



## Rev. Virgil E. Smith

July 31, 1922 - September 14, 2016

Reverend Virgil E. Smith, 94, went home to be with the Lord on September 14, 2016. He was predeceased by his wife of more than 60 years, Joyce Ashmore Smith, and his parents, Ethel Christopher Smith and Nick Nathaniel Smith.

Surviving are his daughter, Joni S. Phillips (Carol); sons, Philip E. Smith and Mark A. Smith (Freida); five grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. Rev. Smith served as Pastor of three churches in SC: Moore Baptist Church, West End Baptist Church, and Pastored the International Christian Church in Dubai, U.A.E. for 12 years. Additionally, he served as Associate Pastor of Apalache Baptist Church in Greer, SC. He was a life-long member of Pelham First Baptist Church, where he taught Sunday School for many years.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held 4:00 p.m. Sunday, September 18, 2016, at Pelham First Baptist Church, conducted by Rev. Mark A. Smith.

Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Greer, S.C.

The family will receive friends at the church from 2:30 - 3:45 p.m. Sunday prior to the service.

Pallbearers will be: Brad Phillips, Jay Phillips, Chris Smith, Josh Epton, Dylan Phillips, Jackson Epton, Graham Davis, Ayden Smith, Gage Smith and Truett Phillips.

Memorials may be made to: Greer Christian Learning Center, 3055 East Gap Road, Greer, SC 29651.

Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com)



# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Memory Gardens

14050 East Wade Hampton Boulevard  
Greer, SC 29651

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 18. 2:00 PM - 3:45 PM (ET)

Pelham First Baptist Church  
2720 S. Old Highway 14  
Greer, SC

## Service

SEP 18. 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

DM

“ *Pastor Virgil Smith pastor-ed my church in Dubai, UAE. He led me to the Lord one evening while he was munching roasted peanuts on the sofa with his son & Joyce. I walked quite a ways to his home in the dark. I felt my prayers were not being heard. He told me of course they were, but talked to me about inviting Jesus in & asked if I had ever done that. I had not. He was remorseful & shocked & vowed to do an invitation each service thereafter. Over time, he was with me for some very stressful situations in a foreign country. I will always be grateful in many ways to Pastor Virgil. He also baptized me in the Persian Gulf along with many others, including former Muslims. Blessed times. I will see Virgil in heaven, thanks to him!*

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**Deborah Barnes Mubarak** - March 26 at 09:43 PM

CG

“ *Sorry for your loss. Praying for God to comfort your heart. Candis and Dale Goodwin*

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**candis goodwin** - September 18, 2016 at 07:07 PM

SW

*Sorry for your lost Red will be missed by many! I am praying for you all! May he RIP!*

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**sheila Asberry Whitaker** - October 16, 2020 at 06:12 PM

SW

“ It was my pleaseure to meet Mr. Virgil and be his caregiver. It was a pleasure to become close to your family. We loved him and will miss him!- Carolyn Covington

*I loved him; he was a fine gentleman. We will miss him very much-  
Beatrice O.*

*I am honored to have been able to care for Mr. Smith. He was funny, sweet, and a dear man. I loved spending time with him, laughing and getting to know the family. I will miss you all; you are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Summer Wyatt*

*All of the staff in Rose Cottage wish to offer our love and sympathy for the family and know that we will miss Mr. Smith.*

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**Summer Wyatt** - September 18, 2016 at 12:43 PM

AA

“ Uncle Virgil will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him and loving him. He has touched so many people and had a special way to touch you in prayer. He's taken me by the hand and prayed with me in some of the most difficult times in my life. I have so many fond memories and will never forget when he did the chicken dance at country earls with the Ashmore clan. May we all draw closer and keep the Ashmore family memories and traditions for generations to come. Keeping all of you in prayer during this most difficult time. I know granny o was waiting for him with open arms. We love you all.

*Love, Rudolph, Allison, Randy, George, Hope, Angie, Ken, Austin, Josh, Jess, Jay*

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**Angie Ashmore** - September 16, 2016 at 08:46 PM

DG

“ Sending words of comfort to the Smith family in the home-going of your precious dad.

*We learned to love and appreciate him while he served at Moore and Apalache.*

*Our loss has been heaven's gain!*

*Prayerfully,*

*Dr. Henry Johnson and Georgia*

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**Dr. Johnson & Georgia** - September 16, 2016 at 03:53 PM

JW

“ Mark, Fredia & family, so sorry about your Dad, great Christian Man, enjoyed hearing him when he spoke at Ebenezer. Our prayers are with all of you at this sad time. Julia Timmons Whitfield.

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**julia Timmons Whitfield** - September 16, 2016 at 03:25 PM

TF

“ The Rhodes Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Rev. Virgil E. Smith.



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**The Rhodes Family** - September 15, 2016 at 08:15 PM

RS

“ Renee Swangler lit a candle in memory of Rev. Virgil E. Smith



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**Renee Swangler** - September 15, 2016 at 06:52 PM