

Christopher William "Chris" Smith, 54 years of age, of Amarillo, Texas, passed away at his home on Sunday, February 13, 2022. He was born on May 17, 1967, in Amarillo to Dian Huff Smith and Thomas W. Smith.

He attended and graduated from high school in the Washington DC area and had traveled far and wide before moving back to Amarillo in 2006 from Chicago. Having the heart of a true servant, no other career was more tailor made for Chris than waiting tables. He enjoyed his profession and it reflected in his work. Not wanting to waste a single step or see patrons in need, he was very efficient and aware of not only his tables, but others as well.

His trusty sidekick, Rumour, was a true companion he raised from a young pup. The two of them were completely devoted to each other and most generally, when you saw one, the other was close behind. They thoroughly enjoyed cruising around in the Jeep together with good tunes filling the air. Chris also spent countless hours fishing, swimming, conning anyone he could into playing card games with him, reading science fiction literature, and as a youngster, playing baseball and football and as he matured, became a fan of watching his favorite sports.

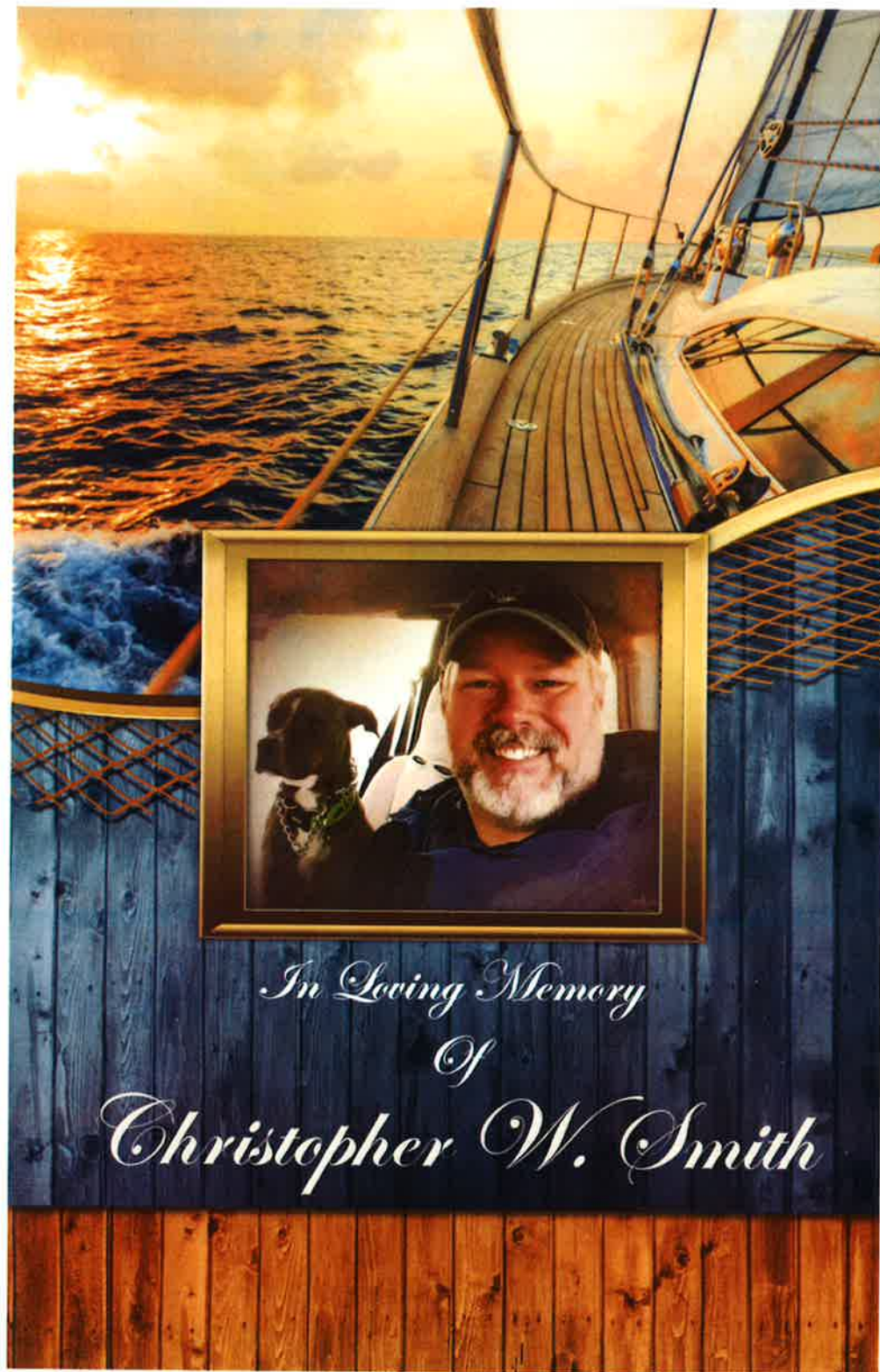
Not only was Chris a very kindhearted and good all-around man, but he was also extremely generous with his time and talents which he lavished on his family whom he loved deeply. While he wasn't blessed to be a father, he was everyone's favorite "cool" uncle, friend, and mentor. Those who knew Chris, even a little, will miss his beautiful smile, an ear that was available to listen and a friend who was always willing to help, inspire, motivate and encourage.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Robert Allen Smith; grandparents, Pike and Audry Huff and Bill and Ruth Smith and his treasured Aunt Virginia and Uncle Red Horton; cousin, Leonardo Smith; Aunt Mary and Uncle Bill Moore, Aunt Moleta Clark; Uncle Robert Schaub, Uncle Kelsey Banister, Uncle Rusty Huff and Uncle George Huff.

