

Grapeland Messenger

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Wade L. Smith, Jr.

Memorial Services for Wade L. Smith, Jr., age 89 of Rockdale, were held Friday, April 7 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale. Pastor Brian Dunks, from First Baptist of Salado, Tx and Chaplin Buddy Burton officiated. The Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Pall Bearers were Aaron Carder, Ben Carder, Garrett Smith, Dylan Fisher, Derrick Font, Matt Schnitzler, Bob Tanner, and Joe Schroeder. Honorary Pall Bearers were Scott White, Donnie Manek, Roger Booker, Graham Dickerson, Ernie Cates, Clifford Bartlett, and R. C. Patschke.

Mr. Smith passed away Tuesday, April 4, in Scott & White Hospital in Temple. He was born November 17, 1916 in Grapeland, Texas to Wade L. Smith, Sr. and Anabel Davis Smith. He was a member of St. John's United

Methodist Church in Rockdale. Smith was also a Veteran of the U.S. Navy serving in World War II and Korean War, discharged as Chief Petty Officer; he served 12 years on USS Wasp. He was a Control Operator with I.G. C. in Rockdale for 29 years, he retired in 1983. He resided in Rockdale for the past 51 years. Smith will also be remembered as an avid sports fan for the Texas Longhorns and a gardener.

Smith was preceded in death by his parents; and his sister, Jean Kennedy.

He is survived by his wife, Mickey Smith of Rockdale; sons, Wade L. Smith, III of Victoria; daughters, Pamela J. Carder and husband Randy of Temple, Kathlyn D. Smith of New York, and Barbara A. Smith of Elk Grove, California; sisters, Joyce Pinchback of Woodville, Texas; and 9 grandchildren.