



## Harold Raymond Smith Sr.

December 5, 1925 - May 31, 2021

Harold Raymond Smith Sr., age 95 and a longtime resident of Kingman, Arizona, passed away on May 31, 2021. Known as Bud while growing up, Smitty by his coworkers, and Raymond by his family and friends, he was born to Pierce and Virgie Smith on December 5, 1925, near Foreman, Arkansas. His extensive family moved to Kingman in September 1940 and he remained in Kingman until his death.

Raymond's parents Pierce and Virgie, older sisters Opal and Gladys, younger brothers Jim and Clarence preceded him in death. He is survived by his loving wife of 78 years, Elsie; children Linda (Sid) White, Ray Jr. (Sheila) Smith, and Roger (Coleen) Smith, five grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren and seven great-great grandchildren.

In 1941 Raymond started as a truck driver between Kingman and Los Angeles driving the old highway Route 66 route, skillfully negotiating his truck through the curves leading into Oatman, Arizona. At the start of the Davis Dam construction in 1942, he was hired as a heavy equipment operator and worked at the dam until its completion. In 1957 he became the first and primary tramway operator during an extraordinary guano mining operation in the Grand Canyon until its demise in the 1959. Subsequently he was hired by the City of Kingman in 1959 as a heavy equipment operator, working for the City until his retirement in 1987.

Raymond not only kept abreast of current events, but also loved reading historical accounts of the old west and especially of Mohave County and Kingman, consuming a new book about Geronimo days before his passing. He was an avid hunter and angler, and enjoyed countless hours working and gardening in his yard with wife Elsie.

Graveside services will be held at Mountain View Cemetery at 10 a.m. on Monday, June 7, 2021.

# Cemetery Details

## Mountain View Cemetery

1301 Stockton Hill Road  
Kingman, AZ 86401

# Previous Events

## GRAVESIDE

JUN 7. 10:00 AM (MT)

Mountain View Cemetery  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Harold Raymond Smith Sr..* ”



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