



Rev. Thomas Roy Smith

January 3, 1932 - January 15, 2023

Rev. Thomas R. Smith, age 91, of Flowery Branch, GA passed away on January 15, 2023. He was preceded in death by his first wife of 54 years, Lula Mae Dockery Smith; parents, Bill and Bonnie Sutton Smith; brother, Hoyt Smith; sister-in-law, Jeanette Dockery. He is survived by his wife of 14 years, Frances Richardson Smith, Buford, GA; daughters, Rita (Chris) Burdett, Cleveland, GA, Bonnie (Mitchell) Ginn, Flowery Branch, GA, Darlene Smith, Flowery Branch, GA; step-children, Stanley (Susan) Richardson, Buford, GA, Becky (Jimmy) Wallace, Buford, GA; 10 grandchildren, Thomas Michael (Betsy) Ginn, Michelle (Adam) Conable, Matthew (Kasey) Ginn, Megan (Joshua) Jackson), Brandy (Jason) Roquemore, Shanda (Andy) Schaefer, Tabitha Coker, Ashley (Roberto) Delgado, Will (Morgan) Coker, Madison Coffey; 16 great-grandchildren; 4 step-grandchildren; 9 step-great-grandchildren; sister, Ruby (Ernest) Gillard, Clermont, GA; brother, Ralph (Melba) Smith, Hoschton, GA; sister-in-law, Hazel Smith Cochran, Murrayville, GA; brother-in-law, Jack Dockery, Cleveland, GA; several nieces, nephews and cousins. Rev. Smith was born on January 3, 1932 in Cleveland, GA. He was a Veteran of the U.S. Navy. He received his education at Clermont High School. Rev. Smith was retired from General Motors Parts Division after 35 years of service. He was a Mason and a member of Flowery Branch Masonic Lodge 212 F.A.M. He also worked at Riverside Military Academy in Gainesville, GA and Glidden Paint Company and CSR Enterprise Company. Rev. Smith was a member of Christ Place Church, Oakwood, GA and a

longtime member of First Baptist Church of Buford, GA. He was a member of the Silvertone Choir at First Baptist Church in Buford. He was an ordained Baptist Minister and a Deacon. He pastored Macedonia Baptist Church, Gainesville, GA and Mercy Baptist, Gainesville, GA and Woods Grove Baptist, Flowery Branch, GA at one time. He also preached at Zion Hill Baptist Church in Flowery Branch, GA. He also did weekly Services at Buford Manor Assisted Living and Willow Wood Nursing Center. A Funeral Service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 22, 2023 at the First Baptist Church, Buford, GA with Pastor Wayne Johnson officiating. Interment will follow at Broadlawn Memorial Gardens, Buford, GA with Military Honors. Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 21, 2023 and from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 22, 2023 at Flanigan Funeral Home, Buford, GA.

Cemetery Details

Broadlawn Memorial Gardens

5979 New Bethany Rd
Buford, GA 30518

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 21. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Flanigan Funeral Home
4400 South Lee Street
Buford, GA 30518

Visitation

JAN 22. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Flanigan Funeral Home
4400 South Lee Street
Buford, GA 30518

Funeral Service

JAN 22. 2:00 PM (ET)

Buford First Baptist Church
4550 Hamilton Mill Road
Buford, GA 30518

Interment

JAN **22** (ET)

Broadlawn Memorial Gardens
5979 New Bethany Rd
Buford, GA 30518

Tribute Wall

SS

“ 0 file added to the tribute wall

Shanda Schaefer - January 25, 2023 at 09:56 AM

SS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Shanda Schaefer - January 25, 2023 at 09:54 AM



Thank you Shanda!

