



## Marvin Thelmer Smither

January 23, 1948 - October 8, 2020

Marvin Thelmer Smither was born on January 23, 1948 in Madill, OK to Thelmer Alonzo Smither and Wanda Arvella (Marble) Smither. He grew up in Madill, after having attended the entire 12 years there, graduated from Madill High School in 1966. After high school, he attended one semester of college at East Central University in Ada, before enlisting in the United States Navy. After his honorable discharge in 1971, he enrolled at Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant, graduating in 1976 with a Bachelor's degree in Wildlife Conservation. Marvin dedicated almost 30 years to the State of Oklahoma, Office of Juvenile Affairs, working with and trying to salvage our wayward teenagers. Marvin often joked that he was doing what his degree was in (Wildlife Conservation)...He would ask the question; What is our most valuable natural resource that we need to conserve? The answer being..."Our future generations." and then he would go on to state that some of them has a pretty wild life!!

Marvin married his high school sweetheart, Carol Sue Bigger on December 20, 1970 in Madill, Oklahoma. That union produced two wonderful, beautiful daughters, Valerie Michelle Smither and Theresa Anne Smither, both of the home. Marvin and his family have made their home in the Milburn Community since 1980. Marvin has been a member of the First Baptist Church of Milburn since 1983, serving in the capacity of Deacon. He has also been an adult Sunday School Teacher, music leader and youth leader. Marvin enjoyed

helping others.

Marvin was preceded in death by his parents, Thelmer and Wanda Smither. Marvin is survived by his wife Carol and his two daughters, Valerie and Theresa, all of the home, one sister and brother-in-law, Ava and Butch Morton of Harrah, Oklahoma; sister-in-law and brother-in-law Sharleen and Bobby Bridgman of Aubry, Texas; and brother-in-law and sister-in-law Tony and Char Bigger of Madill, Oklahoma, 6 bonus daughters who thought of him as their second Dad, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Pallbearers are Jeff Rowland, Tyler Rowland, Ken LaFevers, Roger Lawson, Justin Whalen, and Ike Bryant.

Honorary Bearers are Robert Kinney, Dallas Boggs, and James Rowland.

Services will be held on Tuesday October 13, 2020 at 11:00 AM at the Milburn First Baptist Church with burial following at Condon Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be Monday evening October 12, 2020 at DeArman-Clark Funeral Home in Tishomingo. Services are under the direction of DeArman-Clark Funeral Home of Tishomingo. Please send online condolences to [www.dearmanfuneralhome.com](http://www.dearmanfuneralhome.com)

## Cemetery Details

### **Condon Grove Cemetery**

Milburn, OK 73450

## Previous Events

### **Funeral Service**

OCT **13**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Milburn First Baptist  
Milburn, OK 73450

# Tribute Wall



“ *Marvin Thelmer Smither*

October 05, 2023 at 07:47 PM



“ *61 files added to the album Life Tributes*



DeArman Funeral Home - October 12, 2020 at 05:05 PM



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Helen Adams - October 10, 2020 at 02:41 PM

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“ Marvin, what can I say that he was a good man. He was there for anyone that needed help. When we started going to Milburn Baptist Church they all welcome us with open arms. Marvin had a heart of gold. We seen all the things he did if someone need a ride to the doctor or anything he was there. He spent a lot of time working at the church with anything they needed. He work as the sound and music director, plus.



Marvin and his family was active in the Special Olympics with his daughter Theresa in the Red River Special Olympics in Durant. He help us get Alice our daughter and us in it. We had alot of fun with the Special Olympics. His daughter Theresa and Alice became friends. there and at church.

We left in 2013 because of family. We kept in touch with him and the family. I remember that time when my husband Sam had to have surgery he came all the way up to the city to be with me so I wouldn't have to be by myself that mean the world to me. I won't ever forget him for that, he was a man of God. Love you Marvine.

Sam, Helen, and Alice

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**Helen Adams** - October 10, 2020 at 02:38 PM

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“ He was a very great guy he was like a dad to me he will be miss dearly



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**Ashley Adair** - October 09, 2020 at 06:35 PM