



Earl "Smitty" Wayne Smith

June 11, 1939 - April 18, 2025

Earl Wayne "Smitty" Smith, 85, of Bowling Green, passed away peacefully Friday, April 18, 2025, at Hannibal Regional Hospital with immediate family members by his side.

Funeral services for Earl will be held Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory in Bowling Green with Pastor Rod Ayers officiating. Burial with full military honors will be at Green Lawn Cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of services at the funeral home.

Earl was born June 11, 1939, in Vandalia, MO to Walter Clark and Dorothy (Miller) Smith. He was united in marriage to Martha Ann Jennings on August 20, 1961, in Vandalia, MO. Martha survives.

Also surviving are daughter, Deanna Gillett (Blake) of Shawnee, KS; brother, Terry Smith of Vandalia, MO; sister-in-law, Margaret Jennings of Louisiana, MO; brothers-in-law Floyd (Margie) and Wendell (Lori) Jennings of Bowling Green, MO; and many nieces, nephews, and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Larry Smith.

Earl was raised in Estes, MO. He attended grade school in Estes and was a

1957 graduate of Bowling Green High School. Following school, Earl went to work for Abel's at the Standard Station in Bowling Green until he was drafted in 1961. He served 4 years in the United States Air Force and 2 years in the Air Force Reserves. He was honorably discharged in 1967. After returning from the service, Earl began his long career working in the auto body industry. He built his first shop where Meyer Implement now sits. In the early 70s he moved his shop to its current location by the Bowling Green City Park. While Earl concentrated on the exterior of the vehicles, Martha took care of the interior. Earl also owned several other businesses during his lifetime, including owning the Steak House, Laundromat and Robo Car Wash in Bowling Green with business partner and friend, Dennis Allison. However, he always returned to his first passion, auto body repair work.

Earl enjoyed bowling and belonged to leagues at Twin City Bowl in Louisiana, MO. During his bowling career, he bowled two 300 games and a 299 game, placing him in the Missouri Bowling Hall of Fame. He also enjoyed pitching horseshoes and restoring cars. Earl led the singing at Emmanuel Baptist Church (now Resurrection Church) for a period of time and always enjoyed praising the Lord for all His blessings.

Earl would do anything to help someone and always had a smile and kind word for everyone he met. Earl humbly exhibited his deep and abiding love for the Lord in all that he did, not only through his words, but in his actions and deeds.

Pallbearers will be Clifford Jennings, Adam Jennings, Dennis Allison, Ronnie Henry, Steve Wiseman and Bill Bennett.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Cemetery Details

Green Lawn Cemetery

Bowling Green, MO 63334

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's & Crematory LLC - Bowling Green
606 West Main Street
Bowling Green, MO 63334
(573) 324-2211
office@bibbveach.com
<https://www.bibbveach.com/>

Funeral Service

APR 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Burial

APR **22** (CT)

Green Lawn Cemetery
US-61
Bowling Green, MO 63334
(573) 324-5451

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Earl "Smitty" Wayne Smith.

April 21, 2025 at 10:56 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Earl "Smitty" Wayne Smith.



April 21, 2025 at 10:56 PM



“ Tom And Jean Dempsey sent a virtual gift in memory of Earl "Smitty" Wayne Smith



Tom and Jean Dempsey - April 21, 2025 at 09:16 PM



“ Kelly Jeffers purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Earl "Smitty" Wayne Smith.



Kelly Jeffers - April 21, 2025 at 03:52 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Earl "Smitty" Wayne Smith.

April 21, 2025 at 02:56 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Earl "Smitty" Wayne Smith.



April 21, 2025 at 02:56 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*



Ron Hendrix - April 21, 2025 at 01:55 PM



“ *Pam Kirkwood lit a candle in memory of Earl "Smitty" Wayne Smith*



Pam Kirkwood - April 21, 2025 at 01:26 PM

AD

“ Annette D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Earl "Smitty" Wayne Smith.

Annette D. - April 21, 2025 at 10:20 AM

AD

“ Deanna, I have wonderful memories of time spent with you and your Mom & Dad. Smitty was one in a million and will be missed by all who were lucky enough to know him.

Annette Douglass - April 21, 2025 at 10:18 AM

YF

“ Your Wachter Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Earl "Smitty" Wayne Smith.

Your Wachter Family - April 21, 2025 at 08:04 AM

YF

“ Your Wachter Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Earl "Smitty" Wayne Smith.



Your Wachter Family - April 21, 2025 at 08:04 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Earl "Smitty" Wayne Smith.*



April 20, 2025 at 10:37 PM



“ *Brenda Boyer Phillips lit a candle in memory of Earl "Smitty" Wayne Smith*



Brenda Boyer Phillips - April 19, 2025 at 10:20 AM



“ *Mark Cohea lit a candle in memory of Earl "Smitty" Wayne Smith*



Mark Cohea - April 19, 2025 at 08:16 AM



“ *Carla Mills lit a candle in memory of Earl "Smitty" Wayne Smith*



Carla Mills - April 19, 2025 at 08:15 AM

PH

“ *Earl Wayne was a true Christian man we had a lot of wonderful talks when he come see his mom at tri county may God bless the family* ”



pastor Kenny haddock - April 18, 2025 at 05:26 PM

SM

Sorry for your family's loss

Sammy meyers - April 20, 2025 at 05:11 PM