



Mr. Dennis Smith

September 17, 1945 - August 23, 2020

Mr. Dennis Smith, 74, of Henderson passed from this life on August 23, 2020 at his residence. He was born September 17, 1945 in Teague, Texas to the late Elvin George and Berta Aileen (Pickett) Smith. Dennis was the former owner of Fairway Ford. He was a member Bar None Cowboy Church. Being born into a military family, Dennis embarked on a life of world travel including multiple years spent in Japan and France with long family vacations traveling to Germany and Spain. Upon returning to the United States, the family and Dennis spent time in El Paso, Texas before the family moved to southern Colorado where Dennis graduated from Canon City High School.

It was this travel that afforded Dennis the opportunity to meet so many people from so many different walks of life. These interactions with people from different cultures forged Dennis into the confident, dynamic, and loving Man that he was. To say that Dennis “never met a stranger” is truly an understatement.

After High School in Colorado, and still in his teens, Dennis worked his way up from a part-time position at a Canon City Ford dealers parts department, then into selling Case Heavy Equipment, Managing a Drilling Fluid Company, and on to managing multi-million dollar Ford Dealerships from El Paso to San Antonio to finally the Managing Partnership in Henderson at Fairway Ford where he found his true happiness while joyfully sharing his life and Christian

Faith with his beloved Rose Marie, who had been by his side at every turn of his travels through life's journey. They both enjoyed their beautiful home on Lake Striker, drinking coffee and watching the sun rises together, marveling at God's graces on them both.

Above all, Dennis was intensely proud of both his Colorado and Tennessee families, where his two daughters and all of his grandchildren and great grandchildren reside. He reveled in their many accomplishments, and would fairly glow and beam with pride when speaking of them as he often did when keeping in touch with his Sister and Brother.

He was a favorite, larger-than-life Uncle to his Nieces and Nephew where he always the highlight of any trip to Texas. He was always there to present a bible reading at a wedding, take them horseback riding, find the best places to go dancing or the best places to go fishing. He did it all, and he is forever loved for doing it.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Berta Smith; and son, Vince Mullins.

He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Rody Smith of Henderson; mother-in-law, Doris House; children, Carrie Ary and husband John Paul of Cannon City, Colorado, Katrina Fish and husband David of Munford, Tennessee; grandchildren, Sarah Phillips and husband Nick of Cannon City, Colorado, Joshua Ary and wife Christi of Cannon City, Colorado, Samantha Trahern and husband Cooper of Cannon City, Colorado, Libby Ary and fiancé Kevin Czarnecki of Denver, Colorado, Austin Griffin of Henderson, Ian Paul Mullins of Henderson, David Aric Fish of Denver, Colorado, and Dennis Ryan Fish of Denver, Colorado; great-grandchildren, Charley Trahern, Addison Phillips, and Jett Paul Ary; brother, Paul Smith and wife Pam of Maryland; sister, Phyllis

Pell and husband Toby of Indiana; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends. In lieu of flowers memorials can be to Henderson Animal Shelter 1201 Highland Drive Henderson Texas 75652.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Tribute Wall

LR

“ *Beautiful man with a beautiful soul...*



Laura Ralston - September 30, 2021 at 04:11 AM

KL

“ *Dennis and Rody are some of mine and my husbands most precious friends. It didn't matter what it was if you picked up the phone they were there. I will always love and cherish our friendship and family feel. You will always be tucked back in that little pocket in my heart that is only saved for the very special. Miss you honey and love you Rody to the moon and beyond.*
Karen and Ben Low

Karen Low - September 04, 2020 at 11:30 AM

KP

“ Oh how I truly loved this man. Dennis was one of my all time favorites from the moment we met. No one would shoot it to you straighter than Big D did. He would have you laughing by telling a one of a kind joke that I literally would walk away saying "I'm gonna have to remember that one" but never really remember any of them lol I just know he always made me laugh and feel loved when he was around. If Dennis was mad you knew that also and that was why he was my favorite boss you always knew how he felt and where you stood. I loved how caring and compassionate he was. When he loved you, you knew it . I'll miss Dennis as a GREAT FRIEND that I was lucky enough to had worked for and happened to call Boss. 💖 Rest Easy Dennis and Give Vincent A Hug From Me



Kelli Potts - August 30, 2020 at 07:39 PM

KW

“ Kathy Webb lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dennis Smith



Kathy Webb - August 29, 2020 at 10:52 PM

RB

“ Dennis Stepped into my life when most of the world had stepped out, I would not have the life I love today if it wasn't for him. He was my friend. “ friends are friends when it's not convenient .” Dennis was a good friend. He treated me like a son, a brother but most of all a true friend. I love that guy Dennis Smith. And my life is thankful for him.

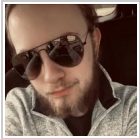
Racer Botkin - August 29, 2020 at 09:56 PM

JC

“ I loved his compassion for animals..He was a good man...I enjoyed working for him and valued his friendship..You will be missed💙



John and Tressia Coplin - August 29, 2020 at 09:36 PM



“ He was a wonderful man and a wonderful friend he will be missed



Cody Herman - August 29, 2020 at 08:17 PM

KM

“ RIP sweet Dennis.



Kate Moore - August 26, 2020 at 12:52 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Mr. Dennis Smith.



August 25, 2020 at 02:59 PM



“ Our love and prayers Rody! Kent and I thought a lot of Dennis.

Kent and Sandy Brummett - August 25, 2020 at 12:33 PM



“ Always with a smile on his face and ready to cut up with you. He sold me quite a few cars in my time! I always knew he would treat me fairly! Though we didn't see much of each other over the past couple of years I think he always knew he was thought of! Glad to see him recently and get to pray over him! He is totally healed in the arms of Jesus now! Miss you Denny!



Ginger Pickett - August 25, 2020 at 12:24 PM



What a wonderful man... was at hospice with us when we lost Daddy (Ada Pickett) his love and smile will never be forgotten. Give Dad a hug and I'll see you at the Gates of Heaven. Miss you Denny

Gala Pickett - August 26, 2020 at 11:39 AM

TJ

“ *Tracie Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dennis Smith*



Tracie Jones - August 25, 2020 at 11:42 AM

AA

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. I enjoyed my times with him this year and getting to know him. You have my deepest sympathy, Arlene Acres*

Arlene Acres - August 24, 2020 at 09:47 PM

JS

“ *Jesse And Genna Stewart lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dennis Smith*



Jesse and Genna Stewart - August 24, 2020 at 08:15 PM

BF

“ *Brandy Fugett-Ring lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dennis Smith*



Brandy Fugett-Ring - August 24, 2020 at 04:14 PM

DA

“ *Donna Dorsey Aaron lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dennis Smith*



Donna Dorsey Aaron - August 24, 2020 at 02:51 PM

VY

“ *Vivian Ybarra lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dennis Smith*



Vivian Ybarra - August 24, 2020 at 11:30 AM

KW

“ *Kathy Webb lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dennis Smith*



Kathy Webb - August 24, 2020 at 10:20 AM

KH

“ *I was so saddened to hear of the loss of Dennis . I am praying for you and your family .*

Kathy Hlavaty - August 23, 2020 at 06:37 PM