



Lawrence Smith Jr.

November 17, 1937 - August 31, 2019

“Your dad was my father figure when I was a kid. He taught me how to tie my shoes, how to tie my first real tie, and about shaving. I’m so sorry for your loss.” (Charles Edward Wheeler- (neighbor)

On Saturday morning, August 31st, 2019, Mr. Lawrence Smith, Jr. departed this life at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital in Sumter, SC. He was formerly married to the late Ruth Wilson Smith and to this union two children were born.

Mr. Smith was born in Lynchburg, South Carolina on November 17th, 1937 and was the son of the late Lawrence Smith, Sr. and Adelle Solomon Smith. He attended Lee County, South Carolina public schools and was employed by Santee Print Works in Sumter from which he, retired after 56 years of dedicated service.

Mr. Smith was a faithful member of St. Mark United Methodist Church in Mayesville, SC; he was very active and served in many capacities to include: Finance Chairperson, Lay leader, and Church Trustee.

Mr. Smith was the secretary and trustee for the Mayesville Community Cemetery. He maintained and held these positions even during his illness .

Mr. Smith was a huge baseball fan and especially liked the Atlanta Braves. He was also a gifted mathematician and tutored many students in the community.

Mr. Smith loved his family and was a devoted husband and father.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by eleven siblings.

Survivors include his son, Kenneth Jeroide Smith, and daughter, Selena Ruth Smith; two brothers, Robert Smith of Landover, Maryland, and Joe (Janice) Smith of Monroe, North Carolina; three sisters, Naomi Toney of Mayesville, Bessie Commander of Sumter, and Jessie Mae (William) Nedd of Washington, DC; two special nieces, Hattie Wilson, Mayesville, SC and Joyce Commander, Sumter, SC; in-laws. Harry Wilson, Philadelphia, PA, and Deborah Johnson, Washington, DC; a special friend, Emmie Driggers, Sumter, SC, and longtime friend, Barbara Ann Wheeler, Mayesville, SC, and a host of other relatives. "I will truly miss your dad. He was a gentle and kind person. One thing about him, whenever you saw him he was always nice. Come to think, I never saw him angry or ever heard him say anything unkind or unpleasant to anyone. I'm just so happy to say that I am blessed to have known Mr. Smith ." (Glenda Spann Hinnant- church member).

Cemetery Details

Mayesville Comm. Cemetery

Previous Events

Public Viewing

SEP 6. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel
304 South Main St.
Sumter, SC 29150
(803) 773-3381

Receive Friends

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Funeral Service

SEP 7. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

St. Mark United Methodist Church
North Main Street
Mayesville, SC 29104

Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence Smith Jr.*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *To Sister Selena and Family,
My deepest condolences are with you and your brother as you
mourn the transition of your beloved father Mr. Smith. I know you
are a Daddy's girl. It is my prayer that the rich memories of your
times together will bring you joy and peace in the days ahead.
Remember that nothing shall be able to separate us from the love of
God in Christ Jesus our Lord... (Romans 8:35-39).*

*With love and prayers, Rev. Constance "Connie" Barnes
Columbia, South Carolina*

Rev. C. N. Barnes - September 07, 2019 at 01:26 AM



*Our sincere sympathy and condolences are sent to your family. Know
that we are praying for you during this time of bereavement.
Revs. Brenda and Charlie Thomas
Greenville SC*

Brenda Thomas - September 09, 2019 at 01:58 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of
Lawrence Smith Jr. .*



September 05, 2019 at 11:53 PM

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“ *MR Smith was a part of the Sumter Health and Rehab family for over 9 years. We all loved him and we will miss him. Selena and Kenny you are in our thoughts during this difficult time.*

Deborah DeKalb - September 05, 2019 at 09:42 PM