



Jack King Smith

May 11, 1943 - March 18, 2026

Jack K. Smith passed away March 18, 2026 at the age of 82. Born Jackie King Smith May 11, 1943, in Lincoln, NE to Jack Jasper Smith and Mavie Doris King Smith. Shortly after the new family moved back to Texas where Jackie grew up in several communities in West Texas and later East Texas. He moved to Sulphur Springs, Texas before starting High School where he met Peggy Joyce Owens.

In High School, he played on the varsity tennis team and was a member at First Methodist Church. He achieved the rank of Eagle Scout with Boy Scouts of America and served on the Order of the Arrow. Among his accomplishments he was chosen as one of 2 scouts to represent his State at the 50th National Jamboree in Colorado.

Upon graduation he attended East Texas State University in Commerce, Texas where he earned a degree in Political Science while being an active member of ROTC earning Outstanding Cadet and working part-time. His jobs included being a DJ at a local radio station and reading to a vision impaired attorney, Cameron McKinney. Years later he would name his son in honor of this mentor.

Jack was accepted to Baylor Law in 1964 but deferred as the U.S. Air Force commissioned him as a 2nd Lieutenant moving to Champaign, Illinois initially.

June 25, 1965, he married Peggy Joyce Owens in Sulphur Springs, Texas after her first year as a 5th grade teacher. They moved to the Little Rock Air Force base to start their life together. In July 1968, their first child, Stephanie Jo, was born.

He left the Air Force as a Captain in the summer of 1968 moving his family to Waco, Texas to start Baylor Law school. While in law school, Jack was a member of the Harvey M. Richey Moot Court Society and served as Legislation Editor of the Baylor Law Review. He was also a member of the International Legal Fraternity Phi Delta Phi. After law school, he accepted a position at Dawson & Dawson in Corsicana, Texas, moving his expanding family in late 1970. Then in May 1971, they completed their family with the addition of their son, Jack Kameron.

In the mid-70's, he took a leap of faith and started his own law firm which progressively grew to two locations with several partners, multiple attorneys and staff. After closing his law firm, he went back to work managing in-house litigation throughout Texas for Zurich Insurance. He enjoyed sharing his knowledge and expertise with his new colleagues. After retiring from Zurich, he continued practicing law in Corsicana and providing mediation services.

Jack earned several legal honors over the years including the Texas Board of Legal Specialization – Personal Injury Trial Law (1979). He was admitted to the Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (1984) and was honored to be admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court Bar in the early 1990's. He earned the designation of Texas Bar Foundation Fellow in 1988 and became a Life Fellow Texas Bar Association in 1992.

While in Corsicana, Jack was an active member of First Baptist Church teaching Sunday School, serving on various Committees and running the

elevator the last several years. He was a member of Rotary Club holding various leadership positions including President. He served on the Board of Directors at Corsicana National Bank and as President of the Corsicana Country Club among other volunteer roles throughout the community. He was a lifelong Baylor Law Alumni member and spent many years traveling to Waco to attend football games. He enjoyed supporting the local FFA and purchased the occasional champion animal.

He earned his private pilot license in 1975 and enjoyed flying around the State on business, visiting family and just for fun.

He was an excellent provider for his family. He was a loyal friend. He was always available to listen or help. He was always on time, if not early. If he said he would do something, he did. His dress shoes were always shined to military standards. He set high expectations for himself and those around him.

He had many friends and enjoyed many activities; golfing, hunting, fishing, boating, flying, traveling, and studying maps among a few. He loved to watch golf or football on Sunday afternoons. Most of all, he loved his family.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Peggy Smith of Corsicana, his daughter Stephanie Fisher and husband Brian of Conroe, son Kameron and wife Stacy of Austin, and his grandchildren, Grant Fisher of Raleigh, NC, Blake Fisher of Houston, Alexandra Fisher of Houston, Jack Kade Smith of Dallas, and Sophie Smith of Auburn, AL. He is also survived by his brother, Daniel J. Smith (Jane) of Grand Prairie, sisters-in-law Janie McLarry of Sulphur Springs, Barbara McKinney (Leldon) of Houston, Paula Stone (Leon) of Sulphur Springs, numerous nieces and nephews and their families.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00am, Monday, March 30, 2026 at

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home with Dr. Danny P. Reeves officiating. A private family inurnment will take place at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery

2000 Mountain Creek Pkwy
Dallas, TX 75211
(214) 467-3374

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 30. 10:00 AM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana
1530 N. 45th Street
Corsicana, TX 75110
(903) 874-4774
info@griffin-roughton.com

Tribute Wall

EH

“Peggy and family. I am so sad for your loss. Jack will be missed by many. He was always so faithful to continue sending the SS lessons to me after I moved. Love you all and continuing to pray for you.
Elaine Hodges

Elaine Hodges - March 29 at 05:37 PM

WF

“Werstein Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jack King Smith.



