



## Wayne Smelley

April 13, 1934 - January 25, 2013

Lewis Wayne Smelley, 78, died Friday, January 25, 2013 at MD Anderson in Houston following his battle with cancer.

He leaves his wife of 44 years, Bernice; his daughter, Melissa Able and son-in-law Peter Able; two granddaughters, Joanna and Lila Able; his sister, Juanita Byrd, as well as other friends and family.

Born in Longview, TX, the son of David Jackson Smelley and Ollie Marie Hendon, he was raised in Talco, TX where he graduated high school. Wayne graduated from Baylor University with a bachelor's degree in Business. He met his wife, Bernice Shultz, at work and they were married in 1968.

Wayne was a loving husband, father, granddad, and caring neighbor. He was a gentle spirit who never said "no" when there was an opportunity to serve his family.

He lived well, loved well, served well.

May he rest in peace, fully healed in God's embrace.

A graveside funeral service is scheduled for Wednesday, January 30th at Richland Cemetery in Richland, TX. Light refreshments to follow at the

Richland community center.

Directions to Cemetery:

From Interstate 45 – take exit 219A and merge onto Hwy 14 (Austin Ave). Turn left onto Memorial Drive after light at Main Street (FM 1394). Cemetery on left.

From Interstate 35 – take Hwy 84 East to Mexia. Turn left onto Hwy 14 and follow to Richland. Turn right on Memorial Drive before arriving at light at Main Street (FM 1394). Cemetery on left.

# Cemetery Details

## Richland Cemetery

Cemetery Road and State Highway 14  
Richland, TX 76681

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 30. 12:00 PM (CT)

Richland Cemetery  
Cemetery Road and State Highway 14  
Richland, TX 76681

# Tribute Wall



“ Wayne Smelley

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ Stacy & Stephen Binckley lit a candle in memory of Wayne Smelley



Stacy & Stephen Binckley - January 30, 2013 at 09:27 AM



Melissa, I remember your parents well from our Apollo Queens Drill Team Days. Your father was a gracious man, who fought the good fight until he was taken to his eternal home and made whole again. May you be comforted by wonderful memories, especially your recent Disney World Trip. Sending love, hugs, and prayers your way.

Stacy and Stephen Binckley - January 30, 2013 at 09:29 AM



thank you so much. That means a lot to me. Love you

Melissa Able - January 31, 2013 at 07:58 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wayne Smelley.



January 29, 2013 at 09:50 PM

JN

“ *Jodi Norris lit a candle in memory of Wayne Smelley*



---

**Jodi Norris** - January 29, 2013 at 03:33 PM

RL

“ *Robbie And Gretchen Lozano lit a candle in memory of Wayne Smelley*



---

**Robbie and Gretchen Lozano** - January 29, 2013 at 12:57 PM

LA

“ *Wayne's gentle spirit is the first thing that comes to mind as he is remembered by all of us and then his love for his family that was obvious as you interacted with him. We are praying that the wonderful sweet memories are comforting to each of you. Our prayers remain with each of you. Glenn, Lucinda, Joshua and Craig*

---

**Lucinda Able** - January 29, 2013 at 12:25 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Wayne Smelley.*



---

January 28, 2013 at 09:44 PM