



Edward Smith

February 29, 1920 - December 22, 2015

Edward Smith was born in Winston-Salem NC on February 29, 1920, passed away on December 22, 2015. He was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Mezella Stanley Smith and nephew Paul Smith, whom he raised as a son. He is survived by his wife, Thelma and his daughters, Louise Manning (Sonny), Susan Brown (Jerome), Nancy Ledbetter (Ken), and also Theresa Shafer (Ken) and Cindy Bare (Rick). He loved spending time with his grandchildren Mike Manning, Chris Manning (Jan), Brad Ledbetter, Leah Ledbetter Mitchell, and Joey Smith Brown, also Karol Ann Moore (Joey), Christopher Bare and Rachel Bare. He adored his great grandchildren Jacob Edward Manning, Jared Manning, Jason Manning, Emily Manning, Bethany Manning, Brittany Manning, Madison Louise Manning and Cole Mitchell and they adored their "Pappy." Other survivors include his sister, Lavada Smith and nieces, nephews and great nephews. Even after a stroke in 2011, he still loved to go out on his truck, selling rocking chairs and meeting people. He loved hosting BBQs and was always the life of the party. He loved telling stories about his life experiences and especially his escapades in the 71st Division during WWII. He will be remembered for his love and devotion to God and his family, his sense of humor, his love of story-telling, for always looking on the bright side of things and for the values he left with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was dearly loved and will be greatly missed. The visitation will be held at The New Gardendale Funeral Home on Sunday, December 27, 2015 from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM with the

funeral service beginning at 2:00 PM. Interment to follow at Walkers Chapel Cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **27**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

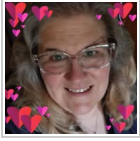
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Michelle Qureshi lit a candle in memory of Edward Smith*



Michelle Qureshi - December 25, 2015 at 04:08 PM

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“ *Always kidding me about marrying a real old man with lots of money. We had many laughs about this. He was the "REAL" father figure in my life and I will truly miss him. He was with me every step of the way in my mother's sickness, all I had to do was reach out and aunt Mozzelle and uncle Edward was by my side all the way to the end. I miss you already. His daughter's are also exceptional people. He instilled in them so much love. Your Niece, Elaine Stanley*

Elaine Stanley - December 24, 2015 at 01:23 PM