Werstein Family - March 28 at 02:16 PM

SS

“Stephanie, I am so incredibly sorry for your loss. I am thinking of you and your family and sending you so much love”.

*Sincerely your classmate,
Ms. Sharla Sutton-Campbell*



Sharla Sutton-Campbell - March 27 at 10:49 PM

DL

“Don Lao purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Jack King Smith.



Don Lao - March 27 at 10:36 AM

VG

“ I'm so sorry Peggy and family. Wish I had known him better

Vicki Germer - March 25 at 11:34 PM

DW

“ Jack meant a lot to me. He helped me through one of the hardest times in my life. My first husband and I divorced, and we had a son that needed both of us in his life. His father was in Arkansas and I was in Texas. Jack was first and foremost a great Christian man who understood how much I hated this decision. He was kind and so patient. I also saw Jack and Peggy at church. I love and admire them both. No matter how busy Jack was, he always kept his relationship with Christ first. There was no doubt God was in control. I will miss seeing him every Sunday morning. He loved his family and it was for all to see. Jack was there for those he loved. I am praying for Peggy and all the family as they go through the days ahead. I know God will hold them close and send his Holy Spirit to be with them through the days ahead. Love, Donna Whittenburg

Donna Whittenburg - March 25 at 09:01 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jack King Smith.

March 25 at 07:01 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jack King Smith.



March 25 at 07:01 PM

MM

“ Jack always did an outline of the week's Sunday School lesson and sent to the class. It always gave me a great start to studying for that week.

Mark Alan Heard MD - March 25 at 05:48 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jack King Smith.

March 25 at 03:47 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jack King Smith.



March 25 at 03:47 PM

LD

“ I worked with Jack for many years at Zurich. He was such a kind and nice man, and I thoroughly enjoyed all of our conversations over the years. Jack was a pleasure to work with and was extremely well thought of by all. My deepest condolences.

Lauren DeAngelis - March 25 at 10:19 AM

KD

“ Karen, Kaelin and Derek purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jack King Smith.



Karen, Kaelin and Derek - March 24 at 08:41 PM

WS

“ Whitney and Gordon Carlisle and Sons purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jack King Smith.



Whitney and Gordon Carlisle and Sons - March 24 at 11:35 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jack King Smith.

March 23 at 10:08 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Jack King Smith.



March 23 at 10:08 PM

YD

“ Your brother, Danny planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jack King Smith.

Your brother, Danny - March 23 at 10:02 PM

YD

“ Your brother, Danny purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Jack King Smith.



Your brother, Danny - March 23 at 10:02 PM

GB

“ Jack was a mentor to me and a good friend. Gave me my first job practicing law. I remember all those great quail hunts we did behind his dog. Rest with the Lord my friend. You are missed.

gary bennett - March 23 at 02:18 PM

JT

“ Condolences to Jack Smith family. I have golfing memories. The many years of shared camaraderie on the links with Jack. A hobby we both thoroughly enjoyed over the years. Jack was a classy guy who always dressed immaculately. Will miss the monthly supper club chats and friendship. He is gone but not in my cherished memories. A true gentleman. RIP Jackson. Jack T.

Jack Taylor - March 21 at 02:02 PM

JC

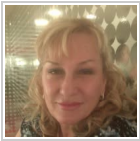
“ *What a great guy Jack was, and he will be sorely missed by me. He was a gentle giant, and kind and good man. He was a great father and husband and brother to Danny Joe. I know he is in heaven now with his parents, Mavie and Jack!* ”

Jane Clark - March 20 at 09:02 PM

DS

“ *I love him very much, and will miss him forever. Danny Smith, Jack's brother* ”

Daniel Smith - March 20 at 08:57 PM



“ *I loved him very much, his brother, Danny Smith* ”

Jane Clark - March 20 at 08:52 PM

BH

Dear Peggy and family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time of remembrance for Jack. I hope that all your good memories will be a blessing to you. With sympathy. Barb Honea

Barbara Honea - March 30 at 10:29 AM