



Rev. Danny E Smith

April 28, 1944 - January 25, 2024

Rev. Pastor Danny E. Smith, age 79, of Buford, GA passed away on Thursday, January 25, 2024. He was preceded in death by his father, William Frank Smith and mother, Kathleen Johnson Wylie; step-mother, Lillie Mae Allen Ragsdale; his brother, Jerry Smith and his sister, Glenda Smith.

Rev. Smith is survived by his wife of thirty-eight years, Sherry Maddox Smith of Buford; sons and daughters-in-law, Scott and Ingrid Smith of Buford, Hugh and Rhonda Melton of Monroe, GA; daughters and son-in-law, Robin Smith of Bethlehem, GA, Lisa Nelson of Winder, GA, Dana Brogdon of Dahlonega, GA, Kristi and Jason Carey of Winder, GA; thirteen grandchildren, Brittany Malloch, Brianna Craft, Christopher Craft, Vanessa Foster, Naomi Nelson, Christian Sadler, Michael Foster, Cory Pruitt, B. J. Brogdon, Kord Carey, Nicole Melton, Timothy Melton, and Robert Melton; nine great grandchildren; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Margaret Smith of Flowery Branch, GA; Ricky and Sandra Parker of Hoschton, GA Patricia and Clint Dunaway of Buford, and Billy Maddox of Lawrenceville, GA; and cousins and a host of friends.

Mr. Smith was a 1963 graduate of Buford High School where he played football and was a member of the first track team at the school. He served in the U. S. Air Force during the Vietnam war, stateside at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. He retired from the Gwinnett Police Department in 2003 after twenty-three years of service. Upon retirement from the department, he remained as a police chaplain. He was also a former deputy

sheriff of the Gwinnett County Sheriff's Department in the 1960's, and he served as a police officer with the former City of Buford Police Department. Mr. Smith was a member of Buford Church of God for thirty-four years where he served as Elder, Deacon, and Sunday School teacher. He and his wife were co-directors of Dove Prison Ministries for thirty-five years as well as the pastors of the Prime Timers Senior Ministry for fifteen years. Mr. Smith served for thirty-five years as the State Jail and Prison Ministries coordinator for the North Georgia Church of God and on the Church of God International Prison Commission, and four years at Oakwood Church of God.

Funeral Services will be held on Sunday, January 28, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at the Buford Church of God with Pastor Joey Grizzle, Pastor Jeremy Cromwell, and Rev. Michael Mack officiating. Rev. Smith will Lie in State at the church from 1:00 p.m. until time for the service at 2:00 p.m. Interment will follow at Duncan Creek Congregational Church Cemetery in Buford, GA. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Saturday, January 27 from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 27. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Flanigan Funeral Home
4400 S. Lee St.
Buford, GA 30518
(770) 932-1133
<https://www.flaniganfuneralhome.com/>

Lie In State

JAN 28. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Buford Church of God
4800 South Lee St
Buford, GA 30518
jeflanigan@flaniganfuneralhome.com

Funeral Service

JAN 28. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JD

“ A great Man of God has been taken from us. He touched so many lives in so many ways and I am one of them. Thank you Brother Danny. Love and prayers to the family.
Pastor Jimmy and Connie Dunn and the Lanier Church of God Family

Jimmy Dunn - January 29, 2024 at 09:14 AM

RS

“ Robin Smith lit a candle in memory of Danny Smith



Robin Smith - January 28, 2024 at 07:42 PM

LS

“ When I was a little girl, I never had to worry about my dad not taking time to talk to me. One day I was at my Grandma's house and I found a dead bird outside. I called my dad at the police station crying. He was always busy, but I never knew it because he always had time for me. He calmed me down and then prayed for the bird and the birds family so I would stop crying and feel better. That is a memory I have thought of often and told my own children just to let them know a tiny portion of how loving and caring and compassionate my dad was.

Lisa Smith - January 28, 2024 at 06:11 PM

LS

“ Lisa Smith lit a candle in memory of Danny Smith



Lisa Smith - January 28, 2024 at 06:08 PM

TJ

“ We're so sorry to hear of Danny's passing. Praying for the Lord's grace and peace to be with Sherry and all the family. Danny and Sherry were some of our first friends at Buford COG. when I was on the staff in the late 80's. Danny always had an encouraging word with wisdom from the Good Lord at every conversation we had. Danny's life and ministry has made a great difference on this earth. - Terry, Wanda and Micah Jones

Terry Jones - January 27, 2024 at 04:36 PM

JL

“ A fine officer, detective, and man of God. He had an amazing sense of humor and as I recall loved BBQ. I am blessed to have known him. Col. John Latty

John Latty - January 27, 2024 at 03:12 PM

MW

“ 1 file added to the album Photo



Monica Wilson - January 27, 2024 at 11:53 AM

AA

“ *I light a blue candle in honor of my Uncle Danny.*



Ana M Adams-Wiley - January 27, 2024 at 11:43 AM

AA

“ *My Uncle Danny was an amazing loving man. I miss him so much already. He always had the right things to say and I thank him for praying over me when I had cancer. Im cancer free and I kniw his prayers worked. He was an amazing man of God. Love you uncle Danny, always.*

Ana M Adams-Wiley - January 27, 2024 at 11:41 AM

JD

Danny was always nice to me and we were distant cousins. Our Grandmothers were sisters , Era Davis Cain & Ester Davis Johnson. Prayers and strength to all of his family. He will be missed by many.

Jan B Davis - January 29, 2024 at 09:37 PM

DA

“ *Derrick Adams lit a candle in memory of Danny Smith*



Derrick Adams - January 26, 2024 at 10:50 PM

AM

“ *Pastor Danny was one of very few Pastors and people who can see where you are and where you could go. He was honest, loving, nonjudgmental. He will be missed. I wish the LORD would have let him stay longer.*



Alicia McGinnis - January 26, 2024 at 04:03 PM

PB

We offer our deepest condolences and sympathy to the family. May .you all be at peace.
Pete & Liz Bava

Peter Bava - January 26, 2024 at 06:49 PM

PB

We offer our condolences and sympathy to the family of Pastor Danny. May he Rest in Peace.
Pete & Liz Bava

Peter Bava - January 26, 2024 at 07:38 PM