



Jimmy "Jim" Roger Smith

November 5, 1944 - December 17, 2022

Jimmy "Jim" Roger Smith, age 78, entered Heaven's Glory on Saturday, December 17, 2022 in Abingdon, Virginia. He was surrounded by his loving and devoted wife of 54 years, Mary Lou Deel Smith, who faithfully cared for him throughout his illness, and his three daughters: Michelle, Susan, and Melody who were his pride and joy. He was a lifelong resident of Dickenson County and of the Free Will Baptist faith.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Everett V. and Myrba Smith. Mr. Smith, as many knew him, was a high school science and college Biology teacher who was beloved by many in the area. He was also a dedicated school principal, and later a Supervisor for the central office of the Dickenson County Public Schools. Jim was saved when he was 10 years old and loved his Savior and his church. He was a lifelong member of Fremont Free Will Baptist Church. He played an integral part in church leadership serving as a deacon, adult Bible teacher, and leading singing. Jim took great joy in his grandsons, Paul and Josiah, as he fought to the end to see them one more day. Jim was lovingly devoted to his family and enjoyed fellowshiping with his brothers and sisters in Christ. Proverbs 22 says, "A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold... Humility and the fear of the Lord are riches and honor and life... Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Jim's life reflects these verses as he dedicated his life to serving Christ through his service to his family, his friends, and his students.

Survivors Include:

His loving wife: Mary Lou Deel Smith

Three Children: Michelle (Eddie) Edwards, Susan (Randy) Noonchester, Melody (Eddie) Mullins

One Brother: Dr. Gary Smith (Teresa) from Donalsonville, Georgia

One Sister: Ella Green from Hellier, Kentucky

Two Grandchildren: Paul Noonchester and Josiah Mullins

The family will receive friends Tuesday, December 20, 2022 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm at Mullins Funeral Home Chapel followed by a funeral service at 7:00 pm. A graveside service will be conducted Wednesday, December 21, 2022. The family will meet at Mullins Funeral Home at 10:30 a.m. to proceed to The Deel Homeplace at the end of Tivis Ridge with Pastor Eddie Edwards officiating. Burial will follow in the Smith Family Cemetery, Tivis Ridge Section, Haysi, Virginia.

Pallbearers will be his grandsons, nephews, and the men of Fremont Free Will Baptist Church.

Honorary Pallbearers will be - Damon Rasnick, Ken Branham, Anthony O'Quinn, Tiv Rasnick, Arlie Rasnick, Rev. Mike Rasnick, and Johnny Wilmot.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Fremont Free Will Baptist Church P.O. Box 412 Nora Va. 24272.

Mullins Funeral Home and Staff are serving the Smith family. Online condolences may be made online at www.mullinsfuneralhome.net.

Cemetery Details

The Smith Family Cemetery

Tivis Ridge Section
Haysi, VA 24256

Previous Events

Family will receive friends

DEC **20**. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory
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Funeral Service

DEC **20**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside Service

DEC **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Jimmy "Jim" Roger Smith



Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory - December 20, 2022 at 01:30 PM

DR

Jimmy was such a kind and gentle man. My children and I were blessed to participate in the Freemont Freewill Baptist Church VBS over the years. No longer suffering, we await Christ's return to join him in the air with all of God's delivered. Smith family, God bless each of you and may you be comforted with the peace the surpasses all understanding.

Don

Don Redden - December 22, 2022 at 11:59 AM

TH

“ *Mr. Smith was my principal, even though I stayed in his office a lot for being in trouble he was always so good to me and protective of me, him and my daddy drank coffee every morning, he was one of the good ones and my thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time ... RIP Mr. Smith and thank you for your lessons in life*

Tabitha Hackney - January 09, 2023 at 02:45 AM

RL

“ *Robert Lester lit a candle in memory of Jimmy "Jim" Roger Smith*



Robert lester - December 23, 2022 at 11:35 AM

RL

*I pray you and your family find peace with you loss of your loved one 🙏 I didn't know your Daddy but from what you and your Mother told me in our few conversations, he was a wonderful person. Sometimes it's just talking to others in there darkest moments that a glimmer of light is all we need, praise God. My peace be with you and your family Susan. May he rest in the Lord arms.
Columbus Ohio,
Robert*

Robert lester - December 23, 2022 at 11:48 AM

SS

“ *Mary, Melody, Michelle, and Susan:*

You and your families are in my thoughts. May your faith give you solace during this time.

