

Lt. Col. (Retired) Gerald L. Smith

Graveside service for retired Lt Col. Gerald L. Smith, 94, Lawton, will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Post Cemetery, Fort Sill.

Smith passed away Saturday, June 8, 2013, in Lawton.

Arrangements are under direction of Lawton Ritter Gray Funeral Home.

Gerald was born Oct. 6, 1918, in Milwaukee. He attended school in Paw Paw, Mich. He joined the U.S. Army in 1941 and served his country for 22 years before retiring in 1963. Gerald married Marilyn Phyllis Burbidge on May 25, 1946, in Paw Paw, Mich. He served in World War II and the Korean War. After retiring from the Army, he was a civil servant at Fort Sill until 1983. Gerald enjoyed travelling with Marilyn, dogs, his workshop, and various other outside activities including fishing, nature and bird watching.

He is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law: Gordon and Cindy Smith, of Attleboro, Mass.; and Brian and Denise Fremin Smith, of Lawton; three grandchildren: Jennifer and Daniel Brenter, of Norton, Mass.; Sara and Craig Regnier, of Mansfield, Mass.; and Matthew and Tracy Smith, of Lawton; and one great-granddaughter, Kaylee Marie Smith, of Lawton; and his loving cat, Gracie.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his wife, and a sister.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lawton Animal Shelter, 2104 SW 6th St., Lawton 73501.