



Jimmy Dale Smith

June 4, 1929 - July 30, 1950

Jimmy Dale Smith, was born to Charles H. Smith and Addie Pearl Smith on June 4, 1929 in Muldrow, Oklahoma.

In July 1950, Smith was a member of Medical Company, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Eighth U.S. Army. He was killed in action after his unit engaged in defensive actions near Changchong-ni, Republic of Korea (South Korea), on July 30. Due to intense fighting, his body could not be recovered at that time, and there was never any evidence that he was a prisoner of war. With no further information the Army declared Smith killed in action on July 30, 1950.

In early 1951, the Army began recovering remains from the area and temporarily interred them at the United Nations Military Cemetery (UNMC) Pusan. One set of remains recovered during this period was designated Unknown X-340 Tanggok (X-340), recovered in the vicinity of Nae-dong, South Korea, near where Smith went missing. A tentative association was made between X-340 and Smith, but definitive proof could not be found, and X-340 was determined to be unidentifiable. The remains were sent to Hawaii where they were buried at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, known as the Punchbowl, in Honolulu.

In July 2018, the DPAA proposed a plan to disinter 652 Korean War

Unknowns from the Punchbowl. DPAA disinterred Unknown X-340 as part of Phase Two of the Korean War Disinterment Project and sent the remains to the DPAA laboratory for analysis.

To identify Smith's remains, scientists from DPAA used dental and anthropological analysis, as well as circumstantial evidence. Additionally, scientists from the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System <<https://health.mil/Military-Health-Topics/Research-and-Innovation/Armed-Forces-Medical-Examiner-System/DoD-DNA-Registry>> used mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) analysis.

Smith's name is recorded on the Courts of the Missing at the Punchbowl, along with the others who are still missing from the Korean War. A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for.

Visitation for Pfc. Smith will be held from 10am-1pm Tuesday, April 30th, 2024 at Salser & Dillard Creighton Chapel, 1588 Lincoln Street, Kingsburg.

Graveside services will be held at 2pm Tuesday, April 30th, 2024 at Kingsburg Cemetery, 12782 E. Clarkson Avenue, Kingsburg.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Creighton Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Previous Events

Viewing

APR **30**. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Creighton Chapel
1588 Lincoln Street
Kingsburg, CA 93631
(559) 897-2908
<https://www.creightonchapel.com>

Graveside

APR **30**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (PT)

Kingsburg Cemetery
12782 E. Clarkson Avenue
Kingsburg, CA 93631

Tribute Wall

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“ *Shirley Richardson lit a candle in memory of Jimmy Smith*



Shirley Richardson - April 30, 2024 at 11:18 PM

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“ *Uncle Jimmy Dale, We are so glad you are finally home!! God Bless You Uncle, and now you can rest in Peace. Love, your great niece, Shirley Ann Richardson.*

Shirley Richardson - April 30, 2024 at 11:16 PM