

L. R. "Smitty" was born on January 15, 1947, in Charlotte, NC the son of Lemuel and Carolyn (Finlayson) Smith. He grew up and attended schools in North Carolina. Following school Smitty entered the United States Army in January 1964 and he was honorably discharged in December 1969. After his discharge he returned to Russell, AR. While living between North Carolina and Arkansas he held several different jobs. He was a Mayor, Preacher, Judge, worked on the Pipeline, and was a devoted Mason. Smitty worked as a welder on the pipeline, working his way up to foreman. In the late 70' and early 80's Smitty was welding on the pipeline in Glasgow, MT. This is where he met his wife, Lee Hoerster, and they were married on November 15, 1981, in Las Vegas, NV. After the marriage they returned to Hinsdale to live. During this time he managed the Hinsdale Cenex. In April 1984, Smitty started working for the Sidney Police Department and worked there until April of 1996. While working for the police department he also owned a yard maintenance business which he operated for several years. After working in law enforcement he worked for a short while for Power Fuels, and then became a Landman in the Oil Industry. Next he drove truck for J Mar Trucking before starting his own company called Permit Plus. Smitty was working as a pipeline inspector for Petro Hunt in Killdeer, ND. For the last several years he also worked as a cattle buyer for Prewitt Cattle Company.

Smitty really enjoyed spending time with his coffee buddies at Baker Boy solving the world's problems and visiting with family and friends. Smitty was a collector of firearms, loved to fish and especially loved his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Smitty enjoyed traveling, returning as often as possible to North Carolina to visit his mother and sister.

Smitty died on Saturday, January 18, 2014 at St. Vincent's Hospital in Billings, MT. from pneumonia complications.

Surviving him are: his wife, Lee Smith, Sidney, MT; sons, Roger Nasset, Kalispell, MT and Kevin Smith, Russell, AR; daughter, Tammy Lunstad, Sidney, MT; mother, Carolyn Rutledge, Stanley, NC; sister, Roxy Rutledge, Stanley, NC; 7 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father-Lemuel Smith, SR, his grandson-Jesse Nasset and his step father Jimmy Rutledge.

Smitty was a very unique and unforgettable man that could interact with anyone- about anything. He will be greatly missed!

## In Loving Memory Of



L.R. "Smitty" Smith Jr.

God looked around his garden  
And he found an empty place  
He then looked down upon his earth  
And saw your tired face.  
He put his arms around you  
And lifted you to rest  
God's garden must be beautiful  
He always takes the best.  
He knew that you were suffering  
He knew you were in pain  
He knew that you would never  
Get well on earth again.  
He saw the road was getting rough  
And the hills are hard to climb.  
So he closed your weary eyelids,  
And whispered "Peace be Thine"  
It broke our hearts to lose you  
But you didn't go alone  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home.

## **L.R. "Smitty" Smith Jr.**

### **Born**

*January 15, 1947  
Charlotte, North Carolina*

### **Died**

*January 18, 2014  
Billings, Montana*

### **Funeral Service**

*2:00 A.M., Friday, January 24, 2014  
Fulkerson Memorial Chapel  
Sidney, Montana*

### **Officiating**

*Father Ned Shinnick*

### **Honorary Casketbearers**

*All of Smitty's family and friends  
Smitty's coffee buddies*

### **Interment**

*By Cremation*

**Lunch will be served at Fulkerson's  
following the service**



*You may share your remembrances and condolences with  
the family at the Fulkerson Funeral Home website*

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