



## Ty D. Smith

July 5, 1947 - April 18, 2016

Tyrone (Ty) D. Smith, age 68, passed away April 18, 2016 after experiencing a stroke. Ty was born July 5, 1947, in Salina, Kansas to Maynard and Jeanette Smith. He grew up in Lindsborg, KS; Marysville, KS; and Junction City, KS. Ty graduated from Junction City High School in 1966. He attended Kansas State University from 1966 to 1967 before enlisting in the U.S. Navy, where Ty became a corpsman and attended Doctor's Assistant school in Guam in 1968 and 1969. During leave, Ty returned to Wichita, KS and married his college sweetheart, Jane Willis, May 10, 1969. In July 1969, Ty was sent to Vietnam to serve with the Marine Corps in Da Nang, Vietnam. After returning to the U.S., Ty and Jane lived in California for a time before returning to Kansas State University in Manhattan, KS, where Ty finished his business degree in 1973. His first job after college was with Kansas Manufacturing, a Combustion Engineering company, in Enterprise, KS. He was later transferred to C-E Invalco, Tulsa, OK in 1976 and subsequently to C-E Natco, Tulsa, OK. In 1978, Ty left Combustion Engineering to work for NTC, Tulsa, OK, and then in 1983 he went to Fred S. James, also in Tulsa. In 1990, Ty began working for Commercial Insurance Services, Oklahoma City, OK, where he specialized in insurance for the trucking business. In 1998, he started his own company, Benchmark Services, Inc., which he sold in 2005. From 2007 to 2016, Ty did consulting work. At the time of his death, he was consulting for Tim Driskill at Insurica/Joe West Company. Ty was preceded in death by his step-father, Wayne Coulter, and his father, Maynard Smith. He is survived by his wife, Jane Smith of Broken Arrow; son, Christopher Smith and wife, Erica, of Yukon, OK; daughter, Charlotte Smith and husband Khristian of Howe, OK. He is also survived by his mother, Jeanette Coulter, Seattle, WA; sister Beccy (John) Robertson, Seattle, WA; ten grandchildren, Caleb, Lauren, Kylie, Garrett, Jansen, Mariah, Prairie, Justus, Levi and one soon to come; and many nieces and nephews. Services will be held at St. James United Methodist Church, 5050 E 111th St South, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74137, on Saturday, April 23, at 10am. In lieu of flowers, the family requests any donations be made to [dav.org](http://dav.org) (Disabled American Veterans) in Ty's honor.

# Comments

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“ Ty was a good friend and helped me in my last job transition. He was a prince of a man. Always positive, the ultimate networker and man of encouragement. With his departure from this life, I rejoice his name is in the Lamb's Book of Life but he will be missed. There is none other like him. Blessing to you my friend! Stanley Turbyfill CRM

Stanley Turbyfill - July 25, 2016 at 03:23 PM

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“ I was fortunate to get to know Ty during his tenure at WAUSAU Insurance. We hit it off immediately after learning of our common Marine Corps and Viet Nam service. We remained friends throughout the years often sharing military and political viewpoints. I know he was deeply devoted to his family and that just added to my respect of him as a husband/father/brother/son and man. I will miss our frequent dialogue over the email wires. My deepest condolences to the family. Tim Mulloy Oshkosh, WI

Tim Mulloy - April 30, 2016 at 02:52 PM

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“ Who are these men to risk so much? To give the shattered a comforting touch? "Corpsman up!" Has been the cry. "Corpsman up!" A Marine may die! At Guadalcanal, Peleliu, Tarawa, Iwo and Okinawa too, The screams of pain, the anguished cries, "Corpsman up!" A Marine may die! From Pusan, Inchon and the Chosin cold, The broken, bleeding, and frozen. A pleading would rise, "Corpsman up!" A Marine may die! In jungles, on mountains, in stinking rain, Khe Sanh, The Rock Pile and No Name The calls of the wounded came on high. "Corpsman up!" A Marine may die! Through deserts and vast peaks Like Helmund, Mosul, Fallujah they stand, The shot, the torn, the thirsty would sigh. "Corpsman Up!" A Marine may die! Who are these men that risked so much? Like angels born with healing touch? Not all could be saved, a burden worn. At end of day the dead sent home. And so one day, our Lord looked 'round A corpsman on whom he could rely, He smiled and quietly called our brother Ty, "Corpsman Up!" And Semper Fi. Bill Powers USMC

Bill and Carol Powers - April 24, 2016 at 06:04 PM

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“ Lit a candle in memory of Ty D. Smith

Roy R Askren - April 22, 2016 at 06:40 PM



“ I had the pleasure of working with Ty over the last few years. I will always remember his ability to light up a room with his glowing personality and how he always made everyone feel better after an interaction with him. While he left us too soon, he made an impact on my life and I will never forget that! We will continue to keep his family and friends in our prayers.

