

Mr. Eugene Talmadge Smith

January 20, 1941 - April 21, 2022

Mr. Eugene Talmadge Smith, 81, of Royston, GA passed away on Thursday, April 21, 2022, at his home.

Mr. Smith was born in Oglethorpe County, GA on January 20, 1941, son of the late James (Jim) Daniel Smith and the late Annie Ruby Peterman Smith. He was a retired minister of 60+ years and a foreman with Quarries Incorporated. Mr. Smith was the former pastor of Lifeline Church in Bowersville, GA of which he remained a faithful member until his passing. He was also a member of the Elberton Granite Association and worked in the granite industry for over four decades.

Eugene Smith devoted most of his life to the ministry and serving others and was known for his love of the Lord, his unwavering generosity and humility, and his infectious, fun-loving spirit. He worked hard and loved hard, but during his retirement, he especially enjoyed watching Gunsmoke and The Andy Griffith Show, being with his fur babies, Blackie and Ace, and his two great-grandsons, Cope and Gunner. Mr. Smith also worked with a food mission, delivering food to those in need. His compassion and genuine love of others was unparalleled.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Joseph Daniel Smith.

Survivors include his son, William Paul Smith (Susan) of Royston, GA; daughters, Rebecca Ann Smith of Royston, GA and Mary Smith Geren (Shawn) of Anderson, SC; step-daughters, Lucreda Kay Coots of Washington, GA and Elizabeth Lavada Graham of Royston, GA; brother, James Smith of Oglethorpe County, GA; sisters, Sarah Nell Hill of Hull, GA and Myrtle Brake of Union Point, GA; grandchildren, Kenan Geren, Tyler Smith, Shelby McCollum, Hannah Milligan, and Madilyn Geren; great grandchildren, Cope Eugene McCollum and Brady Gunner McCollum; and one great grandchild on the way.

Funeral services for Mr. Smith will be held in the Pruitt Funeral Home Chapel at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 24, 2022, with Pastor Clifford Shepherd officiating. Interment will follow in the Franklin Memorial Gardens- North in Lavonia, GA.

The family will receive friends at Pruitt Funeral Home from 2:00 p.m. until the funeral hour on Sunday afternoon. Otherwise, the family will be at the home.

Pruitt Funeral Home in Royston, GA is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Franklin Memorial Gardens - North

GA Highway 59
Lavonia, GA

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **24**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Service

APR **24**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Pruitt Funeral Home Chapel
47 Franklin Springs Street
Royston, GA 30662

Tribute Wall



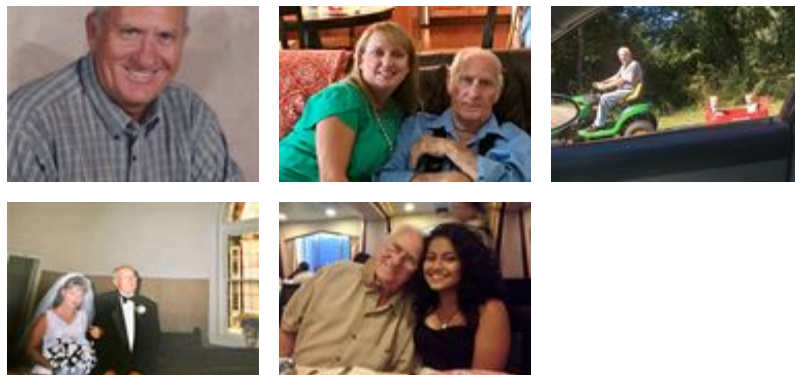
“ *Pruitt Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Eugene Talmadge Smith*



Pruitt Funeral Home - April 24, 2022 at 01:20 PM



“ *64 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Pruitt Funeral Home - April 24, 2022 at 01:05 PM

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“ *Pastor Eugene was more than a pastor to me he has a grandfather/father figure to me. He Loved me for me and always showed kindness and Love everywhere he went. He smile was contagious and oh LORD when he started to laugh sweet Jesus it was hilarious! I always told him whenever I got married I wanted him to marry me and he would always reply you better. He was one of the good ones. We need more men like him in the world.*



Desiree Davis - April 23, 2022 at 09:32 PM

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“ *Brother Eugene was a spiritual man and mentor for our ministry for many years all the way till a week before he stepped into Glory . He was so good to our entire family and our prayers are for his entire family if you need anything just ask.*

Tod Davis - April 23, 2022 at 06:05 PM

AC

“ *Becky & Shelby, so sorry for your loss. Eugene was a good Man with a smile always on his face.*



Angie Callahn - April 23, 2022 at 04:15 PM

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“ When I moved back to Anderson after being gone for awhile I had nothing but things and 2 young grandsons he brought me his extra car fore to use. No charge and with no hesitation. He had the kindness heart for people. I know that he was one a kind and I will miss him . My son Shawn married his daughter Mary.

Debbie Geren - April 22, 2022 at 05:12 PM