



## Freddy James Smith

May 16, 1943 - February 26, 2023

Freddy James Smith age 79 of Flowery Branch, GA passed away on February 26, 2023. He was born on May 16, 1943 in Chambers County Alabama. Mr Smith is preceded in death by his parents Walter and Eunice Smith and his brother Billy Smith.

He is survived by his loving wife of 29 years Linda Smith. Children Liz Smith, Tamarac, FL, Rick Smith (Jen), Weston, FL, Toni Manuel, Pensacola, FL, Wiley Forrester (Michelle) Jefferson, GA, Jimmy Forrester (Christie) Winter Haven, FL, Derek Forrester (Tammy) Buford, GA, and Nephew Lee Smith (Bobbie).

Sister in Laws Brenda Reynolds (Billy), Sheila Duncan (Jerry), and Glenda Duncan (Mike)

Grand Children Phillip Forrester, Jimmy S. Forrester, Kaylynn McConnell, Allison Forrester, Chelsea Vincent (Brandon), Bobby Simpson, Austin Simpson (Carson), Joseph Manuel, Wesley Manuel, DJ Forrester, Dylan Forrester, Devin Forrester, Ashley Vonville, Aaron Vonville

Great Granddaughter Magnolia Vincent

Several other cousins, nieces and nephews, great nieces and great nephews. Special Cousins Christie Pluma Jacksonville, FL and Lamar Smith Valley, AL Special Friends Ricky Williams, Eddie Jarrod, Michael Evens, Dwayne Cole, Tom Elder and so many others.

He was retired from General Motors after nearly 35 years of service as a supervisor. He was also owner of Residential Painting Inc. Freddy loved

camping and loved his camping/RVing families. He loved the Peach Rollers Camping Club members, all the rallies and all the many friends that he met along the way.

He was also a member of Buford Masonic Lodge 292, Gwinnett Shrine Club and Yaarab Shrine in Atlanta, Winder Moose Lodge.

Freddy was an amazing husband, father, grand father and friend. He never met a person he didn't like. He had a unique way of bringing the very best out in any person that he met. Most of all the way he showed love to everyone, especially his wife Linda.

Freddy was also a very avid Alabama Football fan.

The family is also requesting if you have any stories or memories you would like share about Freddy, please do so at the service.

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Buford Lodge 292 building or scholarship fund or Shriners Hospital for Children. You can mail your donations to PO Box 1266 Buford, GA 30515  
ROLL TIDE!!

A Funeral Service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 4, 2023 in the Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home, Buford, GA with Dr. Jim Ferguson officiating. Interment will follow with Masonic Graveside Rites at Broadlawn Memorial Gardens, Buford, GA. Visitation will be held on from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, March 3, 2023 at Flanigan Funeral Home and from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 4, 2023 prior to the Service.

# Cemetery Details

## Broadlawn Memorial Gardens

5979 New Bethany Rd  
Buford, GA 30518

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 3. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Flanigan Funeral Home  
4400 South Lee Street  
Buford, GA 30518

## Visitation

MAR 4. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Flanigan Funeral Home  
4400 South Lee Street  
Buford, GA 30518

## Funeral Service

MAR 4. 1:00 PM.

Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home

## Interment

MAR 4 (ET)

Broadlawn Memorial Gardens  
5979 New Bethany Rd  
Buford, GA 30518

# Tribute Wall



“ So sorry for the loss of your loved one. Freddie was such a kind, wonderful man/neighbor who will be dearly missed. Prayers sent to the family for strength during this difficult time. God Bless you all. Love Jerry and JoAnn Galaviz



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**JoAnn Galaviz** - March 03, 2023 at 07:04 PM

TE

“ It is with heartfelt grievance yet with a celebratory spirit we honor the grand memories Freddy gave to us all. His was a lifetime to treasure! From meeting on the first day of school in August 1949 to graduation 12 years later in 1961, we grew up best friends as classmates from playground to team-mates in basketball to double-dating in multiple social events in high school. Those were truly "Happy Days".

Tho our times together after that period we less frequent due to geographic distances; when they did occur we never missed a beat. Our blood was true crimson as in the "Crimson Tide" for which many of those get togethers were focused.

Our hearts go out to Linda and the family in this great time of loss. Our prayers are to you and the knowledge that we will all meet again soon with Freddy in a heavenly home.

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**Tom Elder** - March 03, 2023 at 05:37 PM

MP

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Smith Family. Freddy was a one of a kind gentleman. Thoughtful, friendly, and always had a smile. He will be missed by many, especially our family.

Our greatest memory of Freddie was when I had a stroke back in November 2020. Freddy heard about it from my Grandson, Bricen Potter, at Papa Jack's where Freddy started many of his days with friends solving all the worlds problems. Freddie called my wife, Kathleen, after leaving that morning from breakfast and offered to help with anything we needed. Kathleen told Freddy I'd be coming home in a wheelchair. That night Freddy and Michael came to the house and built a ramp for me to get in the front door of our house. Great friends do things that make them stand out and help each other is the true meaning of the "Golden Rule". We will miss you Freddy!

Milt and Kathleen Pittman

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**Milt Pittman** - March 02, 2023 at 04:30 PM

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**Larry Black** - March 01, 2023 at 07:27 PM

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Larry Black - March 01, 2023 at 07:16 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Freddy James Smith.



March 01, 2023 at 10:00 AM

CC

“ So many great memories camping. Mike says golfing also. We will never forget your true kindness.



Carolyn Cox - February 28, 2023 at 08:05 PM

DF

“ My most sincere condolences to Linda, Liz and the rest of the family. My heart breaks knowing Freddy’s gone. I have wonderful memories! Love and prayers to all the family and friends. Diana Fritsch

Diana Fritsch - February 28, 2023 at 07:30 PM

RY

“ Always great times on Peach Roller campouts and going to local breakfast spots. Pictured here, Freddy leading our short pre-meal appreciation announcements.



Ray and Carol Yates - February 28, 2023 at 10:01 AM

JS

So sorry for your loss ~ Julia, GDOT

Julia Smith - March 01, 2023 at 04:27 PM

MN

“ I’m so very sorry for your loss. Liz we have been friends since we were kids and I know how hard this is for you. I know how close you were to your dad and this is such a shock. Sending lots of love to you and your family during this time. <3



Melissa Nowak - February 28, 2023 at 09:06 AM

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**Liz Smith** - February 27, 2023 at 06:05 PM

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