



Robert E. Smith

May 5, 2010

Robert E. Smith, age 67, of Sunrise Beach, Missouri, passed away, Wednesday, May 5, 2010, at the Harry S. Truman Memorial VA Hospital in Columbia, Missouri. He was born October 3, 1942, in Smithville, Missouri, son of the late Joe Jack and Rose Mary Williams Smith.

On August 19, 1961, in Overland Park, Kansas, he was united in marriage to Karen Gramling; who survives of the home.

Robert was an Army veteran; he was the top honor graduate in his class and was the first member of his unit to achieve and receive this honor in 1967. He served as a LRRP in the Army's 9th Infantry Division.

He worked for the Labor Union in Kansas City; was a tool and die maker for G.T. Company, and a cattle rancher.

Robert was a member of the VFW Post #5178 in Gravois Mills, and Disabled American Veterans in Jefferson City. He enjoyed coon hunting, training horses, woodworking, gardening, and most of all, spending time with grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, Karen Smith, he is survived by one son, Greg Smith and wife Lea-Ann of Willard, Missouri; three daughters Suzanne Smith of

Jefferson City, Missouri, Sheila Boyer and husband Brad of Sunrise Beach, Missouri, and Sherry Steenrod and husband Ralph of Gravois Mills, Missouri; seven grandchildren, Amanda Smith, Kyle Smith, Matthew Steenrod, Adam Steenrod, Belinda Cropley, Kimberly Bodenheimer, and Jessica Boyer; two great-grandchildren, Noah Steenrod and Michael Cropley, Jr.; two sisters Patty Stubbs of Camden Point, Missouri and Kathy Richardson of Weston, Missouri; and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m., Friday, May 7, 2010, at Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Laurie, Missouri. Interment will follow in Garber Memorial Estates Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Disabled American Veterans at www.dav.org. The family will receive friends from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., Friday, May 7, 2010, at the funeral home. Expressions of sympathy may be left online at www.kidwellgarber.com. Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/ Sunrise Beach Chapel.