



## Johnny P. Smart

January 28, 1938 - May 7, 2015

Johnny P. Smart, 77, of Muskogee, Oklahoma passed away Thursday, May 7, 2015. He was born January 28, 1938 to John and Bernice Alvin (Terry) Smart in Muskogee, Oklahoma. After graduating from Oktaha High School, Johnny attended Northeastern State University for one semester and then joined the United States Army.

Johnny married his high school sweetheart and love of his life, Laura Ruth Edwards on May 12, 1956. Johnny's son Perry was born while he was stationed in Heidelberg, Germany. The family moved back to Muskogee and Johnny worked at the Egan Manufacturing Company.

Johnny was an entertainer in night clubs with his rock and roll band, The Rockabillies. His band was in high demand over the area to play for dances, parties, and clubs. The band name was eventually changed to The Country Four due to the band changing from rock and roll to country music.

In 1965, Johnny was saved in a Pentecostal Holiness Church, and later became an ordained minister when he was suddenly laid off from his daytime job. When Johnny wasn't preaching, he enjoyed hunting ducks and quail. One of his greatest joys was playing music in God's house.

Johnny was preceded in death by his parents, John and Bernice Smart; and wife, Laura Ruth Smart.

He is survived by his children, Perry Preston Smart of Muskogee, OK, and Leslie Louise Large of Midwest City, OK; grandchildren, Chad A. Large and wife Ashley of Ada, OK, Lacey Large and companion Rodney Marshall of

Harrah, OK; great grandchildren, Caleb and Kennedy Large of Ada, OK, and Reagan Ridley of Harrah, OK; brother, Terry Smart; sister, Mary Bullard; special friend, Lori Hall; and many other family members and friends.

A Memorial service for Johnny will be 11:00 A.M., Thursday, May 14, 2015 at Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel with Chad Large and Leslie Smart Large officiating.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel  
1830 N. York St.  
Muskogee, OK 74403

# Tribute Wall



“ Johnny P. Smart

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ I remember uncle Johnny & his plaid "uncle johnny" pants. We loved to hear his stories when we were children and his charismatic personality. We will always remember you.

Nicki Smart-Argo - May 14, 2015 at 12:35 AM



“ I sat under Johnny's ministry in Henryetta. He was a tremendous Blessing. He knew the Word and he understood the struggles people go through. We loved him dearly. He will be missed. God be with you Leslie and Perry. Your Dad adored you two.



Donna Ward - May 13, 2015 at 05:29 PM



“ I met Johnny in 2002, and from the first time we talked it was evident how much he loved his famliy and how proud he was of his grandchildren.  
Miguel

Miguel Pantoja - May 13, 2015 at 05:01 PM



“ *Lit a candle in memory of Johnny P. Smart*



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May 13, 2015 at 04:04 PM



“ *Lisa Velazquez lit a candle in memory of Johnny P. Smart*



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**lisa velazquez** - May 13, 2015 at 02:33 PM



“ *I didn't get the privilege of meeting Johnny but having been blessed by having Leslie in my life and knowing how much she loves him heaven got an angel in Johnny.*



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**Jasmine Stephens** - May 13, 2015 at 02:21 PM



“ *Dorinda Campbell lit a candle in memory of Johnny P. Smart*



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**Dorinda Campbell** - May 13, 2015 at 12:54 PM

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“ My deepest condolences.. I have known Johnny Smart for many many years.. What a good man he was.. Always a lot of fun to to around.. Leslie I'm so very sorry for your loss.. I love you ❤️



Donna Wilson - May 13, 2015 at 12:25 PM

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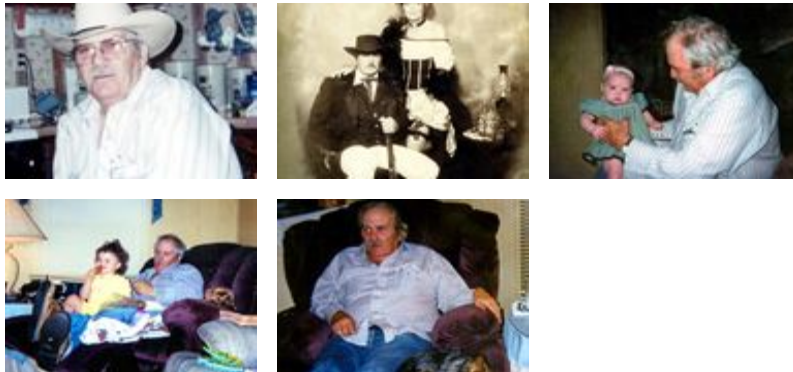
“ Lea Ann Sterling lit a candle in memory of Johnny P. Smart



lea ann sterling - May 13, 2015 at 12:05 PM



“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - May 11, 2015 at 04:02 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



lacey large - May 11, 2015 at 09:26 AM

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*What a beautiful picture.*

Nicki Smart-Argo - May 14, 2015 at 12:37 AM

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*Dad was so happy he had is little babies there with him. I already miss him. Loved him so very much*

Leslie Large - May 16, 2015 at 07:15 PM