



Donald W. Smith

January 3, 1930 - January 19, 2016

Donald Smith, 86
Elm Creek resident

Donald W. Smith, 86, of Elm Creek, died Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at his home. Funeral Services will be 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Elm Creek United Methodist Church with the Rev. Doug Gahn officiating. Interment will follow at Elm Creek Cemetery with Military Honors provided by the Elm Creek American Legion in conjunction with Offutt Air Force Base Honors Team. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Thursday at the O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Elm Creek Chapel and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are suggested to the Elm Creek Fire and Rescue Department. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Donald William Smith was born to Frank W. and Etta J. (Cash) Smith on January 3, 1930, in Kearney, Nebraska. His early years were spent south of Gibbon and in Kearney. He attended Riverdale high school. Don enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1948, serving in post-war Japan, and later, in Korea. He was honorably discharged from the Air Force in 1953. He married Barbara Kenney in Kearney on August 28, 1954. He farmed in the Elm Creek

area, and also worked for Rockwell International for many years.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Barbara. He is also survived by his children: Robin Smith of Elm Creek, Nora Steenson and her husband Michael of Arvada, Colorado, Karla Smith of Lincoln, and by his grandson, James Buchanan of Arlington, Virginia. He is also survived by his sister, Gloria Lammers of Kearney, and by a niece and several nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and by two sisters, Jacquin and Benita.

Cemetery Details

Elm Creek Cemetery

5100 52nd Road
Elm Creek, NE 68836

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 21. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services - Elm Creek Chapel
301 N. Tyler
Elm Creek, NE 68836
(308) 234-3500

Funeral Service

JAN 22. 10:30 AM (CT)

Elm Creek United Methodist Church
Elm Creek, NE 68836

Tribute Wall



“ *Donald W. Smith*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *dennis broe and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald W. Smith.*



dennis broe and family - January 21, 2016 at 05:14 PM



“ *Kurt, Kevin & Kathy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald W. Smith.*



Kurt, Kevin & Kathy - January 21, 2016 at 11:33 AM



“ *Robin and family I am sorry for your loss but know your father's memory will be eternal.*

Tim O'Dea - January 21, 2016 at 12:31 AM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Donald W. Smith.*



January 20, 2016 at 10:43 AM