



## Clarke "C.D." Smith

August 27, 1965 - January 30, 2025

Clarke (C.D.) Smith peacefully passed from this world on January 30, 2025 at the age of 59. C.D. was born August 27, 1965 in Grand Island, Nebraska to Ronald (Ron) and Sharon (nee. Shubert) Smith.

C.D. was living out his dream of a warm-weather lifestyle with his beloved wife and best friend, Shellie (Flores) Smith, and German shepherd, Zena, in Trinity, Texas at the time of his passing. He will be forever remembered for his infectious laughter, love of fishing, good times with friends, his unwavering loyalty to Nebraska Husker football, and his pride in his family.

C.D. spent his life as a salesman – a profession that carried him across the country and into the lives of many. He owned a boat dealership (The Boathouse), sold insurance and manufactured goods, and much more. In this way, his family likes to think that a part of him lives on with every person he served. In particular, he always had a special place in his heart for his employees. C.D. most recently worked as Regional Sales Manager for Boshart Industries. Though his career was in sales, C.D. was, at his core, a scientist. With his education in biology from the University of Nebraska at Kearney, and insatiable curiosity, he never stopped learning and exploring the world around him.

C.D. was predeceased by his mother Sharon, and is survived by his father

Ron; wife Shellie; sister, Richelle (Curtis, and their daughters, Kaylee and Paige) Cellar; son, Jaydn (Luisa); step-daughter, Salina; step-sons, Tyler (Carolyn, and their daughter Elsie), Shane (Kami, and their children Acelyn, River, Remington, and Reign), and Brandon (Crystal, and their children Maxton and Emersyn), as well as many other family members and friends who were touched by his love and zest for life.

A visitation from 5:00-7:00pm Friday, February 14, and a memorial service at 11:00am Saturday, February 15, will both be held at All Faiths Funeral Home in Grand Island, Nebraska. His family invites all who knew C.D. to join them there to celebrate his life. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to “Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Nebraska” – an organization C.D. was involved with and possessed deep respect and affection for.

Gifts can be made online at <https://www.mentorcentral.org/give.html>, or checks can be mailed to:

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Nebraska  
715 W Anna Street  
Grand Island, NE 68801

Although he is no longer with us, C.D.’s spirit lives on in our hearts, and in the memories, stories, and lives he touched.

# Cemetery Details

## Grand Island City Cemetery

Grand Island, NE

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 14. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home  
2929 S Locust St  
Grand Island, NE 68801  
(308) 398-2929  
allfaiths@giallfaiths.com  
<https://www.giallfaiths.com/>

## Memorial

FEB 15. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home  
2929 S Locust St  
Grand Island, NE 68801  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *All Faiths Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Clarke "C.D." Smith*



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**All Faiths Funeral Home** - February 15, 2025 at 10:12 AM

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“ *In early 2004, I was working for a job shop that made parts to a print. I received a call from a customer who was very upset. This customer has received parts, they were out of spec and was not happy about it. As he was talking I was removing through an enormous checklist of work this rejection was going to case and that I was the one who was going to take it to the boss. I apologized to this customer and was about to connect them to the General Manger when they burst into laughter. It was CD Smith. I believe I called him several very technical names having to do with his parents never being married, but delighted he played this prank on me. All was forgiven and we had a good catch up at the reunion that year. I will miss his spirit of adventure and fun. God bless his family. He is already missed.*

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**Brian T. Lewis** - February 14, 2025 at 07:18 PM



“ C.D. we were from the other end of Nebraska and were lucky enough to meet you and become friends in Texas because of wearing Nebraska shirts! So blessed we went to Ed's that Saturday! You will be missed deeply! GBR Frank and Jody

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**Jody Strong** - February 13, 2025 at 09:31 AM

BF

“ I always enjoyed spending time with CD. We went to high school together and reconnected after several years. He had a caring heart and loved his family, it was always fun to hear him slip in a "proud dad" comment. Prayers to his family and friends.

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**Bobbie Feldhaus** - February 12, 2025 at 01:51 PM

MC

“ C D I am so happy to have met you. You were a great man, now enjoy yourself with the Angels in Heaven my friend. Rest In Peace my friend.

*Manny Flores Cuellar*



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**Manny Flores Cuellar** - February 11, 2025 at 11:08 PM

MC

“ C D you were an awesome person. I was so happy to have known you my friend. Rejoice with the Angels in Heaven my friend. Rest In Peace. 🙏🙏❤️  
Manny Flores Cuellar



Manny Flores Cuellar - February 11, 2025 at 10:12 PM

RR

“ I was heartbroken to hear about C.D.'s passing. We shared many memories at Westridge Junior High and Northwest High School in Grand Island. I will always remember his warm smile and kind spirit—he made everyone around him feel seen and appreciated. C.D. was the kind of person who could light up a room with his laughter, and his genuine heart made him truly special. I'm lighting a virtual red candle for his big heart and one more "Go Big Red!" cheer. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and all who loved him. May his memory be a blessing and a source of comfort to all of us.



Ronda Robinson - February 11, 2025 at 08:51 PM

GJ

I couldn't believe it when I saw that CD had passed away he was such a great guy. Always so happy when we graduated from Northwest High School, and would see him around town every now and then. Heaven will be very happy to have him. To the family and very dear friends I'm so sorry for your loss.

Gerri Jackson - February 12, 2025 at 10:59 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clarke "C.D." Smith.*



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February 11, 2025 at 07:31 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Clarke "C.D." Smith.

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February 11, 2025 at 07:31 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Clarke "C.D." Smith.*



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February 11, 2025 at 03:59 PM



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