



Rufus Smith

September 27, 1948 - September 15, 2025

Rufus Smith, age 76, of Buford, GA passed away on Monday, September 15, 2025. He is survived by his wife of fourteen years, Linda Murray of Buford; daughters, Andrea McCormick, Bunita Smith; son, Tavares Mackey; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; sister, Wilhemeina Smith; brothers, Marcus (Kim) Smith, Ronnie Smith, Roderick (Mary Helen) Smith, Calvin (Veronica) Smith; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Walter and Maebelle Murray; sister-in-law, Deborah Murray; brother-in-law, Dennis (Linda) Murray; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Mr. Smith was born on September 27, 1948 in Gainesville, GA. He was a 1966 graduate of E. E. Butler High School. Mr. Smith was a retired driver from Tapp Lumber Company with fifteen years of service. He was a deacon and a member of the Union Baptist Church in Buford. Mr. Smith was a member of the Male Chorus and a member of the Union Baptist Church Choir. He loved music and singing. He also loved the Philadelphia Eagles Football team and was an avid Buford Wolves fan. A Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 18, 2025 at Union Baptist Church with Dextory Smith officiating. Interment will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery in Buford, GA. Mr. Smith will Lie-in-State at the church on Thursday, September 18, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

Little Mill Rd
Buford, GA

Previous Events

Lie In State

SEP 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Union Baptist Church
251 Bona Rd
Buford, GA 30518

Funeral Service

SEP 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

Union Baptist Church
251 Bona Rd
Buford, GA 30518

Interment

SEP 18 (ET)

Hillcrest Cemetery
Little Mill Rd
Buford, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Joyce Mitchell sent a virtual gift in memory of Rufus Smith* ”



Joyce Mitchell - September 20, 2025 at 06:26 PM



“ *Beverly Wilson lit a candle in memory of Rufus Smith* ”



Beverly Wilson - September 19, 2025 at 06:35 PM



“ *Budja we will never forget you!
Love you always* ”

Pmf Smith - September 19, 2025 at 06:53 AM



“ *Mrs.Murray im so sorry for your loss you and your family are in my prayers.
Praying your former student Angela Repine* ”



Angela Johnson - September 18, 2025 at 09:45 PM

RC

“ Brother Rufus was loved dearly and will certainly be missed. Linda you and the family are in our thoughts and prayers.



Rhonda Cunningham - September 18, 2025 at 03:58 PM

TI

“ Trudy Ingram lit a candle in memory of Rufus Smith



Trudy Ingram - September 17, 2025 at 09:39 PM

GC

My condolences to the family 🌹☐❤️

Gloria Carruth - September 18, 2025 at 02:28 PM

DC

“ Deborah Collins sent a virtual gift in memory of Rufus Smith



Deborah Collins - September 17, 2025 at 08:04 PM

CS

“ Rufus will be missed .. long time neighborhood friend...
Connie Keith Sosebee
Donnie Sosebee



Connie Keith Sosebee - September 17, 2025 at 05:48 PM

ES

“ My deepest sympathies and condolences to Mrs. Linda and the entire family of Deacon Smith. May God give you all strength like no other during this difficult time as I continue to lift you all in prayer.



To Deacon Smith, thank you for always being kind and loving towards me at Union. You always encouraged me to stand strong and bold in Christ no matter what others think of me. I can hear you singing “Heaven On My Mind” as you’ve taken your rest. I love you Deac ❤️🙏🙏

Erika Styles - September 16, 2025 at 01:39 PM

LS

The family has my sincere condolences and heartfelt prayers 🙏

Lois Shorter - September 17, 2025 at 04:27 PM

DC

My deepest and heartfelt condolences to the Smith family. He will be missed. Sure a pleasant person to talk to always positive. He will be truly missed. I am so glad I had the opportunity to meet and talk with him.

Dayna Gray From Lawrenceville Sr. Center - September 17, 2025 at 06:41 PM

DS

“ *Dorethia Styles sent a virtual gift in memory of Rufus Smith*



Dorethia Styles - September 16, 2025 at 01:03 PM

SJ

“ *Star Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Rufus Smith*



Star Johnson - September 16, 2025 at 10:28 AM

SJ

“ *Star Johnson lit a candle in memory of Rufus Smith*



Star Johnson - September 16, 2025 at 10:28 AM

SJ

“ *Star Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Rufus Smith*



Star Johnson - September 16, 2025 at 10:27 AM



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



September 16, 2025 at 09:40 AM



“ To Linda, and the family of Deacon Rufus Smith, we send our sincere condolences, and prayers during this most difficult time. Gods strength be with you all. With love Demingo and Deniece William's and Minister Timothy Wansley.



Deniece Wansley Williams - September 15, 2025 at 07:42 PM