



George Smith, Jr.

March 20, 1940 - March 23, 2026

George Smith, Jr. of Mercedes, TX entered into eternal rest on Monday, March 23, 2026 at his residence, surrounded by his loving family. He was 86. George was born in Mercedes March 20, 1940 to George and Carmen Smith. They have preceded him in death. He is also preceded in death by his wife, Lupita Smith.

George was a devoted rancher, loving family man, and faithful Christian. He lived a life grounded in hard work, faith, and love for his family. He took pride in ranching and was known for his strength, kindness, and steady presence. Above all, he cherished his family and always put them first. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Left to cherish his memory are his children, Billy Ray Smith (Maggie), Jennifer Puerto (Bryant), Randy Smith (Yvonne), J.D. Smith, Janice Smith, and Iris Smith; 7 grandchildren, Austin Smith, Britney Smith, Bryan Smith, Steven Sepulveda, Isabella Puerto, David Puerto, and Daniella Puerto; siblings, Aurora Solis, Diana Elizondo, Carol Bussberg, and Anita Phelps.

The Smith family has scheduled a Celebration of Life visitation on Friday, March 27, 2026 from 1:00 PM until 8:00 PM at Rio Life Church 1112 Rio Rico Rd. Mercedes, TX., with a Memorial Prayer Service to start at 7:00 PM.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Rudy Garza Funeral Home in Mercedes.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 27. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Rio Life Church
1112 Rio Rico Rd.
Mercedes, TX 78570

Memorial Prayer Service

MAR 27. 7:00 PM (CT)

Rio Life Church
1112 Rio Rico Rd.
Mercedes, TX 78570

Tribute Wall

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“ *May you find peace and solace in the memories you all shared. My condolences to you and your family.* ”



Adan Nieto - March 27 at 06:10 PM

ZF

“ *Zeke and the Saenz Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Smith, Jr..* ”

Zeke and the Saenz Family - March 27 at 10:28 AM

ZF

“ *Zeke and the Saenz Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of George Smith, Jr..* ”



Zeke and the Saenz Family - March 27 at 10:28 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of George Smith, Jr..* ”



March 26 at 02:32 PM

DF

“ Darleen Ramirez & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Smith, Jr..

Darleen Ramirez & Family - March 26 at 01:35 PM

DF

“ Darleen Ramirez & Family purchased the *Treasured Lilies Spray* for the family of George Smith, Jr..



Darleen Ramirez & Family - March 26 at 01:35 PM

A9

“ ATX MHS 92 purchased the *Simply Elegant Spatiphyllum* for the family of George Smith, Jr..



ATX MHS 92 - March 25 at 04:18 PM

A9

“ ATX MHS 92 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Smith, Jr..

ATX MHS 92 - March 25 at 04:18 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet* was purchased for the family of George Smith, Jr..



March 24 at 10:31 PM



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

March 24 at 10:31 PM



“ Dominic & Suzette Reyna purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of George Smith, Jr..



Dominic & Suzette Reyna - March 24 at 10:19 PM



“ Dominic & Suzette Reyna planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Smith, Jr..

Dominic & Suzette Reyna - March 24 at 10:19 PM



“ Octavio and Elma Chapa planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Smith Jr..

Octavio and Elma Chapa - March 24 at 10:04 PM



“ Octavio and Elma Chapa purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of George Smith, Jr..



Octavio and Elma Chapa - March 24 at 10:04 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of George Smith, Jr..*



March 24 at 09:55 PM



“ *J. Tovar and Family purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of George Smith, Jr..*



J. Tovar and Family - March 24 at 07:08 PM



“ *J. BERNAL FAMILY planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Smith Jr..*

J. BERNAL FAMILY - March 24 at 06:59 PM



“ *J. BERNAL FAMILY purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of George Smith, Jr..*



J. BERNAL FAMILY - March 24 at 06:59 PM

SG

“ Senovio & Cindy Ramirez and girls planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Smith Jr..

Senovio & Cindy Ramirez and girls - March 24 at 05:57 PM

SG

“ Senovio & Cindy Ramirez and girls purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of George Smith, Jr..



Senovio & Cindy Ramirez and girls - March 24 at 05:57 PM

GF

“ Galan Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of George Smith, Jr..



Galan Family - March 24 at 05:34 PM

GF

“ Galan Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Smith Jr..

Galan Family - March 24 at 05:34 PM

MS

“ We love you Dad ❤️



Maggie and Billy Smith - March 24 at 02:31 PM