



Gilbert R. Smith

April 29, 1949 - November 13, 2021

Gilbert R. Smith, 72, of Marquette, Nebraska died Saturday, November 13, 2021. Funeral services will be Saturday, November 20, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at the Heartland Evangelical Free Church with Pastor Zeke Pipher officiating. Visitation will be Friday, November 19, 2021 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the church. Burial will be in the Central City Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the family to be designated at a later date.

Condolences can be sent to the family at www.soltwagnerfuneral.com.

Gilbert was born on April 29, 1949 in Scotia, Nebraska to Raymond and Mildred (Hermsmeyer) Smith. He grew up in the Scotia area graduating from North Loup-Scotia in 1967. He enlisted in the United States Air Force serving overseas during Vietnam. While in the service, he met and later married the love of his life, Dawn Sterling on March 31, 1973 in Homestead, Florida. The couple moved back to Nebraska and lived in the Palmer area until 1993. They bought property on Willow Bend Lake and have lived there ever since.

Gilbert worked toward building their homestead, raised hogs, and started Smith Chimney Sweep. He then began working at Seim Irrigation, drilling wells and developed a love for driving trucks when he started delivering seed corn for the Seim family. This blossomed into him owning his own trucking company, Smith Trucking since 1990.

Gilbert was a member of the Heartland Evangelical Free Church. He enjoyed Husker Football, boating, and spending time with his family on the water. His family was his pride and joy and his heart's desire was to instill in them a

desire to follow Jesus by sharing the hope that guided his life.

He is survived by his daughter- Charissa Smith of Marquette, NE; son- Scott Smith of Lincoln, NE; two brothers- Carl Smith of Vilonia, AR and Harold (Diane) Smith of Waverly, NE; sister in law- Anna Mary Smith of St. Paul, NE. Gilbert was preceded in death by his parents; his wife- Dawn; brother- Burdette Smith; sister- Carol Vinson; brother in law- Merl Vinson; sister in law- Sandra Smith.

Cemetery Details

Central City Cemetery

Central City, NE 68826

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **19**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Heartland Evangelical Free Church
Central City, NE

Funeral Service

NOV **20**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Heartland Evangelical Free Church
Central City, NE

Tribute Wall

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“ *Barbara & Vernon Schoemaker purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gilbert R. Smith.*



Barbara & Vernon Schoemaker - November 19, 2021 at 03:01 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gilbert R. Smith.*



November 19, 2021 at 11:46 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gilbert R. Smith.*



November 17, 2021 at 04:05 PM

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“ *My condolences to the family and pray for peace within during Gilbert's passing.
Sam and Gayle Lahiri
Mansfield Tx*

Gayle - November 16, 2021 at 08:13 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gilbert R. Smith.*



November 16, 2021 at 03:03 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Gilbert R. Smith.*



November 16, 2021 at 02:44 PM



“ *While we did not really know him well ,he must have been an amazing person to have raised two such amazing Godly kids... Our hearts are broken for you 😭*

Dave and Kathy Chase - November 16, 2021 at 01:13 PM