



Terrance Clinton Smith, Sr.

March 23, 1944 - December 7, 2017

TERRANCE CLINTON SMITH, SR., AGE 73

And a resident of Franklinton died Thursday evening December 7, 2017 at his home. He was a former longtime resident of Metairie that had lived in Washington Parish for the last 15 years. Terrance was formerly a self-employed carpenter and a true animal lover. He was a proud United States Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War and he loved eating breakfast and drinking coffee with his friends and fellow Vietnam veterans.

Survived by:

Daughter and Son in law: Debby and Terry Chopin of Jefferson, LA

2 Granddaughters: Emily Chopin,
Sarah Chopin

Former Wife: Eileen Smith of Metairie, LA

He was preceded in death by his son Terrance Clinton Smith, Jr., parents Ben Clinton Smith and Ida Louise Donham Smith and a brother Jack Smith.

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home Monday December 18th from 10 am until 11 am. A funeral service will be held at 11 am Monday in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Tom Descant officiating. A committal service with military honors will be held at 1:30 pm Monday in the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Cemetery in Slidell.

Comments



“ I'm very sorry to hear about your father's/grandfather's death. I hope he didn't suffer.

Terrance's mother Ida Louise (Donham) Smith was a sister of my recently discovered paternal grandmother Blanche (Donham) Routh. Blanche and her first husband, McKinley Clinton Moshier, are my paternal grandparents, verified through DNA analysis.

I've put together a family tree of the Moshier and Donham families going back to the 1700s. Several of our ancestors within and connected to the Donham line were Revolutionary War veterans and are registered with the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR).

My dad, Jack, was Blanche's son. He was born in September 1924. Somehow he ended up in the Joe and May (Linzell) Gasdorf family and was renamed Jack Gasdorf although he was never legally adopted. I think his birth name may have been John Moshier, after his paternal grandfather. See his entry at findagrave.com. In it is a photograph of him with his sister Dorothy, b. 1919. The picture was taken about 1928.

For decades my three brothers and I wondered about my dad's birth family. A couple months ago I discovered them through ancestry.com's DNA matching service. I would love to have copies of pictures you have -- old and new, to share with my siblings, children and grandchildren.

I hope you can understand my point of view. I don't want to interfere or cause disruption, simply would like to have a better understanding of my roots.

Thank you.

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