



Stephen W. Smith

May 16, 1946 - November 15, 2013

Stephen West Smith, a long time attorney in Henryetta, died peacefully in his sleep on November 15, 2013 at the age of 67. Born May 16, 1946 in Henryetta, Ok to Ernest West Smith and Katharyn Jean Forth. Stephen became the third generation attorney to practice law in Okmulgee County following in the footsteps of his grandfather E.W. "Cyclone" Smith and his father Ernest Smith.

Stephen served as an Assistant District Attorney in Okmulgee from 1971 to 1975. He opened his own law firm in Okmulgee in 1975. In 1977 he left Okmulgee to join his family's law firm in Henryetta until his death.

Stephen graduated from Henryetta High School in 1964. While in high school, he achieved the badge of Eagle Scout and while practicing law became a member of the Advancement Committee of the Boy Scouts Executive Council. He received his BA degree in History at the University of Oklahoma in 1968 and his Juris Doctorate at the Oklahoma University College of Law in 1971.

While attending law school, he received the American Jurisprudence Award in Criminal Law and American Jurisprudence Award in Domestic Relations; both awards are earned by the top student in the class in their specialized field. He was also named to the Dean's Honor Roll and graduated in the upper 25% of graduates in the OU law school. While in school he worked two years for the Highway Department legal staff in Land Condemnation. He was a long time member of the Henryetta First United Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge, Shriners and the Rotary Club. He was also the past president of the lions Club and a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

Stephen held membership in the Okmulgee County Bar Association, Oklahoma Bar Association, American Bar Association, National District Attorney's Association and the American Trial Lawyers Association. He served Henryetta as City Attorney for 15 years.

He is survived by his wife; Marsha Wilson- Smith of the home and his mother Katharyn Jean Smith of Henryetta. A son, David Smith and wife Sheila of Houston, TX. Daughters;

Stephanie Kissman of Tulsa and Amy Smith-Holt and husband Wade of Newcastle, Ok. By marriage a son Jason York and wife Christine of Houston and daughter Tiffany York of Henryetta. Brother: Donnie Smith and wife LouAnn of Henryetta and their children Bridgette and Natalie Smith.

Grandchildren: Caitlin and Rebekah Smith of Houston, Madison, Noah, Lyric, Ethan and Rylee Kissman of Tulsa; Kaden, Nate and Gavin Holt of Newcastle and by marriage Ashley, Emily, Brandon and Justin York of Houston, TX.

Funeral Service is scheduled for 2:00 pm, Thursday, November 21, 2013 at the First United Methodist Church in Henryetta. Interment will follow at the Westlawn Cemetery under the direction of the Rogers Funeral Home.

Cemetery

Westlawn Cemetery

2800 West Main
Henryetta, OK, 74437

Events

NOV **Visitation** 12:00PM - 08:00PM

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Rogers Funeral Home
1302 West Main Street, Henryetta, OK, US, 74437

NOV **Visitation** 08:00AM - 08:00PM

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Rogers Funeral Home
1302 West Main Street, Henryetta, OK, US, 74437

NOV **Service** 02:00AM

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Methodist Church
1212 Lake RD, Henryetta, OK, US

Comments



“ I will always remember sharing holiday celebrations with Steve and his family at Aunt Kitty and Uncle Ernest's home in Henryetta, made magical by the "secret" room beneath the staircase and the "King's chair" just up the hill. My thoughts and prayers are with Steve, his wife, his children and the rest of his family at this difficult time. Wishing you peace and comfort, Tiffany Marchesoni

Tiffany Marchesoni - November 21, 2013 at 07:49 AM



“ In 1996 my elderly mother had run into some difficulty regarding her finances. She didn't want me to know anything about this until it got to a point that she had no choice. I lived in OH at the time, and she could become homeless. I called Stephen and he helped me navigate these problems and move my mom to OH so I could take care of her. I have many times remembered his kindness. My mom passed in 1998 and she too appreciated his kindness.

jill powers simister - November 19, 2013 at 07:24 AM



“ I went to school & church with Stephen in Henryetta. My sympathies & prayers are with his family. Carol Newman McRae

Carol - November 18, 2013 at 09:45 PM



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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Stephen W. Smith.



November 18, 2013 at 01:59 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Stephen W. Smith.



November 18, 2013 at 01:41 PM



“ Stephen Smith was a brilliant person. I was fortunate to work beside him when he was the city attorney for the City of Henryetta. He was direct and certain with the answers he gave to legal issues. I had the opportunity to visit with Stephen on many issue and his humor always shined through to make a stressful situation a little better. He will certainly be missed.

Gary Clason - November 18, 2013 at 01:34 PM



“ Stephen and I went to junior high and high school together and later were both at OU. We also shared a trip with other Oklahoma high school students to Washington D.C. and New York City for a close up look at the United Nations and its work. Stephen was very intelligent and very interested in government so it was no surprise that he became a lawyer. I am so sorry that he passed on this early in his life but he can join several of his fellow football players from the 1964 Hens team. Stephen was unique and I extend my sincere sympathy to Donnie, Mrs. Smith and the rest of his family.

Bonnie (Ross) Henderson

Bonnie Henderson - November 17, 2013 at 06:06 PM



“ Steve and I were boyhood friends in Henryetta. Our dads were born on the same day and were best friends until they died. They even roomed together at OU. Naturally, Steve and I would be close. Our families were always close and I love the Smith family very much. Steve and I were very close until we finished high school and went our separate ways. Though I have seldom seen him since then I followed his career and kept up with where he was and what he was doing. My prayers are for all of his family.

Tom Shaw

Tom Shaw - November 17, 2013 at 10:55 AM



“ I'm so sad to hear of Stephen passing; he was a friend, a teammate and we were in the same Church at First Baptist. God Bless him and his family; all wonderful people.

Mark Downing - November 16, 2013 at 01:58 PM



“ We started first grade together in a Sunday school classroom upstairs at First Baptist Church while they were finishing up work on the brand new Webster Grade School--then we moved over there--on to Junior High--finally High School. Another time--another era!!After that we went in all different directions. There is something about the small group of us left that spent everyday together for 12 years that just cannot be put into words--a connection and caring that lasts a lifetime. Rest well now my friend!!

Betty Minyard Allen
HHS Class 1964

Betty Minyard Allen - November 16, 2013 at 07:57 AM