



Luther B. "Buddy" Smith Jr

October 9, 1931 - April 14, 2024

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."

Philippians 2:3-4

Luther B. "Buddy" Smith, Jr., 92, of Taylors, South Carolina, husband of the late Betty Alewine Smith, went home to be with Jesus on Sunday, April 14, 2024.

A native of Elberton, Georgia, and son of the late Luther B. Smith, Sr. and Cleo Jones Smith, he was the owner and operator of the former Greenville Furniture Company, a member of Taylors First Baptist Church, and a member of the Tyler / Shaw Life Group.

His surviving children include four daughters, Martha White (Charlie), Meredith Cadwallader (Ted), Melanie Caldwell (Michael), and Marinell Keasler (Colton), two sons, Butch Smith (Shelly), and Brantley Smith (Carleen); thirteen grandchildren, Caroline Carroll (Kevin), Whitley Smith, Luke Smith, Kyle Smith, Olivia Ankrom (Matthew), Sierra Cadwallader, Audrey Cadwallader, Garrett Keasler (Carley), Natalie Keasler, Blake Keasler, Carson Smith, Taylor Smith, and Evan Smith; and four great-grandchildren; Torris, Ivy, Anderson and Colin. He was predeceased by his grandson, Austin Cadwallader.

Buddy was a living example of selflessness and a true servant to those in need. It was his practice to give generously and often anonymously to help

others as well as show kindness and love to his family, his friends and everyone he knew. His greatest love, however, was for his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Visitation will be held Thursday, April 18, 2024, from 10:00AM-11:15AM in the gathering area of Taylors First Baptist Church.

Funeral services will be held at 11:30AM on Thursday, April 18, 2024, at Taylors First Baptist Church Worship Center. A private graveside burial will immediately follow.

Pallbearers will be Luke Smith, Kyle Smith, Garrett Keasler, Blake Keasler, Carson Smith, Taylor Smith, and Evan Smith.

Honorary escorts will be City Club of Greenville "Round Table" and their spouses and The Saturday Morning Prayer Group of The Gideon Greer Camp.

The family would like to thank the caregivers from Home Helpers as well as Lindsie and Barbara with Affinity Hospice for taking excellent and tender care of our dad during his illness.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Taylors Free Medical Clinic, 400 W. Main St., Taylors, South Carolina 29687, Set Free, 333 Wade Hampton Blvd., Greenville, South Carolina 29609 and Gideons International, Greer Gideon Camp U39061.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 18. 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM (ET)

Taylor's First Baptist Church
200 West Main Street
Taylors, SC 29687

Service

APR 18. 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RB

“ I was not aware of the passing of Buddy Smith until today, April 22. He was a neighbor for about 57 years. Construction on my home began on Edwards Mill Road after his home was completed in 1965 by the same builder. His children grew up with my two boys, Patrick and David, with shared memories on the community swim team. I will miss his smile and friendly personality. His strong Christian faith is reflected in the character of his children. My condolences to his family for a life well lived. Don Bridges

Robert Donald (Don) Bridges - April 22, 2024 at 03:28 PM

SF

“ Sharon Frazier lit a candle in memory of Luther Smith



Sharon Frazier - April 22, 2024 at 01:36 AM

MA

“ Dear Butch, Martha, Meredith, Melanie, Marinell and Brantley - I have many fond memories of Uncle Buddy and the many times our families were together when we were young. He will be truly missed and my prayers are with you during this time of saying good-bye, or rather "auf Wiedersehen (till we see each other again)". I love you all, "cousin Marianne".

