 at 11:23 AM

CS

Sincere sympathy is extended to Carl's family upon learning of his passing. He managed our building for years and became a friend to many. We also appreciated several talks he gave to our retiree group luncheon meetings and the open invitations always extended to come view his beautiful Daffodils in the spring.. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Security Benefit Retirees & Friends

Carol DeGroff Sook - March 07, 2022 at 03:55 PM

CS

Rose, it was with great sadness I read of Carl's passing. We worked together for years, enjoyed some delightful hayrides and several spring trips to view the Daffodils. It's been some time since our paths crossed and that time has passed very quickly. Carl will always be remembered for his military service and dedication to a very challenging position at a very challenging time. Every best wish to you and your family at this sad time.

*Sincerely,
Carol DeGroff Sook*

Carol DeGroff Sook - March 07, 2022 at 04:05 PM

BS

“ Carl was such a kind, caring man that always had a smile on his face. We will miss seeing Carl standing there to greet us as we walk through the church doors. Carl and Steve had a command bond when it came to plants and loved to talk to Carl about different plants and trees. Carl will be missed by so many people. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Smith family.

Steve and Brenda Sidebottom

Brenda Sidebottom - March 05, 2022 at 09:02 AM

RL

“ Rose, you were fortunate to have Carl in your life for so many years. A true gentlemen. I am deeply sorry for your loss. I remember you as a strong and confident women. You and Carl will forever be in my memory and heart. My prayers are for you and your children. May God Be With You.

Roberta Lauer - March 05, 2022 at 08:45 AM

DE

“ I will always think of Carl standing at the back of church handing bulletins out to latecomers like me. He was the kindest man and one of a kind. He was nice enough to invite my mom and I to see his flowers a couple of years after he started planting them. I will miss you so much Carl.

Dianne Elrichs - March 04, 2022 at 11:46 PM

GG

“ I was shocked and extremely saddened by the news of Carl's passing.

I remember Carl and all the wonderful "hay rides" and "bon fires" he hosted, He was a very kind, gentle, generous and caring man. I remember all the times we gathered at either our house or his to cheer Kentucky on during the basketball games.

Carl was so very proud of his daffodils and they were enjoyed by family, friends as well as strangers. Carl was the type of person who cared deeply about his wife, children, grandchildren, as well as his community. He was active in supporting most anything that would benefit others.

Carl left a positive impression on everyone he encountered. I feel honored to have known Carl and have had to pleasure of his company and friendship.

My prayers to Rose and the family and I'm so sorry for your loss.

RIP Carl

Gail Good

Gail Good - March 04, 2022 at 03:43 PM

KG

Rose, We all share in your loss. I enjoyed visiting with Carl at gatherings and loved his beautiful daffodil garden. He will be remembered as an extraordinary person in all areas of his life.

*Love and Prayers for You and Your Family,
Karen Geier*

Karen Geier - March 09, 2022 at 11:30 AM

KO

Rose, we were so very sorry to hear of Carl's passing. We aspire to be as sweet, gracious and thoughtful a couple as you two. Such wonderful memories of laughter and stories shared at the wine dinners at Nancy's and the hospitality shown us when we came to see the beautiful daffodils. We pray for God's comfort for you and the family.

*Blessings,
Bill and Kathy Ogle*

Kathy Ogle - March 15, 2022 at 04:51 PM