

William Charter Smith

CORPUS CHRISTI - Services for William Charter Smith, 80, born March 1, 1927, in Bigheart, Okla., he was the son of Goldie University, where he graduated Viola Steele and Cecil Harrison Smith. He graduated from Barnsdall High School and immediately joined the U.S. Navy during World War II.

After being discharged from military service, he entered Oklahoma with a degree in petroleum engineering and was awarded membership in Phi Epsilon Tau. While still in college, he married Maxine Sullivan and the couple had four children together.

Following college, Mr. Smith worked for the Bureau of Mines, Cities Service, Varn Petroleum and Guy Management.

In 1975 he met and married Jennis Smith Pedigo.

He received his Professional Engineer's License and accepted a position with Teal Petroleum, a subsidiary of W.R. Grace. This job brought the couple to Houston, where he retired in 1985 for the position of district manager for Grace Petroleum.

Mr. Smith and his wife then started a consulting firm until her retired again in 1997.

He was a member of several organizations, including Elks, American Legion and AA.

After his first retirement, he and his wife bought a retirement home in Trinity. While here, he worked for five years with the AARP's Tax Aid program in Trinity.

In 1998, the couple sold their Trinity home and moved back to Corpus Christi, returning to the St. John's United Methodist Church where they had been married on March 1, 1975.

Mr. Smith was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Robert Gerald Smith.

Survivors include his wife, Jennis Smith; two sons, Larry Smith and Roger Smith; two daughters, Terrie Lynn Shell and Holly Ann Steindl; five step-children and their spouses, David Vance, Jack and Carolyn Dwayne, Donald Duncan, William Samuel "Bill" Pedigo and Jennis Kay and Kevin Harvill; grandchildren Tina, Sandra, Larry, Brad, Jay, Precious, Joshua Chase, Sarah, Jennifer Elizabeth Wright, Sandra Kay Pesl, Jack Dwayne Pedigo Jr. and William; and 10 great-grandchildren, Megan, Tyler, Haley, Kaitlyn Elizabeth, Kelsey Kay, Macy Lynn, Dylan Lansley, Kylee Elizabeth, Lily Belle and Ethan Michael.

Seaside Funeral Home directed the arrangements.

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