Gilbert Alan Smith, age 66, of Edmond, Oklahoma passed away on July 6, 2013 surrounded by his family. He was born on May 1, 1947 in Pittsburg, Kansas to Marjorie (Mason) and Raymond Smith. Gilbert was a Regional Land Manager for Continental Resources. He traveled the world as a respected leader in the oil industry for over 40 years. He was known for his leadership and professionalism always accepting challenges with a positive attitude and acting as a willing mentor to others.

Gil is survived by his wife, Marsha Smith of Edmond, Oklahoma; son, Brady Smith and his wife, Kathryn and grandchildren, Bailey and Landen Smith of Frisco, Texas; also son, Aaron Smith of Scottsdale, Arizona; and sister, Donna Copeland of Fayetteville, Arkansas. Gilbert was preceded in death by his parents.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Philip’s Episcopal Church, 6400 Stonebrook Parkway, Frisco, Texas 75034, on Friday, July 12, 2013 at 2:00 PM. Father Clay Lein will be presiding. Interment will follow at Ridgeview West Memorial Park in Frisco. A Visitation will be held in the Narthex of St. Philip’s Episcopal Church at 1:00 PM prior to the funeral service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org/donate, or to Sisters of Mercy, Mercy Hospice, 4401 W. Memorial Rd #143, Oklahoma City, OK 73134  https://ssl.4agoodcause.com/mercy-health-center/donation1.aspx?id=1 in Honor of Gilbert Smith.

Memorials

So sorry to hear of Gil's passing. He was a good person and one hell of a landman.
Gil and I are first cousins. His mother and my Father were brother and sister. The Mason clan was a tight knit group. We spent many hour together at our grandparents farm. Such good memories. Cold watermelon, homemade ice cream, and our grandmothers famous caramel popcorn she would make if we bugged her enough. Gil and I graduated together from high school in 1965. I spent lots of fun times with him going to movies, driving the "gut" and got my first kiss from his best boyfriend Terri. He was such a good person, and he took care of all his family. He will be missed so much by so many. Gil I loved you so much then and I will always love you now until its my turn to go home. My condolences to his beautiful wife, handsome sons and grandchildren. I know how much you will all miss him. It was an honor for me to call him cousin.

MARGARET LEOTA MASON, JULY 14, 2013

I met Gil some 30 years ago. We were younger and bursting with excitement. Time elapsed, but Gil's enthusiasm continued...for his family, his friends and his work. Gil exemplified the perfect team player. He was a man of integrity, honestly, transparency with existential humility. When Gil Smith said something would be done...there was no doubt that it would be done...and, it would be done timely and in a masterful manner. I feel privileged to have known and called Gil my friend. He will be with me always. My condolences to Marsha and his children. Gil will be missed.

ANDREW BRAD DERMAN, JULY 12, 2013

Condolences to the family

HOBERT PRICE, JULY 12, 2013

I am fortunate to have had Gil in my life. He was a cherished co-worker and mentor at Sun/Oryx and a friend forever. He will be missed. Condolences to Marsha and his family.

KEITH SAWYER, JULY 12, 2013

My dear sweet cousin was a man of great integrity. We were such great friends growing up. I always looked forward to going to the Farm at our grandparents
house in the country. We had many adventures such as the time that Gil built a wonderful go cart and we would go speeding down a giant hill which at the end was a pit from the days our grandpa mined his own coal. If you did the go cart just right you would turn sharply and skid or if you were unlucky you would end up in the pit. As a youngster Gil would play in the mud and when his mother would scold him he just came up with the same excuses "Black Bart pushed me or it was Black Barts fault. So many Christmas dinners at the farm, Thanksgiving and just often times everyone in the family would end up at the Farm. He was protective of me as I was 4 years younger. He was my Idol. He has continued to be my idol for years. I will miss you so much my sweet cousin. We shared a lot of calls, e-mails and a wonderful visit before God called him home. He was a wonderful husband, and told me his few regrets were to leave the most wonderful wife a man could ever want. He would regret not seeing his boys and his grandchildren that he loved dearly. His faith in God was very strong and I believe God took him sooner than expected to spare him the horrible pain that he would go through when his liver and other organs went into failure. For that I am so thankful to God that He took him into his arms and spared him his final suffering. Gil died with with dignity surrounded by his loved ones. Lord let him know we miss him desperately!

TERRY LYNN SIMPSON, JULY 12, 2013

Gil was a wonderful family man. I especially admired him in his role as grandfather. He was so involved in his grandchildren's lives from fishing, boating, camping, scouting, and sports where he rarely missed a soccer, football, or volleyball game. Of course, he always had his camera ready for those action shots. His absence will be deeply felt.

SUSAN O'BRIEN, JULY 11, 2013

I had an honor, pleasure and a lot of fun working with Gil when he was a director of negotiations in Kazakhstan. He always was such a kind, caring, supportive and humorous person on top of his outstanding professional qualities. My condolences to Marsha and the family.

TATYANA WAHGNER, JULY 11, 2013
I was greatly saddened to hear of Gil's passing. He was a great man to work for and to call a friend and will be missed. My sympathy to Marsha and the boys, grandchildren and his sister.

KAREN HERBST, JULY 10, 2013

I first met Gil at an on campus interview in 1979. For the next 34 years my life was blessed by having Gil as a mentor and friend. I'm so enriched by having known him.

MIKE BROTZMAN, JULY 10, 2013

It's not everyday that you can truly call a person your friend, but Gil was an exception to the rule. His kindness, integrity, and professionalism was one of a kind. I'm truly blessed to have known such a person. My deepest sympathy to Mrs. Smith and the family. Gil will be greatly missed.

SUSAN CLARK, JULY 10, 2013

My friend, Gil Smith. We worked together and laughed together. His intensity to do right and get it right was an encouragement and example. His exit is already noticed and we look forward to seeing him again. Our faith is in the same Lord and His provision. Way to go, Gil!

WILLIAM "BILL" DENEAU, JULY 9, 2013

It has been an honor to have known and worked with Gil on and off for almost 40 years. His integrity and professionalism distinguished Gil among his peers, while his humility and humor made him a great friend. He will be sorely missed.

LARRY LANG, JULY 9, 2013

It was a pleasure to know Gil and work with him at Axia. Condolences to Marsha and the family.

MARILYN POWER, JULY 9, 2013
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