



Richard Albert Smith

July 15, 1950 - August 25, 2022

Richard Albert Smith Born on July 15, 1950 at 4:58am to Margaret Lenore and Irvin Smith in Bakersfield, California. Richard was the Third born of the Five children of the Smith Family. Richard attended Standard Elementary, Standard Junior High and then went on to North Bakersfield High School. Known just as North High. He attended North High from 1964 until he joined the US Army on October 11, 1967. He joined on the buddy plan with his best friend Ronnie Mullins. Richard served in South Korea and in Germany during his service years. Richard came home from the military, when his father Irvin became terminally ill.

Richards work career was in the oil fields. His first job was a roustabout in the oil fields in Oildale, California. He eventually moved to warehousing of oilfield equipment, Fleet Manager, and then Purchasing Agent.. His duties included supplying the oil field pumps maintenance and keeping the warehouse stocked with supplies. He worked for Getty Oil and then Texaco, in Bakersfield, CA., Santa Paula, CA., and in Denver, Colorado. Texaco bought Getty Oil in 1984.

He left Texaco in 2000, and moved back to Tehachapi, California. He was able to transfer his great warehousing experience to the wind energy industry in Mojave, California. He eventually retired and was able to finally buy that 30 foot trailer and a pickup for all his adventures with his wife Nilly.

Richard was a fisherman, hunter and a "Happy Wanderer". He was more thrilled when he was out and about in the great outdoors, rain or shine.

You never know how long you have in this life. Over the last few weeks of his life, Richard starting feeling ill. His death came as a shock to all of his family, because his death came so quick.

Richard everyone will forever miss you.

As you liked to quote a line in that movie you liked, you would say, "Why Don't He Write?"

We'll be waiting to receive that letter.

Richard leaves behind Nilly his wife, daughter Jana and son in law Mario and grand daughters. Ryan his son. Sister MargaretAnn, Sister Betty and Brother Jimmy. His sister Susan passed away in 2016.

His best friends Ronnie Mullins and Jerry Smith passed many years before Richard.

Cemetery Details

Bakersfield National Cemetery

30338 E Bear Mountain Blvd
Arvin, CA 93203
(661) 867-2250

Previous Events

Military Honors

SEP 7. 10:45 AM - 11:15 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *We love you so much dad, can't wait to see you again.* ”



Jana Carrillo - September 02, 2022 at 06:35 PM

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“ *4 files added to the tribute wall* ”



Ryan Smith - September 02, 2022 at 03:56 PM