



Mr. R. M. "Smitty" Smith

November 6, 1937 - July 26, 2013

Ransom Marian "Smitty" Smith, Jr., died peacefully at Athens Regional Medical Center on July 26. He was surrounded by his family as he moved from this world to his eternal home. Smitty was preceded in death by his parents, R. M. Smith, Sr., and Hazel Harrison Smith; a sister Angie Brooks; and a brother Roy Smith. He is survived by his loving wife of almost 55 years, Rea Sartain Smith; three children: Charles Roy and wife Jennifer (Madison, GA); Elizabeth Vela and husband Mike Plott (Blairsville, GA) ; Britt Marian (Hermitage, TN); four grandchildren whom he adored: Ally Smith, Judd Plott, Samuel Smith, and Maggie Plott; sister, Vanna Randall (Tucson, AZ), brothers James Smith (Lavonia, GA) and Phillip Smith (Myrtle Beach, SC); numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Born November 6, 1937, Smitty was a member of the 1955 first graduating class of Hart County High School and held many jobs but notably retired from the Ford Motor Company in Hapeville after 30-plus years of service. He was a member of the United Auto Workers Local 882 and a active member of the Royston Baptist Church, where he held many positions, including Deacon, Sunday School Teacher, Choir Member, and numerous committees.

Smitty is being remembered as a faithful follower of Jesus Christ who placed his family's needs above his own. He was happiest when he was with his family, who also adored him. He moved to Royston after living in the Atlanta

area for more than 30 years. Growing up on a farm taught him the value of a remarkable work-ethic, which served him well throughout his life. Giving unselfishly to others, his influence has been far-reaching, and he is leaving a tremendous void. Our world has been made a better place because of his presence. He truly had a servant's heart.

The family will be receiving guests at Pruitt's Funeral Home in Royston on Sunday, July 28 from 5:00-7:00; the Celebration of Life Service will be at Royston Baptist Church Monday, July 29 at 11:00 immediately followed by the Interment at the Jones Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider contributing to Royston Baptist Church in Smitty's memory. The address is 767 Church Street Royston, GA 30662.

Pruitt Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

RP

“ Rea, Charles, Liz and Britt...I know a sweet man that has now graced Heaven's gate. May God bless you all and ease the pain in your hearts. Thank you for keeping me on your Christmas card list for these many years. It touched me to get them each year. Love you all. Ruth Peeples

Ruth Peeples - September 10, 2015 at 09:09 AM

BC

“ Rea, Liz, Charles, and Britt our heart goes out to you. It is great to know that we will all see Smitty again someday along with our Lord. I have many wonderful memories of good times with your family. We love you and have you in our prayers.

Beverly and Tommy Croy - September 10, 2015 at 09:09 AM

DC

“ We will miss you greatly Smitty, you were a wonderful Man of God. May God Bless your family in this time of need.

Dale and Teresa Cleveland - September 10, 2015 at 09:09 AM

LB

“ Rea and Family
I am so sorry for your loss. Know that my love, thoughts and prayers will be with you during this difficult time.

Linda Burkett - September 10, 2015 at 09:09 AM

MH

“ I remember "Smitty" from his and his lovely wife's visits to Kenbridge, VA to visit son Charles, Jennifer, Ally, and Samuel. He was always smiling--a happy fella. A genuine Christian; a great father and grandfather!

Milt Hankins - September 10, 2015 at 09:09 AM

MA

“ Mrs.Plott, Just want to let you know you have been in my thoughts and prayers. I know how close you and your Daddy was. I pray that God will comfort you and your family during this difficult time. Love you all,

Marcia - September 10, 2015 at 09:09 AM

SR

“ My fondest memory of Smitty is his love of music and the songs he sang at Kenbridge Baptist Church when he visited, my favorite was " Oh What A Savior" loved to hear him sing that. You could tell he loved the Lord and shared that with his singing. Love to his family. You are in our prayers. Sue and Luther

Sue Reynolds - September 10, 2015 at 09:09 AM

HG

“ May God's love surround you like a blanket in this difficult. So blessed to have known this family the past 30 years. Smitty was definitely built Ford Tough! Thank God his illness was short. Now he and my Dad are up there taking the squeak out of the Pearlie Gates as we speak! May God's Blessings continue to flow for you all.

Hal Gresham - September 10, 2015 at 09:09 AM

OM

“ *Charles & Family, May God Bless You and Keep you in this time of sorrow Orvin & Sharon Melson*

Orvin & Sharon Melson - September 10, 2015 at 09:09 AM

TC

“ *Ms. Rae,
Thinking of you today and lifting prayers for you and your family. I know Mr. Smitty will be missed. Our paths met several years ago at Royston Baptist Church - (I was Thanna Bellamy at that time) and I was also privileged to drive with him and Mr. Snuffy on a dealer transfer for a local dealership a time or two. He always greeted others with a contagious smile.
Our loss is heaven's gain. Until we meet again - may God hold you in the palm of His hand. Sincerely, Thanna Hudson Chadwick*

Thanna H. Chadwick - September 10, 2015 at 09:09 AM