Those who remain to hold dear to them the fond memories of Chris are his loving mother, Dian Smith of Amarillo; father, Thomas Smith and wife Leticia of Chicago, Illinois; brother, Mathew Smith and wife Maritsa of Hammond, Indiana; sister, Elena Smith of Chicago, Illinois; special Aunt, Jerre Hodges of Amarillo; Uncle Ron Smith and wife Connie of Billings, Montana; favorite cousins, Holly Jetel and Heather Hodges both of Amarillo and Samuel Smith; Aunts and Uncles, Judy Grant & Larry Loter, Ann Banister & Jim Buck, Aunt Mellvinia Stocking all of Amarillo, Aunt Norma Mitchell of Geronimo, Oklahoma, Aunt Monty Schaub of Hinsdale, Illinois; his best friend and companion, Rumour; his cat, Squeaker and an enormous family who loved him dearly, with too many to mention!

Celebration of Life Memorial Services are scheduled for 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at Saint Andrews Episcopal Church of Amarillo, 1601 South Georgia Street, Amarillo, Texas with Father Jared Houze officiating. The family has entrusted the cremation care of their loved one to Winegeart Funeral Home.

Should you wish to honor Chris's life with a donation, the family suggests they be made to Gracie's Project, P.O. Box 2512, Amarillo, TX 79105 or by visiting [www.graciesproject.com](http://www.graciesproject.com) and donating online.





In Loving Memory Of

# Christopher William Smith

Entered This Life ~ May 17, 1967

Entered Into Rest ~ February 13, 2022

## Celebration of Life Memorial Services

5:00 pm, Tuesday, March 26th, 2022

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of Amarillo

### Order of Services

#### Procession

**Anthem.....BCP 491**

**Collect.....BCP 493**

**Psalm 23.....BCP 476**

The LORD is my shepherd; \*

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; \*

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; \*

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his  
Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil; \*

for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of  
mine enemies; \*

thou anointest my head with oil;

my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days  
of my life, \*

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

**Gospel Reading.....John 10:11-16**

Celebrant..... The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John.

People.....*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.”

Celebrant..... The Gospel of the Lord.

People.....*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**Special Reading offered by Mona Parsley**

**Eulogy Rendered by Holly Jetel & Heather Hodges**

**Apostle's Creed.....BCP 496**

**The Lord's Prayer.....BCP 364**

**Prayers of the People.....BCP 480**

**The Commendation.....BCP 499**

**Blessing**

**Dismissal**

**The Closing Anthem "The Song of Zechariah" BCP 92**

### Participants

Officiant: The Rev. Jared Houze

Altar Guild: Margaret Jenkins

Flower Guild: The Rev. Dave Blakley

Organist: Rick Land