



Lt. Col. George Smith, USAF (Ret.)

February 19, 1929 - May 3, 2015

Lt. Col. George Smith, USAF (Ret.) was born in Forty Fort, PA on February 19, 1929 to George W. Smith and Helen Landay Smith. He graduated from Huntingdon High School in Huntingdon, PA and Juanita College, also in Huntingdon, with a BS Degree in Mathematics. He was active both in High School and College in football and basketball and was scheduled as an honorable mention on the small college Little All-American Football team in 1949. Upon graduation in 1950, George enlisted in the USAF and served in Korea as a navigator on the B-26 Invader. Upon return from Korea in 1953, he married his beloved wife Patricia Hetrick, also from Huntingdon. Following his first tour of duty after returning from Korea, he was assigned to the University of Washington in Seattle, WA to pursue a degree in Electrical Engineering. Upon graduation in 1959, George was assigned to Kirtland AFB in Albuquerque, NM to the Air Force Weapons Laboratory. George's career in the Air Force primarily focused on development and test of nuclear and conventional munitions. Following assignments at Kirtland AFB, Eglin AFB and Hanscom AFB, George was assigned to the AC130 gunship program and flew combat missions in Vietnam. He retired from the Air Force in 1974 to pursue a career as an electrical engineer with GTE Lenkurt and Siemens Electric. Upon leaving Siemens, George and Pat bought a travel trailer, went on a two month trip to Alaska and continued to pursue their interests in the civilian world. They traveled extensively, enjoyed skiing, hunting and fishing together and were truly best friends. George was preceded in death by his

parents, George W. Smith and Helen E. Smith; his beloved wife, Patricia; and his brother, Robert E. Smith. He is survived by his son, Michael D. Smith; and daughter, Robin L. Schmidt and husband John C. Schmidt; his grandson, Robin C. Smith and granddaughter, Kylie A. Schuster; and his brother, Harold F. Smith. Funeral services will be held on Monday, May 18, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at FRENCH - Wyoming with a reception following the funeral. Burial will follow with military honors provided by the United States Air Force at Santa Fe National Cemetery at 2:15 p.m. on Monday, May 18, 2015.

FRENCH – Wyoming
7121 Wyoming Blvd. NE
(505) 823-9400

Cemetery Details

Santa Fe National Cemetery

501 N. Guadalupe St.
NM 87504

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAY **18**. 11:00 AM (MT)

FRENCH Funerals - Cremations (Wyoming)
7121 Wyoming Blvd NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109
(505) 823-9400
<https://www.FrenchFunerals.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Healing Tears - All White* was purchased for the family of Lt. Col. George Smith, USAF (Ret.).



May 17, 2015 at 07:13 PM



“ *Mark & Sue and family, Amy and family, Harold & Fay* purchased the *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket* for the family of Lt. Col. George Smith, USAF (Ret.).



Mark & Sue and family, Amy and family, Harold & Fay - May 15, 2015 at 11:08 PM



“ *Zia Chapter of North American Versatile Hunting Dog Assoc.* purchased the *Springtime Wishes* for the family of Lt. Col. George Smith, USAF (Ret.).



Zia Chapter of North American Versatile Hunting Dog Assoc.
- May 13, 2015 at 12:46 PM

TB

“ *The Farm Boys/Gals purchased the Roses For S
ympathy for the family of Lt. Col. George Smith,
USAF (Ret.).*



The Farm Boys/Gals - May 13, 2015 at 12:12 PM

RC

“ *Diane and I wish to offer our sympathy to the entire Smith family on
George's passing. I remember our days at GTE Lenkurt and on
several hunting and skiing trips. George has gone onward to the
greatest adventure any person can undertake and we wish him and
his family peace and contentment.*
Richard & Diane Canary

Richard Canary - May 10, 2015 at 02:41 PM

LG

“ *My Sympathy to the family of George Smith. George was my
supervisor at GTE for some time an on occasion he went with our
group of friends to go hunting. He will be missed.*
Larry Gardner

Larry Gardner - May 09, 2015 at 10:45 AM

BM

“ *On behalf of the French Family of Companies, we express our
deepest condolences.*

Brandon Morrison - May 04, 2015 at 04:07 PM

CC

i read your obituary because your death was on my daughtets 34th birthday & i just felt sad. God bless you & your family help them through this rough time. Thank you for your service. R.I.P.

charlotte cooper - May 04, 2015 at 07:00 PM

RP

On behalf of the past and present members of the NAVHDA ZIA Chapter of New Mexico, we wish to send our condolences to the Smith Family. Lord, give them comfort and piece in knowing he is with you. Have fun our friend, in those great hunting fields and skiing places above.

NAVHDA Zia members

Roger Comstock - President - May 13, 2015 at 09:49 AM