



Jerry Foster Smith

February 10, 1949 - August 11, 2023

In Thanksgiving for the life of Jerry F. Smith. Jerry Foster Smith passed away Friday, August 11, 2023. Life services will be held at Memorial Chapel at First United Methodist Church 11:00 AM Friday, August 18th, 2023. Associate Pastor Shera Atkinson will officiate at the services.

Jerry was the son of F.A. and Lucile Shelton Smith. He was born February 10, 1949 in Lubbock. He married Barbara West July 27, 1974. He grew up on a farm near Hart, Texas and attended school there. He attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock and graduated with an Agricultural Education degree. He spent his career in the swine industry and traveled throughout that time. Jerry worked for DeKalb Swine Breeders as the International Projects Coordinator and went numerous times to all the major countries in Latin America and Japan. He also visited various other countries including China. Later in the US, he traveled in a 10-state area as a training and sales support specialist. The last 10 years of his career were spent at Texas Tech as manager of a sustainable pork research farm and as the Coordinator of Pork Industry Education helping producers, economic development groups, and allied industries. He also did audits for the American Humane Society. Jerry enjoyed history and music. He learned to play the mandolin and enjoyed playing with friends.

He is survived by his wife, brother John Smith and wife Vera of Mena, Arkansas; brother-in-law Sam West and wife Diane; brother-in-law Thomas West and wife Ann of Spicewood; sister-in-law Martha Griffith of Austin;

nephews Jay Smith, Travis West, Taylor West, Z.T. West and Clark Griffith;
nieces Jessica West and Nicki West.

Suggested memorials are to Meals on Wheels, 2304 34th Steet, Lubbock, TX
79411 or to South Plains Food Bank, 5605 M.L.K. Blvd., Lubbock, TX 79404
or a charity of choice.

Cemetery Details

Miller Crematory

202 Avenue Q
Lubbock, TX 79415

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
1411 Broadway Avenue
Lubbock, TX 79401

Tribute Wall

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“ *I looked up to Jerry. He was a leader in Hart High School. He excelled in many activities, especially FFA. We looked forward to seeing him and his wife at the Tech Women Basketball games for many years.*

Debbie Emery - August 16, 2023 at 01:42 PM