



Henry Leroy Smith

November 9, 1946 - July 22, 2023

Longtime business and community leader, Henry L. Smith, passed away at the age of 76 on July 22, 2023 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was born in Claremore on November 09, 1946 to Louis and Clara May (Thompson) Smith. Henry was one of nine children born to this marriage. Henry grew up in Okmulgee. His parents owned and resided at the Elmo Motel located in the old Sparks Motel building at 111 North Comanche Street.

Henry graduated from Okmulgee High School and later attended OSU Tech. He went to work for the Okmulgee Daily Times as a printer. On March 19, 1971 he married Kay Haris. They moved to Weatherford, where Henry worked for a newspaper for a few years, before moving to the Mounds area. Henry managed the Smith Grocery in Mounds from August of 1977 to 1995 when the doors were closed for the final time. Henry then found his way to Smith's Grocery Store of Beggs where he worked for three years. Henry then purchased the Smith's Grocery Store on January 30, 1998 and renaming it Beggs General Store. He recently celebrated 25 years of ownership. Henry was proud to be a part of Beggs. He believed in his community and was a huge supporter of the kids of Beggs. Henry was also always ready to lend a helping hand to those in need. He could always be seen at the grocery store offering help to customers. Henry was a member of the Beggs Lions Club and Beggs Chamber of Commerce and held many positions within those organizations. Henry was also recognized as a Honorary FFA member.

In his spare time, he liked to work, but he did take some time off to travel. He collected coins over the years. But if anyone asked him what he really loved to do, he would answer spend time with his grandkids. Henry will be remembered for his generous and caring ways.

Henry was preceded in death by his parents, wife Kay, siblings Minnie Stafford, Step Smith, John Smith, Margaret Foster, Alma Fisher, Ermond Smith, Charles Smith, Gerald Smith, son Bobby Bowen, grandchild Robert Bowen and a great grandchild Kiara Brown.

Survivors include daughters Angie Carman, Debra Neumann and husband Mike, Candis Brown and husband Tony and a son John Bowen and wife Faye, 17 grandchildren, 31 great grandchildren, 4 great-great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, sister-in-law Betty Smith. He is also survived by a special friend Kathie Cron, his coffee buddy Ken Fuqua, his long-time friend and bookkeeper Tina Stone, and his dog Goldie.

Viewing will be on Wednesday, July 26, 2023 from 1:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Beggs McClendon-Winters Funeral Home Chapel. The family will receive friends on Wednesday evening from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00.

A funeral service will be held 2:00 P.M. Thursday, July 27, 2023 at First Baptist South in Beggs with Reverend Travis Markes officiating. Interment will follow at Green Hill Cemetery in Sapulpa, Oklahoma. Casket Bearers will be Tony Brown, Mike Neumann, Jason Crank, Marshall Laska, Garret Dick, Morgan Bush, Hazen Crank, and Paxton Laska. Honorary Casket Bearers will be John Bowen and Ken Fuqua.

Arrangements have been entrusted to McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Beggs. Memories, condolences, photos and videos may be shared with the family on Henry's Tribute page of our website. www.mcclendon-winters.com

Cemetery Details

GREEN HILL CEMETERY

400 East Teel Toad
SAPULPA, OK 74066

Previous Events

Viewing

JUL **26.** 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - Beggs
205 West Main
PO Box 750 (for mail)
Beggs, OK 74421
(918) 267-4444
info@mcclendon-winters.com
<https://www.mcclendon-winters.com>

Visitation

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Funeral Service

JUL 27. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church-South
8150 Highway 16
Beggs, OK 74421

Committal Service

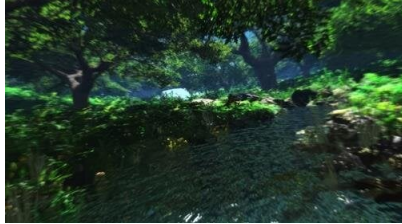
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Tribute Wall



“ McClendon-Winters Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Henry Leroy Smith



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - July 26, 2023 at 12:11 AM

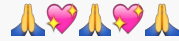
LT

RIP HENRY YOU WILL BE MISSED IN THAT GROCERY STORE SO MUCH USE TO SEEING YOU THERE REST WELL HENRY

Laketa Thompson - July 26, 2023 at 09:19 PM

TM

Henry you will be greatly missed! You were always a true example of a caring Dad and Grandpa to our community! We Love You!! 🙏



Tony and Cheryl Munds - July 27, 2023 at 09:29 AM

LG

Rest with the BEST (God). You will be missed.

Lamisha Gaines - July 27, 2023 at 06:18 PM

JH

I have been out of town for a week and just got back and heard the news, my heart is just broken. I knew Henry going on 34 years, he was one of the best men I have ever had the pleasure of knowing, he was a super Dad, Granddad, Great grandad and Great great granddad! Beggs will not be the same without Henry, may God Bless him and grant him peace and comfort along with the whole family. 🙏

J.R. Hall - July 29, 2023 at 11:50 AM



“ Blue, Red, and Yellow Dahlia (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Henry Leroy Smith.



