



Mr. John V. Smith

October 27, 2018

John Verell “Grandy” Smith, 92, of Tomball, Texas, died Saturday, October 27, 2018. He was born in Coahoma County, Mississippi on February 11, 1926 to Alford Luther and Eddie Stewart Smith. He was married to Myrtle Ruth Lee Smith for 69 years until her death in 2016. He was preceded in death by his 12 siblings.

John honorably served in the US Navy for 2 years and was stationed in Guam. He met and married Myrtle when he returned home. The family lived in several places in Mississippi and Memphis, TN before moving to Texas in 1970.

John loved his family and his main goal in life was to provide for them usually working multiple jobs to accomplish it. He loved the outdoors, farming, travel, camping, fishing, hunting, building, tractor work and creating useful items from scrap metal. He had a gift for rebuilding wrecked vehicles and then either driving them himself or selling them.

John loved his family and spending time with them. He loved telling stories of his life growing up on the farm, his time in the Navy and family stories. Some of his fondest memories were of Reunions with his siblings and their families at Wall Doxie State Park in Mississippi. He was deeply loved by his family and will always be remembered for how he loved and cared for them.

John is survived by his three children: Betty Trevathan and husband, Michael; Gary Smith and wife, Brenda; and John Michael "Mike" Smith and wife, Barbara. His grandchildren are Brian Cole and wife, Genia; Jonathan Cole and wife, Aimee; Christopher Smith and wife, Tammy; Lauren Schwartz and husband, Beau; Joshua Smith and Jacob Smith. Great-grandchildren include Andrew, Matthew, Haley, Brady, Patrick and Cecile Cole; Drake, Charlotte and Owen Smith; and Jack, Harper and Max Schwartz. Great-great-grandchildren are Braden and Carson Cole. There are also numerous nieces and nephews.

Service will be Thursday, November 1 at Magnolia Funeral Home. Visitation will be at 9:30 am with the service at 11 am with Rev. James Clark, Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church of Tomball officiating and Worship Pastor Adam Watson, also of First Baptist Tomball, in charge of music.

Previous Events

Viewing/Visitation

NOV 1. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Magnolia Funeral Home
811 South Magnolia Blvd.
Magnolia, TX 77355
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magnoliafh@yahoo.com
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Funeral Service

NOV 1. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Uncle Verell was a salt of the earth man. I was so attached to him and Aunt Myrtle and to you kids growing up. Often living close enough to enjoy visits in each other's homes, we'd chow down our Moms' luscious fried chicken, chocolate pie, and sweet tea and play together in the sunshine like it was better than going to the Fair. I still feel guilty, Gary, for acting a brat at your house over a toy and your Mama spanking you for it! Since I never fessed up to Aunt Myrtle, I guess I always will. Uncle Verell and Aunt Myrt were great friends and examples, and I am so sorry for all our loss. Looking forward to seeing them in heaven!! I love you Betty, Gary and Mike and pray for God's presence and consolation in your grief.*



Ann Spicer - November 08, 2018 at 11:37 AM

BT

*As Daddy's anniversary of his passing approaches I reread your lovely tribute.
We did have so much fun and the memories will be with us always.
Love you and your wonderful family so much.*

Betty Trevathan - October 16, 2022 at 12:42 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. John V. Smith.*



November 01, 2018 at 08:38 AM

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“ My family and I personally are so so sad to hear of Johns passing. We feel so badly we did not get to visit him in the last year very often at all.

Whenever he saw me or my son or husband in my mom & dad's backyard (they were next door neighbors before Myrtle's passing) he would amble over to the open neighbor-friendly wire fence & we would have such discussions. I tell ya. With his quiet but plentiful storytelling & observing, we never ran out of things to talk about. I know my dad & he had many many more of those & will also miss him fondly. He and Dad always compared gardens & discussed yards & tools.

Love to you John. And your family.

Shanyn Zink for Tim & Isaac (9) too.

Shanyn Zink - October 31, 2018 at 04:32 PM

BT

As Daddy's anniversary of his passing I reread your beautiful tribute. Shanyn thank you so much for your wonderful memories. Daddy and Momma did so care for all of your family and were so honored to be neighbors.

I know that your Baby Niece passed after birth before Momma's passing. I always thought of Momma going to heaven to care for her. She did so love Babies.

Again, thank you for the beautiful memories.

Betty Trevathan - October 16, 2022 at 12:52 PM

SZ

Oh Thank you, Betty! I am just now seeing your kind words to me (!) & I love the thought of Myrtle taking care of Annie. ❤️ So sweet. Yes! She would have been a perfect match.,

Thank you Thank you for letting me know you read & appreciated my tribute. I'm glad it could bring comfort. That means a lot!

Shanyn Zink - February 24, 2025 at 12:31 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. John V. Smith.*



October 31, 2018 at 10:18 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. John V. Smith.*



October 30, 2018 at 04:52 PM



“ *Uncle Verell and Aunt Myrtle were two of my favorite "grown-up" relatives. I will always cherish so many childhood memories of the special times we spent visiting with them, Betty, Gary, and Mike when we were growing up. I am saddened by his passing and I'm praying for God's grace and comfort for his immediate family and the rest of us who will miss him. Rest in peace, Dear One.*

*Love to all of you wonderful Smiths,
Phyllis Tutor Breiter*

Phyllis Tutor Breiter - October 30, 2018 at 02:50 PM

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“ *Landmark Bank Directors, Officers, and Staff purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. John V. Smith.*



Landmark Bank Directors, Officers, and Staff - October 30, 2018 at 01:22 PM



“ *Garden Cross was purchased for the family of Mr. John V. Smith.*



October 30, 2018 at 10:25 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. John V. Smith.*



October 29, 2018 at 03:13 PM

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“ *2 files added to the album John V. Smith "Grandy"*



Barbara Smith - October 29, 2018 at 01:00 PM