**Jody Jordan** - April 22, 2016 at 08:03 AM

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“ To the Smith family, I send you my prayers and my condolences for the loss of your wonderful husband/father and relative. I remember Ty from Junction City High School and he was so well thought of then and we all still regarded him highly. Ty is now with our beloved Father in all his glory. In sympathy, Helen Leshur Urquhart

**Helen Leshur Urquhart** - April 21, 2016 at 08:46 PM

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“ Ty was always a blessing to us. He was a great leader and teacher. He always was very thoughtful and loving. He was talented and gifted in so many ways. The world lost a great man and we lost a great friend. You and the whole family are in our prayers. With deepest sympathy, John and Gloria Christner

**Gloria Christner** - April 21, 2016 at 07:29 PM

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“ My prayers and thoughts to Jane and family. I hadn't talked to Ty for a few years (since he got my company to do trucking insurance filings for him). Also, the many times we talked while working at NTC. A great guy who will be missed by all who knew him. B.J. HENDERSON

**BARBARA "B.J." hENDERSON** - April 21, 2016 at 06:36 PM

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“ Our sympathy to all of Ty Smith family. So sorry for your lost, Ty will truly be missed by us all. Ty leaves a legacy of friendship, faith, hope and love for all that knew him. Jane, you and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. Gary & Karen Chaput

**Gary & Karen Chaput** - April 21, 2016 at 06:35 PM



“ So sorry for all of his family, Wife and children. Jane, Chris, and Charlotte. You are in our prayers. Cannot forget the memories from Fulton neighborhood and all things. Much love to you all. Cathy & Lonnie Wilson,,,

**Cathy Wilson** - April 21, 2016 at 06:16 PM

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“ Our very much admired and beloved classmate, Ty Smith, who was so extraordinary in so many ways and supportive to so many people, passed away suddenly a few days ago. He was a decorated Marine who saved lives in battle, a family man extraordinaire, a passionate supporter of his high school friends and a constant light to those he knew were fighting cancer. He had an incredibly difficult childhood that he kept from us back then, but he reached out to adults in our town, who helped this tough, courageous boy as he starred as a an athlete while going through so much. He became a shining example to us all as he became successful in business and in his family life, but remained vulnerable and honest to us. He wrote many of us girls in our class to encourage our belief in ourselves and our talents—I can't thank you enough, Ty. And every year he drove hundreds of miles to place flowers on the graves of the military veterans and people who had helped him in our town (including my parents). It was a privilege to know you, Ty. Your life and your ideals will always inspire us but we will miss you so much.

**Jill Jaxx** - April 20, 2016 at 01:17 PM

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“ I lived in the same neighborhood as Ty back in JC tho he was 5 years older than me. He was the kindest boy in the group and surely the most handsome. And when he became such a stand-out in high school football it was exciting to tell my friends "I know him!" I remember whenever he was called by his full name, he would cringe, and at graduation and also in print it was called out and while we would giggle, he would just turn and wave at us. He was the first neighborhood crush for me. The other boys his age, and friends of my brother, would be dismissive, but not Ty. He was kind and would talk to me, and when that happens at age 7 or 8, you just remember it all your life. I did any way. My sympathies to the family. Jan Gooldy Kimbrell formerly of 1023 West Tenth St, JC, Ks

**Jan** - April 20, 2016 at 01:15 PM

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“ Dear Beccy, I am so sorry about the loss of your brother, Ty. My heart goes out to you and all his family, your mother, his wife and children, and all the grandchildren. Ty was quite a guy. I remember in high school, so many girls had such a crush on him — he was not just "cute" but THE athlete. Please know he was well liked and respected; he and my brother Bill had forged quite a friendship out of the Vietnam War experience. Linda Powers

**Linda Powers** - April 20, 2016 at 12:24 PM

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“ Wonderful memories from our time at Harvard Avenue. Judd and Sheree Jordan

**Judd and Sheree Jordan** - April 20, 2016 at 09:38 AM