Marianne Alewine - April 19, 2024 at 04:21 AM

CH

“ Prayers and condolences to you and your family. Buddy Smith was my last first cousin on my mother’s side. My mom, Betty, your grandparents Cleo & Bunyan, Doris, Phil, Joyce, your great-grandmother Ophelia, and even my Bill are there as GATEKEEPERS welcoming Buddy home to Heaven. Smiles are broad and bear hugs are abundant. May God surround you and your family in His Love as you are comforted by your extended family and many friends. May your loving thoughts, precious memories, and happy dreams bring his spirit close to you forever. Isn’t it wonderful that we’ll see our beloved in Heaven again! Buddy was the best Christian father, husband, cousin, and friend – so thoughtful, kind, ethical, smart, and an excellent provider. I am soooooo glad that he saw to it that many of you attended the Jones Reunion every other year. That kept me connected to you. I hope that you will continue to come. Thinking of Buddy’s welcome to Heaven, I end with this verse from Malachi 3:10, “I will open the windows of Heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great that you won’t have enough room to take it in.” I will be honored to donate to Gideons International, Greer Gideon Camp in Buddy’s name. Your loving Cousin, Cheryl

Cheryl Hunt-Clements - April 18, 2024 at 12:20 AM



“ Buddy was always very happy, with a big smile whenever I saw him. He will be missed.
George McJunkin

George McJunkin - April 17, 2024 at 03:43 PM

TM

“ Tommy and Trisha Meadows planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Luther B. "Buddy" Smith Jr.

Tommy and Trisha Meadows - April 17, 2024 at 03:27 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Luther B. "Buddy" Smith Jr.



April 17, 2024 at 03:27 PM



“ My grandfather, I.C. Smith was the brother of L. B. Smith, Sr., making Buddy and me cousins...2nd cousins, I think. I can remember our families visiting when we were children and also seeing each other occasionally as adults. I always admired the fine man he became, unselfishly helping others throughout his life. My husband and I are out of town this week, and unable to attend the service, but our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Bob and Haley Pyle Nations.

Haley Pyle Nations - April 16, 2024 at 01:03 PM



“ Martha, Meredith, Melanie, Marinell, Butch, and Brantley - Your family has always had a special place in my heart. Your dad was always so kind and caring. He was always a ray of sunshine wherever he went. You are in our thoughts and prayers today!

Nancy Clayton - April 16, 2024 at 09:30 AM

CB

“ TO THE FAMILY,

Our Condolences to you all. May the peace of God comfort you through this time. He was such a gentleman to our group and will be greatly missed.

*Prayers for all,
The Breakfast Club*

CALVIN WAYNE BROWN - April 15, 2024 at 06:19 PM

JC

“ *Martha, Meredith, Melanie, Marinell, Butch, and Brantley - We will never forget your kind and wonderful father. When we first visited Taylors First Baptist, he was one of the first people to make us feel welcome, especially in the choir, and Taylors became our church home for many years. He was always kind and had encouraging words for us, and we will always remember the way he took care of Betty and brought her to church in her later years. We have missed seeing him now that we no longer live near Taylors but there is no doubt that when we see him again he will welcome us just like he did at Taylors so many years ago. May God give all of you comfort and peace!*

Jack & Suzanne Coggins

Jack Coggins - April 15, 2024 at 06:14 PM

TT

“Buddy served faithfully with Good News Clubs at Taylors Elementary and Woodland Elementary for over 10 years. He was so good at loving the children who came to learn about Jesus. Buddy continued to support CEF when he was no longer able to serve himself. The Volunteers at Taylors Elementary GNC would like to express our support, prayers and sympathy for Buddy's family. He will be missed by so many.

Taylors GNC by Amy Taylor - April 15, 2024 at 05:33 PM

DL

“Sending loving condolences and prayers to Brantley Smith and all his family. Love you all and praying Gods peace surrounds you during this time. Doyle and Pam Lewis

Doyle and Pam Lewis - April 15, 2024 at 05:15 PM

AT

“Buddy was a true southern gentleman. A wonderful friend who loved Jesus and shared his faith through words and actions. I'm sure when he arrived in heaven yesterday he heard "well done my good and faithful servant". David and I will miss his smile.

Amy Taylor - April 15, 2024 at 05:00 PM