



*Celebrating the Life of*



**OCTOBER 12, 1942 - APRIL 13, 2023**

**ROY** *Chester*  
**SMITH**



*Saturday, April 22, 2023 ~ 2pm*  
*Earl M. Temple Memorial Chapel*  
*2801 N. Kelley Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73111*  
*Pastor Kenneth Hayes ~ Officiating*

*Acknowledgements*

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, Or sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent a flower piece, If so, we saw it there.  
Perhaps you said the kindest words, That any friend could say.  
Perhaps you were not there at all, Just thought of us that day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts,  
We thank you so much - Whatever the part.

*The Family*

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# A Celebration of Life

Roy Chester Smith, Lt. Col (Retired) USAF of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma passed away on April 13, 2023 after an illness.

Lt. Col Smith was born on October 12, 1942 to Ervye Lee Mitchell and Luther Smith in Newton, Texas. After graduating from Kerr High School, he went on to study mathematics at Texas College in Tyler, Texas.

After graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in mathematics, he enlisted in the United States Air Force, where he immediately attended Officer Training School, to become commissioned as a Second Lieutenant. He served just shy of 26 years in the USAF, having earned numerous medals and awards. Perhaps his greatest achievement, Lt. Col Smith is considered a pioneer of the AWACS program, where he served as a member of the 552nd Air Control Wing (ACW). Not only did Lt. Col Smith lead the original mission simulator development team, this ACW delivered the absolute first AWACS plane to Tinker AFB on March 23, 1977.

Shortly after his retirement from the USAF at Tinker AFB, he founded Roy Smith Realty, where he worked for nearly three decades serving the community until his second retirement in 2021.

While Lt. Col Smith loved working, he also loved fishing and could often be found at Stanley Draper Lake on Sundays.

Lt. Col Smith is survived by his spouse, Sachiko Yuki Lawson; his daughter, Aneshia Smith; his brothers, Samuel Mitchell, Walter Smith, and Prentis Smith; his sisters, Bobbie Smart, Janice Mitchell, Faye Mitchell, Brendette Kennedy, Geneva Farr, Irene Farr, Sadie Gans, Versie Samuel and Lynn Smith (niece). He is also survived by a host of cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Services will be held at Earl M. Temple Memorial Chapel (Temple and Sons) on Saturday April 22 at 2 pm. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to your favorite charitable organization.



## Order of Service

### **Processional**

Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family

### **Musical Selection**

Wind Beneath My Wings

### **"The Road Not Taken"**

by Robert Frost  
Aneshia Y. Smith

### **Obituary**

Read Silently

### **Message**

Pastor Kenneth Hayes

### **Tributes**

Rick Goff, Lt. Col (Retired) USAF  
Col. Wilson Gilbeaux, USAF

### **Friends**

### **Eulogy**

Aneshia Y. Smith

### **Benediction**

Pastor Kenneth Hayes

### **Recessional**

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