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He served in the Marine Corp.

He was a retired electrician.

He was a member of the Lon Helm Post No. 182 American Legion at Arma in which he was a past commander.

Survivors include two sons, Melvin Dean Smith Jr. of Pittsburg, and Duane Smith of Kechi; one daughter, Jeanne Smith of Pittsburg; two brothers, Marvin Smith of Liberal, Mo., and Calvin Smith of Sheldon, Mo.; and one sister, Marlin Hunter of Littleton, Colo.; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Norman Smith.

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