July 26, 2023 at 03:22 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Henry Leroy Smith.

July 26, 2023 at 03:22 PM



“ 155 files added to the album LifeTributes



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - July 26, 2023 at 12:08 AM



“ Thinking of you all, sending love from Minnesota.



Nicole Stafford - July 25, 2023 at 11:48 PM

ME

“ It was always so special to be greeted by Henry on our visits to BGS. Henry was always such a great supporter of our school and church activities. We will never forget about 25 years ago, when we were building the fence of our home, the store was out of the bags of concrete we needed to complete it. A little later, Henry miraculously showed up at our house with the exact number of bags needed. He always went above and beyond to help everyone! We thank God for blessing us with his friendship and service to our community. He will be greatly missed. Prayers for all the family

Murry and Annette Eggleston - July 25, 2023 at 08:48 PM

VI

“ Vicki lit a candle in memory of Henry Leroy Smith



Vicki - July 25, 2023 at 06:13 PM

VI

Henry has been a staple in Beggs for many years. He will be missed by so many. Prayers for his family. Vicki Brose

Vicki - July 25, 2023 at 06:15 PM

MW

“ Henry...I appreciate all of the time we spent on community events. You were a great supporter of the Beggs Community. I appreciate the service you, Angie and the staff at the store have given my family over the years. You were a great person to know and I appreciate the time we had. Family, our prayers continue for you to be able to morn his passing, pick up the pieces, move forward and remember his huge work ethic and big heart. God's peace and comfort be with you.

Mickey Wilburn - July 25, 2023 at 03:18 PM

JL

“ Prayers to all the family. Henry has been with Simple Simon's Pizza for over 27 years & operated an excellent grocery store. He has certainly followed our vision and mission statements all these years! Rest in peace, Henry! - Joe Little - Simple Simon's Pizza

Joseph Little - July 25, 2023 at 02:42 PM

AE

“ Arlene Efurd lit a candle in memory of Henry Leroy Smith



Arlene Efurd - July 25, 2023 at 12:02 PM

TM

“ Tonyia Mallonee lit a candle in memory of Henry Leroy Smith



Tonyia Mallonee - July 25, 2023 at 11:54 AM



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July 25, 2023 at 10:52 AM



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“ *He always called .e texas...*

Laurie and margie - July 25, 2023 at 10:43 AM



“ *Laurie And Margie lit a candle in memory of Henry Leroy Smith*



Laurie and margie - July 25, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *Condolences to the family. I will miss Henry always at the store. He would always offer a friendly "Hi Linda" when he saw me in the store. He was always a big supporter for the community. Prayers for Angie and family.*

Linda Crook - July 24, 2023 at 07:13 PM

SP

“ *Sandy Pittinger lit a candle in memory of Henry Leroy Smith*



Sandy Pittinger - July 24, 2023 at 04:53 PM

DH

“ *Deena Harvey lit a candle in memory of Henry Leroy Smith*



Deena Harvey - July 24, 2023 at 02:41 PM

JJ

“ *Les and JoAnn Johnston*



JoAnn Johnston - July 24, 2023 at 02:38 PM

OW

“ *Orvil & Marilyn Wood lit a candle in memory of Henry Leroy Smith*



Orvil & Marilyn Wood - July 24, 2023 at 02:30 PM

KR

“ *Kaitlin Rouk lit a candle in memory of Henry Leroy Smith*



Kaitlin Rouk - July 24, 2023 at 12:46 PM

TL

“ *Terri Lavigne lit a candle in memory of Henry Leroy Smith*



Terri Lavigne - July 24, 2023 at 12:32 PM

DM

“ *Dickie & Nancy Melton lit a candle in memory of Henry Leroy Smith*



Dickie & Nancy Melton - July 24, 2023 at 11:39 AM

ZC

“ *Zandra Christy lit a candle in memory of Henry Leroy Smith*



zandra christy - July 24, 2023 at 11:34 AM

CD

“ *Charla K Davis lit a candle in memory of Henry Leroy Smith*



Charla K Davis - July 24, 2023 at 10:34 AM

FA

“ *FARREL & KATHRYN ANSON lit a candle in memory of Henry Leroy Smith*



FARREL & KATHRYN ANSON - July 24, 2023 at 10:29 AM

BM

“ *Becky McGahan lit a candle in memory of Henry Leroy Smith*



Becky McGahan - July 24, 2023 at 10:09 AM

DR

“ *Dianna Robbins lit a candle in memory of Henry Leroy Smith*



Dianna Robbins - July 23, 2023 at 11:59 PM

JC

“ Jeffrey L Culbert lit a candle in memory of
Henry Leroy Smith



Jeffrey L Culbert - July 23, 2023 at 11:27 PM