



Harold "Hal" Smith

March 22, 1937 - April 12, 2023

Harold Wesley "Hal" Smith, 86, passed away Wednesday, April 12, 2023.

Hal was born March 22, 1937, in Brookville, Kansas, the son of Harlan and Odessa Baker Smith. The oldest of 15 children, he was always driven, working many different jobs. When Hal served our country in the US Navy, one of his duties was driving President Dwight Eisenhower at Camp David.

Hal married Melvilleen Robinson; to this union four children were born. They later divorced.

Hal pastored several churches and planted others which are still vital today. He retired as pastor from Oakland Community Church. He served as president of TUMI Topeka and served the Topeka Rescue Mission for 20 years as a board member, ten of those as board president, and was instrumental in starting Royal Family Kids' Camp.

On August 30, 1980, Hal and Debi Atteberry were united in marriage and enjoyed more than 42 years together, traveling, serving on mission trips, working together and taking time to enjoy.

Hal loved pastoring. He loved preaching. He loved life and people. Hal never met a stranger. He loved his family! He will be greatly missed.

Grateful to have shared Hal's life are his wife, Debi; children, David Smith (Irina), Troy Smith, Carmen Bassham (Darryl), Stephanie Deon Setter-Smith (Rick), Tong TDH Athwai, and Angel Eve Mills; grandchildren, David Paul Smith, Candice Yvonne Smith (Andre), Courtney Dawn Lopez (Eddie), Ksusha Chumak, James Andrew Lovett (Nicole), Luke Alan Smith, Charity Grace Kolb (Jeremiah), Dallas Wayne Pryor, Katharine Hope Smith, Lynn Setter, Mitch and Amanda Erwin; great-grandchildren, Ayla, Jadon, Rylan, Austin, Gilon, Eliana, Myla and Addy. Hal was preceded by his sons, Jason Lee Smith and Jonathan Mark Smith and grandson, Jonathan David "J.D."

Visitation will be Friday, April 21, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fellowship Bible Church with funeral service following at 1 p.m. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Kids In Need (Royal Family Kids' Camp), the University of Kansas/St. Francis Campus, Cardiac Care Unit and Topeka Rescue Mission, 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

Mount Hope Cemetery

4700 SW 17th Street
Topeka, KS 66604

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 21. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Fellowship Bible Church
6800 SW 10th Street
Topeka, KS 66615

Funeral Service

APR 21. 1:00 PM (CT)

Fellowship Bible Church
6800 SW 10th Street
Topeka, KS 66615

Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Harold "Hal" Smith



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - April 19, 2023 at 01:21 PM

SH

Happy Home-going, Pastor Hal! Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. I speak comfort to the family who was left behind. We do not sorrow as those who have no hope, because there is a great reunion day ahead. Until then, may our Heavenly Father comfort your hearts and give you peace. - Susan Henderson

Susan Henderson - April 21, 2023 at 12:24 PM



I am grateful to "Hal Smith" for the great academic articles he wrote. I am currently sitting in a Bomb Shelter in Israel and preparing my semester tasks and getting amazing assistance from Hal in the form of an article as: Is the Orthodox Church "Supersessionist"? SOURCE: New English Review By Hal Smith.

Thank you Hal!

Avi Glasberg - June 23, 2025 at 08:37 AM

SC

“ *Debbie and family we were so blessed to have known and worked with Hal and at the same time, so sorry for your loss. Hal was always so upbeat and on fire for God. I appreciate the many times Hal would pick me up and bring me home after our Topeka Rescue Mission meetings. He was such a blessing to the Mission board. Suzan has wonderful memories of Hal. He was always cheerful and full of new ideas.*

We will keep you in our prayers.

Ron and Suzan.

Suzan and Ron Challacombe - May 06, 2023 at 09:36 PM

DG

“ *I am so very very thankful to Hal for bringing the gospel to Morland, Kansas during the Jesus Revolution. I was 16 years old and accepted Jesus at that service. He made sure I received bible studies to help me grow in my new walk. I could fill the whole page with awesome memories. Thank You Jesus for this servant of Yours!! He will be greatly missed but because of his ministry to us Your work will continue!!*

Deloris Gleason - April 23, 2023 at 11:06 PM

DB

“ *Such a great Pastor and friend. Hal you will be missed and I know that Terri and I will see you again.*

Danny J Belisle - April 21, 2023 at 03:22 PM

JT

“ Hal was an early investor and believed in the mission of Curb Appeal Power Wash. In 2017 early spring, Hal and Clark Johnson and I , Jake Taylor, were having a meal at Spangles before the TRM meeting. Hal loved the \$5 all American meal. Clark was mentioning about how I felt called to start a business that would be an example of what it could look like to follow Jesus into business. A for profit ministry that would mentor young adults like a Paul teaching Timothy style training, while power washing. Our mission became more clarified to be defined as “to glorify God by collectively using our unique gifts and talents, to serve others”.

