



James Smith

July 5, 1947 - August 9, 2025

James Leonard Smith, 78, passed away August 9, 2025.

A native of Greenville County, South Carolina, he was a son of the late Oliver James "Bud" and Rachel Sadie Johnson Smith. James was a U.S. Army Vietnam Veteran, having served in the 101st Airborne Division, where he was a recipient of the Purple Heart and Silver Star. He retired as plant supervisor for Steel Heddle after 27 years of service and attended Praise Cathedral.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia "Pat" Ann Barton Smith of the home; a son, Chris Smith (Taj) of Rock Hill, South Carolina; a daughter, Laura Smith King (Ryan) of Greer; a brother, Roger Smith (Tiffany) of Inman; a sister, Ann Mitchem of Greer; and six grandchildren, Christin Smith, Drayton Stafford, Bailey Stafford, Skylar Martin, Aden Orr, and Ayan Orr.

Funeral services will be held 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at The Wood Mortuary Chapel conducted by Dr. Keith Kelly and Mr. Brandon Brown.

Burial with military honors will follow in Hillcrest Memory Gardens.

Visitation will be held 2:00-3:45 p.m. Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at The Wood Mortuary.

The family is at their respective homes.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Memory Gardens

14050 East Wade Hampton Boulevard
Greer, SC 29651

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 13. 2:00 PM - 3:45 PM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary, Inc.
300 West Poinsett Street
Greer, SC 29650
(864) 877-3351
woodmortuary@bellsouth.net

Service

AUG 13. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DC

“ Laura and family, Louise and I are so sorry for your loss. We have prayed for James and you for God's will to be done. We share your sorrow.

Donnie & Louise Crews

Donnie Crews - August 15, 2025 at 10:36 AM

PE

“ Chris, Taj and Family, I am so sorry for your loss - Patti Elam

Patti Elam - August 13, 2025 at 01:01 PM

HM

“ Holly, Stacey, Evelyn & Marcus planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Smith.

Holly, Stacey, Evelyn & Marcus - August 13, 2025 at 08:18 AM

HM

“ Holly, Stacey, Evelyn & Marcus purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of James Smith.



Holly, Stacey, Evelyn & Marcus - August 13, 2025 at 08:18 AM

DI

“ Don & pam isaksen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Smith.

Don & pam isaksen - August 12, 2025 at 06:05 PM

DI

“ Don & pam isaksen purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Smith.



Don & pam isaksen - August 12, 2025 at 06:05 PM

AM

“ Anne Marie and Pete Martin purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of James Smith.



Anne Marie and Pete Martin - August 12, 2025 at 05:33 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Smith.



August 12, 2025 at 05:25 PM

JC

“ Pat, Chris, and Laura, may the Lord be with all the family during this time.

J.C. Crenshaw - August 12, 2025 at 03:17 PM

AN

“ I believe my brother and I went to Duncan Elementary with James. At that time we were good friends. I will always remember him. I'm very sorry for his passing. I'm sure he was loved and will always be missed. Ann and Larry Edwards friends from long ago.

Ann - August 12, 2025 at 02:56 PM

MT

“ Mertie Taylor lit a candle in memory of James Smith



Mertie Taylor - August 12, 2025 at 12:54 PM



“ Pat so sorry to hear of James passing. You and your family will be in my prayers. Wilda Henson JFB Class of 66

Wilda Henson - August 12, 2025 at 12:35 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of James Smith.



August 12, 2025 at 11:47 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Smith.

August 12, 2025 at 11:47 AM

RG

“ Roger and family, so very sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers for all.

Reid Gravely - August 12, 2025 at 11:05 AM

BB

“ Pat, My dear sweet friend. I am so sorry to hear about James, He was a sweet and kind soul, It was a honor to know him. All my love to you and your family. B.B. Brown



BeeBee Brown - August 12, 2025 at 10:31 AM

PS

“ Pat so sorry for the loss of your husband and your best friend. James was such a sweet and kind man. Keeping you and your family in my prayers.

Pat Stafford - August 12, 2025 at 09:38 AM

RO

“ Dear Laura & Family,
We are so sorry to hear about the death of your Dad. We know what you are going through losing a Parent. May God Bless you all with much Strength in the days ahead and give you Peace. We will all be reunited in Heaven one day in our eternal, home and what a day of rejoicing it will be. Your Dad will live on through all of your treasured memories. We love you and your family and send our deepest and most Heartfelt Sympathy to you all. Richard & Barbara Owensby



Richard & Barbara Owensby - August 12, 2025 at 08:46 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Smith.

August 12, 2025 at 02:19 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Smith.



August 12, 2025 at 02:19 AM



“ Pat and family. I am so sorry for your loss. We had so much fun playing trivia together for years. My heart breaks for the family. James was one of a kind. I'm glad I was one of his many friends. RIP James

Carrie Rhem - August 11, 2025 at 05:43 PM



“ Love and prayers to you Laura, and your Family.

Carol Gibson - August 11, 2025 at 04:45 PM