



## Morris Heath "Pete" Smith

September 17, 1940 - November 30, 2023

Morris Heath "Pete" Smith, 83 of Midway, TX; passed away at his home on Thursday; November 30, 2023. The visitation is scheduled for 5-7PM on Saturday; December 2, 2023 at Day Funeral Home in Madisonville, TX. Pete's life will be celebrated at 2PM on Sunday; December 3, 2023 at Day Funeral Home with the burial to follow at Midway City Cemetery. Bros. Brad Brock and Winston Spencer will officiate.

Pete was born on September 17, 1940 in Midway, TX to J.B. and Willie Dell (Crocker) Smith. He was the long-time ranch foreman for Samuel & Samuel Cattle Company; and when he wasn't ranching; he was fishing or hunting. Pete was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Lou (Gardovsky) Smith, his parents; and his siblings, Wanda McLain and F.J. Smith.

Pete is survived by his son, Frank "Rowdy" Smith and his wife, Wanda; his sister, Mary McKinney; numerous nieces and nephews; and lots and lots of friends.

Serving as pallbearers are: John Samuel Bankhead, Brandon Bennett, Ray Harris, Colby Lovell, Corbin Turner, and Dalton Turner.

Serving as honorary pallbearers are: John Bankhead, Tommy Kyle, Willie Martin, Jim McAdams, Gene Stokes, and Tracey Turner.

# Cemetery Details

## Midway City Cemetery

Midway, TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Day Funeral Home  
514 E Main St  
Madisonville, TX 77864  
(936) 348-2621  
day.fh@yahoo.com  
<https://www.dayfuneralhome.net>

## Funeral Service

DEC 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ My deepest sympathies to Joe, the Bankhead and Turner families on the loss of a man I knew for a few years but knew and loved from when I was a little boy, because Pete was the man all of us yearned to know... a handshake man. I am sure Joe and others can recite many experiences over the years, but Pete always was as honest and candid as the day is long. I am sorry I can't attend the services for Pete, but please know my heart will be with you all. In case someone doesn't know what I mean by a handshake man, I simply loved Pete because he respected all that deserved any respect and gave all the benefit of the doubt and sought only to be treated as he treated all he encountered just as Jesus showed us all. Peace be with you Pete and peace be with you especially Joe and John Samuel. Pete never treated me like a city slicker and I only hope I treated him like he always made me feel, special and his friend.

Sincerely,  
Chuck Munson  
Austin

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**Chuck Munson** - December 02, 2023 at 04:51 PM

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“ Mr. Pete & Bob Samuel tried to make a cowboy out of me the summer of '76. (It didn't take.) I look back fondly on those times. My prayers for Rowdy and the rest of the family.

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**Clifford Barnett** - December 02, 2023 at 09:15 AM

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“Pete and Daddy, Alvin Stutts, were like brothers. Working cattle, fishing or just "jawin" you could tell how much they enjoyed each other's company. One time, years ago someone reported to our family erroneously that Pete had died. Daddy couldn't speak or even breathe, he just sat in his chair in stunned silence. When we investigated that the report was wrong, Daddy cried. Not too often seen around cowboys of Pete and Alvin's caliber.

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**Joan Stutts Escamilla** - December 01, 2023 at 04:49 PM