Bonnie Ginn - January 30, 2023 at 11:20 AM

SS

“ Papa singing

Shanda Schaefer - January 25, 2023 at 09:49 AM



Thank you ❤️❤️❤️

Bonnie Ginn - January 30, 2023 at 11:21 AM

BR

“ *Brandy Roquemore lit a candle in memory of Thomas Smith*



Brandy Roquemore - January 23, 2023 at 08:11 AM



Thank you

Bonnie Ginn - January 30, 2023 at 11:20 AM

CC

“ *I will never forget Thomas and Lula Mae. They were precious people. I love their daughters. I am thinking and praying for you Rita, Bonnie and Darlene. My parents Mr. & Mrs. Riley always loved you all. Love, Carla Sue Riley Cannon*

Carla Cannon - January 22, 2023 at 11:14 PM

PB

“ *Patsy Bailey lit a candle in memory of Thomas Smith*



Patsy Bailey - January 21, 2023 at 02:36 PM

RP

“ *Mr. Smith was such a sweet and humble man, and you couldn't ask for a more devoted Christian man! And I know he is sitting next to God! I pray for the family and friends that God will walk with you and comfort you during this most difficult time! I love you all so much and I'm so sorry for the loss of your most precious dad!*

Rene Pennington - January 21, 2023 at 10:31 AM



“ *The Smiths have been a wonderful part of my life since I was 3 years old. I love them all! As I sang for my parents and Lula Mae, I sang a few days ago for T.R.*

*Some glad morning when this life is o'er,
I'll fly away;
To a home on God's celestial shore,
I'll fly away (I'll fly away).*

*I'll fly away, Oh Glory
I'll fly away; (in the morning)
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by,
I'll fly away (I'll fly away).*

*Just a few more weary days and then,
I'll fly away;
To a land where joy shall never end,
I'll fly away (I'll fly away)
I'll fly away, Oh Glory
I'll fly away; (in the morning)
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by,
I'll fly away (I'll fly away).*

I rest in peace knowing that I will see them when my journey here on earth is over. I pray, love, and trust the same peace will fill other hurting hearts.

Carol

Carol Strode - January 20, 2023 at 05:45 PM

DB

“ It has been about 40 years since the last time I saw Uncle Tommy, but that don't mean he hasn't been in my thoughts and prayers. He was a good man, a Godly man. My mom, Callie stayed sick a lot when I was growing up and rest assured she would get him to pray for her and a calming peace would come over her. I have never heard anyone say a bad word about him. He was positive, upbeat and always had a smile on his face. I looked forward to the summer time when we would have fish fries, and all get together. Aunt LulaMae worked in the school cafeteria and would sneak us some of the best candy in the world when she would come. They had 3 beautiful daughters of which I grew up wishing I was one of them. They had a beautiful home and it was truly a home, not a house. I missed alot of years, life moved me to south ga, and I am now myself a lunch lady, I think of the family everyday! I know when Uncle Tommy entered Heaven, Jesus said "well done, my good and faithful servant" and now he sits on the right hand of God. It is hard for us left here, but rest assured if you are saved, you will see him again one fine day!

dian banister - January 18, 2023 at 05:37 PM

DB

“ dian banister lit a candle in memory of Thomas Smith



dian banister - January 18, 2023 at 05:20 PM



“ I never saw Mr. Smith without a beautiful smile. He would always tease me by calling me Messy instead of Missy. I know a lot of folks who profess to be Christians....with Mr. Smith people would know what he believed and who he was within a few minutes. He had a goodness about him that was contagious. My love and prayers go out for his three beautiful daughters, who loved him and cared for him until he was called to Heaven. I also pray for all of the rest of this wonderful family, whom I have had the joy of knowing for many years. I knew and loved his first wife Mrs. Lula May Smith until the Lord called her home. It made me so happy when God sent him another wonderful wife Mrs. Francis Smith and her extended family to be in Mr. Smith's life. My sincere love and the love and peace of Jesus for all of you.

Missy Scordino - January 18, 2023 at 05:08 PM

SR

“ Well if it's not been said before it definitely should be said about those Smith boys.....They always have a smile on their face and a twinkle in their eye!! I should know because one of them was my dad. And I know he greeted Uncle Tom at heavens gates with his beautiful smile!! Love to you all! May each memory of Uncle Tom bring a smile to your face and a twinkle to your eye!!

Sandra Robinson - January 18, 2023 at 10:29 AM

SR

“ Tom was a precious man! If you ever met him, he would leave a special place in your heart. He was such a great Christian, and so humble and loving. He was always ready to share his testimony, and make sure that you knew how to get saved! We will always remember Thomas, and have fond memories of him. Stanley and I will miss him terribly. He always said that Stanley was the son he never had. We love you Thomas. Praying for the family.

Stanley & Susan Richardson - January 17, 2023 at 07:12 PM