Scott Sawyers - December 21, 2022 at 10:40 AM

HC

“ *Helen Collins lit a candle in memory of JImmy "Jim" Roger Smith*



Helen Collins - December 20, 2022 at 04:54 PM

HC

“ *I will forever remember his kindness, his teachings and his light. Many condolences and love to all of Jim's family.*

Helen Collins - December 20, 2022 at 04:54 PM

“ Mary, Melody, Michelle, Susan, Gary, Ella, Randy, Eddie, and Eddie,

May our precious Savior bring love, healing and comfort during this difficult time. Our family is praying for all of you. I have never known a better man than Jim. My memories of him reaches back to the 1960's at Ervinton. My grandmother was the Head Cook at Ervinton for many years and Jim told me she always put a little extra on his plate. One of our teachers was drafted during the Viet Nam War and Jim was hired to finish out the year. He had a smile and demeanor that simply drew a person to him. He was the same man then as now and displayed intelligence, charisma, humility, affection, love, faith and goodness. He and I had the opportunity to work together many years and our last four years together were precious beyond measure. Jim had an aura about him that affected others in a positive manner. The climate of the room would change when he entered a room of people. He was mightily respected and loved by all. He led all of the many prayers held on our worksite. I always sought his advice when decisions of consequence came before us. His faith was visible in all things. We were good friends and continued to communicate over the past fifteen years. Talking with Jim always boosted my spirits. He always closed with I love you and God Bless you and your family. Jim Smith will always remain as the best example of friendship, goodness and and true faith I have witnessed in my life. Love of his Savior and family were always his guide.

Damon, Bobbi, John, Heather, Elin, Millie, and Aria Rasnick

Damon A Rasnick - December 20, 2022 at 04:23 PM



“ 36 files added to the album LifeTributes



Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory - December 20, 2022 at 01:09 PM

TJ

“ Mary and family, I offer my sincere condolences on your loss. I have many treasured memories of our time together at Sandlick Elementary School and I want you to know that not only was he a co-worker but also a true friend. I will not be able to attend the services for Jim but I will have you all in my thoughts and prayers. If I can be of help to you in any way please let me know.

*In Christian Love,
Tony Jones*

Tony Jones - December 20, 2022 at 11:07 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jimmy "Jim" Roger Smith.



December 20, 2022 at 10:27 AM

ET

“ The employees here at Eddie's Trophies & Gift Shop in Bristol, Tennessee would like to send our condolences at this time to the family of Jimmy Smith. Mr. Smith was a wonderful customer of ours for many years. He will be truly missed by all.

Eddie's Trophies - December 20, 2022 at 08:37 AM

LL

“ I was a student of Mr. Smith decades ago. He was one of the kindest and most caring teachers, he was one of a kind. He had a gentle demeanor and so much patience with students. He was a great educator and true gem of an individual. May God bless his family, may you know he left a wonderful legacy for those that were fortunate enough to be his students. My sincere condolences to you, Lynn (Duty) Loman, Daytona Beach FL

Lynn Loman - December 20, 2022 at 07:24 AM

SA

“ Mary Lou and family, all of you are in my thoughts and prayers. Love! Sandy (Walter Lee's daughter)



SandraMullinsHamilton - December 19, 2022 at 07:43 PM

JR

“ Jimmy, Rebecca (Jenkins) & Tyler Robinson lit a candle in memory of Jimmy "Jim" Roger Smith



Jimmy, Rebecca (Jenkins) & Tyler Robinson - December 19, 2022 at 06:27 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jimmy "Jim" Roger Smith.



December 19, 2022 at 03:11 PM

JJ

“ Michelle, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your wonderful father. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Jeannie Jackson - December 19, 2022 at 03:10 PM

BW

“ Mary, Michelle, Susan, & Melody,

I am so sorry to hear this about Jim. He was a wonderful person and a second father to me growing up. Sitting here, so many blessed memories of all our times together are going through my mind...memories I haven't thought of in years. But one thing is for sure, Jim practiced what he preached and stood firm on the Word of God. Now we all know he is reaping his rewards! You all are in mine & Jeff's prayers and please know that I love each of you very, very much.

Becky Woods - December 19, 2022 at 02:52 PM

JR

“ We are praying for you all. We loved Jimmy and know we will see him again one day! What a legacy he leaves behind.

Love - Jana, Jason, & Jase Ryan

Jana Ryan - December 19, 2022 at 01:08 PM

EP

“ Elizabeth And David Powers lit a candle in memory of Jimmy "Jim" Roger Smith



Elizabeth and David Powers - December 19, 2022 at 12:44 PM

BM

Jim was always a great friend and a good person. He will be missed. Prayers go out to his family.

*God Bless,
Burl and Rosalee Mooney*

Burl and Rosalee Mooney - December 19, 2022 at 01:14 PM

GS

“ *The greatest brother i could ever have been blessed with not only was he my brother he was my inspiration . He taught me how to be a man with honor and dignity. He was the the one I wanted to be like. A Godly and faithful example. I have preached thousands of sermons but Jim was a living sermon in that you cold see Christ in his life. Waiting to see you in heaven. Your Brother Gary*

Gary Smith - December 19, 2022 at 12:44 PM