



## William (Bill) Smith, Jr.

February 19, 1941 - October 24, 2006

Heading: William "Bill" Smith, Jr.

Dateline: Greer

William "Bill" Wardlaw Smith, Jr., 65, of 3040 Gap Creek Road, died October 24, 2006.

A native of Greer, Bill was the son of the late William Wardlaw Smith, Sr. and Elizabeth McGowan Smith. Coach Smith was a graduate and football player at Mars Hill College where he received his degree. He was a retired teacher and coach for the Greenville County School district. He coached the North South High School Football game in 1979 and inducted in the Greer High Athletic Hall of Fame in 1995. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church. Surviving are his wife, Kathie Gettys Smith and son Hunter of the home; one son and daughter in-law, Ashley and Kayla Smith of Conway; a daughter, Allyson Smith of Charleston; a sister, Lib Ann Smith of Greer; two grandchildren, Will and Mary Smith; a niece Jacquelyn Buczkowski and her husband, Tom and their son, Andrew of Greer and a nephew Stephen Smith and his wife, Stacia and their son, Tripp of Simpsonville.

Memorial services will be held 11:00 a.m. Friday at First Presbyterian Church conducted by Rev. Wayne Cole.

Visitation will be held after the service in the church parlor.

The family respectfully request flowers be omitted and memorials be made to the Bill Smith scholarship fund, P.O. Box 534, Greer, S.C. 29652.

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



# Previous Events

## Service

OCT **27**. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Greer  
100 School Street  
Greer, SC 29651

## Visitation

OCT **27**. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ DEAR KATHY AND HUNTER,

WE ARE DEEPLY SADDEN FOR YOUR LOSS. BILL WAS A VERY GOOD FRIEND. YOUR FAMILY AND OURS HAD SOME VERY GOOD TIMES TOGETHER. WE WILL ALWAYS BE HERE FOR YOU AND HUNTER. IF YOU EVER NEED ANYTHING WE WILL TAKE CARE OF IT FOR YOU.

THE LANIERS###imported-begin##DAVID AND CANDACE LANIER###imported-end##

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October 27, 2006 at 04:18 PM



“ Dear Kathie and Hunter, You are all in our thoughts and prayers. We have always enjoyed being a part of your lives through sports. Coach Smith always made Bradley feel like a million bucks with his encouraging words. He will be missed by all. If we can do anything, feel free to let us know but know you are in our daily thoughts.###imported-begin##Rayna, Kapp, Bradley and Anna Abbott###imported-end##

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October 27, 2006 at 02:01 PM



“ Our hearts are heavy with this loss. Bill was our friend when he was in Conway. My God be with you and comfort you as you grieve. We will hold you in our hearts and prayers.###imported-begin##Mickey & Mona Wilson###imported-end##

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October 27, 2006 at 11:17 AM



“ To the family of the late William Smith and, especially to his son, Ashely Smith, I send my deepest prayers and concern in this hour of your loss. May God through the Lord Jesus Christ and by the aid of the Holy Spirit send each of you His comfort and peace.##imported-begin##Donald Rains Sr.##imported-end##

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October 27, 2006 at 07:03 AM



“ Cathy and Hunter.. we were saddened to hear of Bill's passing and just wanted you to know that our thoughts and prayes are with both of you at this difficult time. May God hold you safely in his arms and bring you peace.

Margi, Eric, Phillip and Alexandra##imported-begin##Margi, Eric, Phillip and Alexandra Davies##imported-end##

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October 27, 2006 at 06:47 AM



“ I met Bill when I came down to coach at LBC Middle School, the feeder school for Midland Valley where he coached, in 1981. It was a privilege to have known him.##imported-begin##mike hicks##imported-end##

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October 26, 2006 at 11:05 PM



“ Coach Smith....I will never forget you. You inspired me more than any other person ever has in my life. You have taught me how to be a better football player, how to use my abilities to beat someone else, but most importantly, you taught me how to be a man. You are truly an amazing person that will be greatly missed in the years to come. Your enthusiasm for coaching and the kids that you were around, both on and off the field, will never be matched. You were more than a coach, more than a father, more than a friend....you were a role model. Thank you for everything you have ever done for me. I will see you again someday.

