



## Robert William Smits

April 11, 1936 - May 21, 2013

Robert "Bob" William Smits, passed from this life on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at his home in Anadarko, Oklahoma, with his wife and family by his side. He was born April 11, 1936 to Robert Paul and Ida Rose (Herriges) Smits in Rockford, Illinois. He attended Rockford High School. He was a veteran of the United States Navy. He was proud to be an American and served his country with great pride. He received a Honorable discharge. He met the love of his life, Kay Angeline Ahhaitty and ten days later on October 1, 1957, they were united in marriage in Charleston, South Carolina. This October they would have been marriage 56 years. Bob's greatest love was for his wife and family, he especially enjoyed his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He worked at Sunstrand Aviation for thirty plus years as a member of UAW Local Union 592. He was an excellent wood craftsman, he was a farmer, he was a very hard worker, he was a devoted husband, dad, grandpa and great-grandpa and friend. He was a man of integrity. He volunteered for meals on wheels for several years. Member of the American Legion, while volunteering at Physicians Hospital in Anadarko, he was called "The Blue Dude". He and Kay owned and operated the Anadarko Hotel LLP for seven years. He was very active as a Deacon in both Saint Patrick's Catholic Church in Anadarko, Oklahoma and Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Byron, Illinois, being a 4th degree Knight of Columbus, Dist. Deputy. He was a past Faithful Navigator-4th degree, Bishop Muldun Assembly and Police Chaplain Ogle Co, He was known as "Deacon Bob" by all his friends. He did a lot of volunteer work his

entire life. He touched many lives while on this earth and will be greatly missed by his beloved dog "BUD" and all who knew and loved him. He is survived by his wife, Kay of the home. Three sons, Roger Smits and wife Laurie of Rockford, Illinois, Mandel Smits of Sturgis, South Dakota, Richard Smits and wife Yvonne of Dixon, Illinois. Three daughters, Alisa Wedig of Anadarko, Oklahoma, Kimberly Thrasher of Rockford, Illinois, Genevieve Wurster and husband John of Stillman Valley, Illinois, One brother, Don Smits and companion, Jane of Las Vegas, Nevada. One sister, Constance Dawson and husband Lehman of Sherman, Texas. Fourteen grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sons, Ronald and Robert Smits, a grandson Justin Swanson and a brother, William Smits. A special thanks to our sister, Alisa for the special care for our Dad and Ross Hospice. A Rosary is scheduled for Thursday, 7:00 P. M. at Smith Funeral Chapel with Father Joseph Schwarz officiating under the direction of Smith Funeral Home in Anadarko, Oklahoma. Funeral and Burial arrangements by Farrell Holland-Gale Funeral Home in Byron, Illinois next week.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My dear Aunt Kay-Ann and Family:  
You have been in many thoughts and prayers these past weeks. The love and concern we hold for each of you continues for the challenges of the days ahead. God blessed us with you and your family's presence in Oklahoma. What a joy it was to fellowship together during those times. As you celebrate your loved one's eternal transition, we stand with you in praise and hope.*

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**Franklin E. Akoneto** - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My Brother Bob. I will miss talking to you on the phone, you have been the rock of the family, for the past years. i will miss all the talks that we did have.i will always remember you sitting on our back porch, laughing, and visiting. love to you my big brother.*

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**Connie Dawson** - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Carl and LaMarylis Hodges wishes to express their sincere condolence. He was a good friend and faithful parishioner.*

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