



Robert "R.C." Smith

June 9, 1928 - April 22, 2019

Robert "R.C." Smith, Jr., age 90, lifelong resident of Grove, OK passed away on Monday, April 22, 2019 at his home.

R.C. was born on June 9, 1928, to Robert, Sr. and Jessie (Jones) Smith in Grove, OK, one of 7 children. He attended Dodge School until the 8th grade, when he began working on the farm.

1952, R.C. enlisted in the U.S. Army and proudly served his country. He went on to work as a heavy equipment operator on the pipeline for several years then later for the Oklahoma Dept of Transportation, where he retired from.

On September 15, 1958, R.C. married the love of his life, Lucille Hudgens, in Grove and they spent almost 40 years together, until her passing in 1999.

Ranching was R.C.'s passion and life's work. He was a true cowboy in every sense of the word and he loved anything that had to do with cattle or horses. He was active with the Grove Round-Up Club for many years, serving as President several times. R.C. was instrumental in the construction of the Grove Rodeo Grounds. He and his brothers were avid ropers and rodeo enthusiasts and after his rodeo days began trail riding. He lead a trail ride in Tiff City for several years.

R.C. was a kind and thoughtful man that took a genuine interest in people. He enjoyed working with children and never having any children of his own, he was like a father to many of his nieces and nephews. Mentoring and guiding youth in agriculture was one of the many ways that R.C.'s legacy will be remembered.

He was preceded in death by: his parents, his wife, Lucille Smith, brothers: J.E. Smith and Rex Smith, sisters: Vinita Montgomery and Doris Smith.

Left to carry on R.C.'s legacy: brother, Jerry Smith and sister, Bobbie Carter and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation for family and friend will be from 6-8pm Wednesday, April 24, and funeral services will be at 2:30pm Thursday, April 25, 2019, both at Nichols Stephens Funeral & Cremation Services. Burial will be at Olympus Cemetery.

Cemetery

Events

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Visitation

06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Grove, OK,

Nichols-Stephens Funeral and Cremation Service
10201 U.S. Highway 59, Grove, OK, US, 74344

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Nichols-Stephens Funeral & Cremation Services - April 25, 2019 at 01:19 PM



“ We have known Mr, R, C, for many years. I have ridden with him on his rides and the Okie- Arkie and NWAC rides. He was always a pleasure to be around. We will miss him greatly. He was a man of integrity and honesty. John and Earlene Vann

John R. Vann - April 23, 2019 at 08:06 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Robert "R.C." Smith.



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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert "R.C." Smith.



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