Always in my heart,  
Andy Cox - Eastside High School 2001 - #11##imported-  
begin##Andy Cox##imported-end##

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October 26, 2006 at 10:38 PM



“ Hey, I am so sorry about Coach Bill and I know you're going through a rough time right now. Coach Bill was the best coach I have ever had. He taught me so much about football. If there is anything I can do for you, just let me know.

Sincerely,  
Jake Purvis##imported-begin##Jake Purvis##imported-end##

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October 26, 2006 at 08:27 PM



“ Hunter - I am so proud to say that I was a part of your Dad's life and all the fun we shared together at baseball games and the Panthers games. I will miss your Dad and I will always be here for you! Your Best Friend- Austin Lanier##imported-begin##Austin Lanier##imported-end##

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October 26, 2006 at 08:12 PM



“ Ashley, Kayla and family - Coach Smith will always be one of my most favorite teachers! I have fond memories of our years at Conway High starting with 9th grade PE (you know me - it wasn't my best subject :) He was always so kind and understanding. Please know that I am thinking of y'all during this hard time and and that he will always have a special place in my memories.##imported-begin##Sheila Todd Gandy##imported-end##

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October 26, 2006 at 06:09 PM



“ The Smith Family have our condolences in the Home Going Services for thier love one Bill, the Son-in -Law of John Gettys. May God Bless Willie & Helen Dyers##imported-begin##Willie and Helen Dyers##imported-end##

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October 26, 2006 at 05:52 PM



“ Kathie and Hunter,

*I can't begin to tell y'all how much I enjoyed working with Coach Bill for the past couple of years as we attempted to turn a great group of kids into young men and football players. I learned as much, if not more, from Coach Bill as the kids on the teams we coached together. I'm proud to say that I knew the man; and I can honestly say that I am a better person for having known him. He took an interest in my son and I'm certain that the lessons learned during that time will help carry him through life.*

*Be strong during this difficult time. If there is ever anything that I do to help, please do not hesitate to call.*

*Rodney##imported-begin##Rodney and Dana Purvis##imported-end##*

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October 26, 2006 at 11:27 AM



“ Mrs. Smith, I just wanted you to know that you and Hunter are in our thoughts and prayers. Both of you mean alot to Katie.##imported-begin##Beverly King (Katie)##imported-end##

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October 26, 2006 at 10:33 AM



“ Kathie and Hunter,

*You are in our thoughts and prayers. Coach Smith was one of the most caring men that we have known. He touched Steven's life as a coach and he touched my life from the way he coached my son. We are blessed to have known Coach Smith; he will surely be missed. Laura and Steven##imported-begin##Laura MacDonald and Steven MacDonald##imported-end##*

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October 26, 2006 at 09:33 AM



“ Coach Smith, you will be greatly missed. I had the best four years of my life at Eastside when you were my football coach. I will never forget the years you coached Brent and me at linebacker. I know I can speak for every player you coached by saying you touched all our lives and made life so much more special. There are so many good memories on and off the field to even begin to mention. You will always be in our hearts. Heaven has gotten a great person and the best football coach! I will always cherish the times with you and will love you always!##imported-begin##Stuart Kay##imported-end##

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October 26, 2006 at 09:17 AM



“ Lib Ann,

*Sorry to hear about your brother's death. My family and I knew your family at First Presbyterian Church. My parents were Brantley and Lois Hart. We moved to Charlotte in 1964, but I still have fond memories of my years at First Presbyterian Church. I especially remember your mother playing the organ.*

*My deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family in the loss of your brother. I also send my sympathy to you in the loss of Jack. I read about his death, but did not know how to communicate with you at the time.##imported-begin##Brant Hart##imported-end##*

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October 26, 2006 at 08:46 AM



“ we will miss coach smith. God Bless you all.##imported-begin##Cindy Sizemore, Joshua Sizemore, Caitlyn Addyman##imported-end##

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October 26, 2006 at 04:02 AM