At that meal, I was talking about how I was looking for more equipment, but was limited to older machines with my limited funds. Hal asked me, “What would you do if you had \$20,000?”, I said I would buy and enclosed trailer with 2 machines and develop a team. Hal replied, “ I want to be your investor “.

Since then, I enjoyed time with Hal as he mentored me in life, as a follower of Jesus, and in business. I looked forward to our time together, usually over tasty meals. His mentorship and friendship has lead to Curb Appeal serving the cleaning needs from Wichita to Kansas City with a team of 15.

Hal will be missed, but the example he started continues in our mission.



Jake Taylor - April 21, 2023 at 09:44 AM

SN

“ Hal, you will be greatly missed. Your warmth, kindness, and gentle spirit will be remembered forever. ... our Condolences to Debbie and family. With our love and deepest sympathy as we remember Hal.

Sam and Sarah Nasser

sam Nasser - April 21, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Harold "Hal" Smith.



April 21, 2023 at 03:24 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harold "Hal" Smith.



April 20, 2023 at 10:58 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Harold "Hal" Smith.



April 18, 2023 at 07:32 PM

CH

“ Hal touched our lives in many ways. He will sadly be missed. Jan & JR

Chip - April 16, 2023 at 03:11 PM

HB

“ Hal was a life long friend. So special to me , my late husband and children. Thank you for being a wonderful presence in our lives.

Helen Beckett - April 16, 2023 at 02:05 PM

HB

“ HELEN BECKETT purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Harold "Hal" Smith.



HELEN BECKETT - April 16, 2023 at 11:50 AM

BH

“ Hal's father and my mother were first cousins, and close friends. My brother and I were nearly the same age as Hal and his sister Marian and were childhood playmates. We have shared many conversations over the years. Carmen, thank you for updating my genealogy files. More recently, cousin Janice called to tell me about her pending surgery, and to "call Hal" if she did not call me the morning after her surgery. I am thankful for having known both. cousin Barbara Hettinger

Barbara J Hettinger - April 16, 2023 at 08:34 AM

BL

Harold and I have been friends for 70 years. He lived with our family for a period of time while in high school. He often referred to my parents as his second family. I'm so glad we were such long time good friends.

Bonnie LasaterRamirez - April 16, 2023 at 09:31 AM

DF

“ *To my adopted US family of 26 years....
Debi and Hal were like parents to me when I moved to Topeka back in 1997 from Canada.
Even though my path took me away from Topeka, a piece of my heart always stayed with both of them throughout the years.
I am so glad I got to see Hal recently, and even chatted with him not long before his passing.
Too many memories to count, and many I will cherish forever. Will miss you Hal....
My deepest sympathies to Debi, and to all of Hal's children and extended family.
All my love.
Debbie Firth*

Debbie Firth - April 15, 2023 at 08:44 PM

KB

“ Dear Debi, David and families,

My heart is heavy and I'm so sorry that Pastor Hal has passed away. I have lost one of my mentors, my childhood Pastor, who with your families have meant so much to me over the years. I knew that whenever I had a problem or a question about life, that I could count on him to give me the guidance and biblical advice and answers that I needed and that always comforted me in so many ways.

Pastor Hal, Thank you for always being there for me. Thank you for your support. Thank you for your wisdom. Thank you for being a mentor and friend to me and my family. Thank you for being the energizing blessing that everyone needed to have around for guidance, wisdom, understanding, patience, love, grace, and prayer. You were my pastor at Topeka First Baptist Church and you were my pastor at Topeka First Assembly of God, you were my boss and pastor at The Cowboy Church and you were my lifelong friend.

I prayed for you everyday, even though I didn't talk to you much because I knew you were busy and had a lot of responsibilities. Thank you for being you. There will never ever be another you. You are unique. You are full of laughter and joy and love and kindness. I thanked God everyday for allowing me to be a part of your life and thank you for giving my brother your mustang, I know it was hard for you to sell it, but he still has it and he loves that car immensely.

Thank you for being a true gentleman and a perfect example for how a man is supposed to treat his wife and his family. I'm so grateful, honored and privileged to have known such a wonderful man as you ❤️

I'm praying for you Debi, David, and families, for God's peace that only He can give you. I love you all like my own family.

Kimberly Burbank

Kimberly Burbank - April 15, 2023 at 01:03 PM

SS

“ *Debbie and family; I am so sorry for your loss. Is there is anything I can do for you. Sending love and prayers.. With love Sharon & Shawna, Ryan, Micaela, and Keira.*

sharon springstead - April 14, 2023 at 07:54 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Harold "Hal" Smith.*



April 14, 2023 at 03:29 PM