



Mr. Cecil "Wade" Smith

May 10, 1934 - March 7, 2023

Cecil Wade Smith, 88, passed away at his home in Warrenton on March 7, 2023. His battle with Parkinson in recent years showed his courage in facing life challenges. Despite the pain, Wade came out a hero and stayed strong to the end.

Mr. Smith was born May 10, 1934 in Hulaco, Alabama, to the late OA Smith and Belle Barnes. He is preceded in death by his sisters Agnes Tarpley, Opal Black and brother James Smith. He was a member of Guntersville First Baptist Church and shared his testimony through years of ministry with the Gideons.

Upon high school graduation, he enlisted in the army and served his country while stationed across many post in Europe. His commitment allowed him the opportunity to attend college through the GI Bill. While at Jacksonville State, he met the love of his life, Jane Barclift. Even though his buddies had never met her, they guaranteed everyone that she could cook because Wade was not going to date someone who couldn't cook. Obviously, she was because they were happily married 60.5 years. Wade is survived by two children, J.G. King (Bart) and Doc Smith (Jennifer). Paw Paw's biggest blessings were his grandchildren, Ansley Yarbrough (Hunter), Addason King, Conner and Elizabeth Smith. Wade and his family were blessed with love, knowledge, care and dedication of Lashawna Matthews, who is now considered part of the family.

He was an avid sports player, coach, enthusiast, and fan. His influence on

generations of young men, his leadership on and off the fields, court or mat and his lifetime of sportsmanship set examples that live on today in countless men and women, their children, and grandchildren. His impact on the sports community was honored through his induction into the Southside's Wall of Fame.

Wade will be honored in a celebration of life on March 10, 2023 with Joel Samuels officiating. Visitation hours are 12 – 2 p.m. with the funeral at 2 p.m. Interment will follow at Mt. View Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please donate in Wade's honor to the Northeast Alabama Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Cemetery Details

Mountain View Cemetery

291 Mountain View Church Road
Union Grove, AL 35175

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 10. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel
1340 North Main Street
Arab, AL 35016
(256) 586-4100

Service

MAR 10. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SC

“ 1 file added to the album Coach Smith 1969



Stanley Chunn - October 07, 2023 at 11:38 PM

SC

“ I was fortunate to play on Coach Smith's football team at Chapman 1969-70.

He worked us hard but kept us laughing.

There was one time when he had us scrimmaging in the rain and the field was getting soggy. At one point we all went slipped down in a collected heap and let out a collective groan.

He stood over us with that smile and a toothpick he was always chewiing on and and said "Boys, you better get up... you're going to get bugs and worms staying on the ground."

Words to live by.

He was a great American.

Stanley Chunn - October 07, 2023 at 11:29 PM

YV

“ Your Friends at Venturi purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Mr. Cecil "Wade" Smith.



Your Friends at Venturi - March 09, 2023 at 09:11 AM

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“ *Tracy Tarpley-Gelsinger lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cecil "Wade" Smith*



Tracy Tarpley-Gelsinger - March 08, 2023 at 11:41 PM

JO

“ *I'm very sorry to hear this. He was a kind person.*



Jane Vaughn Oddo - March 08, 2023 at 11:28 PM

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“ *Betty Whisenant lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cecil "Wade" Smith*



Betty Whisenant - March 08, 2023 at 06:02 PM