



Mr. Donald "Don" Smith

February 2, 1944 - April 17, 2021

Mr. Donald "Don" Erwin Smith, age 77, of Union Grove, passed away on Sunday, April 17, 2021 at Huntsville Hospital.

Mr. Smith was born on February 2, 1944 to the late Elton Smith & Lillian McElroy Smith. He graduated with his BS in Accounting from the University of North Alabama. He worked for General Electric for 26 years in a variety of leadership positions. He ended his career with AI Signal Research in Huntsville as the President of the company. He enjoyed his cattle farming, gardening, yard work, and spending quality time with family. He spent the last couple of years traveling and taking cruises with his wife of 57 years. He dearly loved his two boys and his grandchildren. Mr. Smith was a longtime member of Eddy Baptist Church where he taught Sunday School for many years. He loved God and studying and reading God's word. He was truly a peacekeeper on this earth.

Mr. Smith is survived by his wife of 57 years Rhonda Smith; sons, Rodney Don Smith (Samantha), Ricky Edward Smith; sister-in-law, Linda Davis (Lynn); brothers, Wendell Smith (Kathy), Jerry Smith (Gail); sister, Dean Norris; grandchildren, Joseph Edward Smith of Colorado, Joshua David Smith (Tarah) of Morgan City, Darby Ellen Smith of California, Shelby Madison Smith of Tuscaloosa; a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be held 2:00 pm, Thursday, April 22, 2021 at Eddy Baptist Church with burial to follow at Eddy Baptist Church Cemetery. Bro. Matt Jordan officiating.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, April 22, 2021 from 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm at Eddy Baptist Church.

Pallbearers assisting Mr. Smith in his final resting place will be Josh Smith, Tucker Davis, Jeff Warren, Nathan Smith, Jason Smith, and Lynn Davis.

Honorary pallbearers include, Joey Smith, Marlin Smith, Dr. Jen Jong, Benjamin Morgan, and Jathan Betterton.

Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel, directing.

Cemetery Details

Eddy Baptst Church Cemetery

2417 Eddy Church Road NE
Arab
Arab, AL 35016

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **22**. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Eddy Baptist Church
2417 Eddy Church Road North East
Arab, AL 35016

Service

APR **22**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JJ

“ I first met Don in 1997 when ASRI started supporting NASA’s R&D Fab. contract which Don was the accounting Manager for the incumbent company. Shortly after he joined ASRI and became ASRI’s General Manager and then the President until his retirement in 2011.

Before I met him, I had already heard a lot about his outstanding professional reputation. But later, as I had the opportunity to work with him closely, my respect and appreciation for Don just continued to grow.

Don was a people oriented manager. He always looked after our employees and thought about their concern. Every employee knew that he would keep them as his number one priority. This made him someone who was deeply respected by everyone.

Above all, Don was honest and highly ethical. He always committed to the highest standards of integrity in making all business decision. During his 14 years at ASRI, managing a team ranging from 200 to 300 people, I have never seen him not keeping any promise with our employee or customer. So often I told myself how fortunate and how proud I am to have such a wonderful person like Don as my business partner and friend. This 14 years journey with Don has been a precious part of my career and ASRI history. He had not only successfully managed and developed the business for ASRI but also enriched many people’s life at ASRI.

Don’s legacy at ASRI continue to inspire all of us to be a better team. His management leadership has helped creating a family like work environment at ASRI which has lasted until today (which we all cherished very much), and this big family of Don’s at ASRI will always remember him and appreciate his contribution. Thank you Don. We will all miss you.

Dr, Jen Jong
Founder of AI Signal Research, Inc. (ASRI)

Jen-Yi Jong - April 22, 2021 at 08:30 PM

LJ

“ *LESLIE JONES lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald "Don" Smith*



LESLIE JONES - April 22, 2021 at 01:19 PM

AI

“ *ANN IVEY lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald "Don" Smith*



ANN IVEY - April 22, 2021 at 01:18 PM

SJ

“ *SARAH JONES lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald "Don" Smith*



SARAH JONES - April 22, 2021 at 01:17 PM

RM

“ *RONALD & JAN MALONE lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald "Don" Smith*



RONALD & JAN MALONE - April 21, 2021 at 12:50 PM



“ 42 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel - April 21, 2021 at 11:41 AM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald "Don" Smith.



April 20, 2021 at 05:19 PM

DR

“ Rhonda and Family-

So sorry to hear of Don's passing. I worked with Don during the "lean years" at GE HSV in the late 70's. His finance and accounting "magic" allowed the group to not only survive, but rise from the ashes and win the CASS program. Don's moral and ethical standards were an inspiration to all who worked at GE during his tenure. We al have been blessed to have known and worked with him.

*Dale & Marty Rowe
Raleigh NC*

Dale Rowe - April 20, 2021 at 04:37 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald "Don" Smith.*



April 20, 2021 at 03:20 PM

JW

“ *Rhonda and Family,
So very sorry to hear about Don's death. The members of the Huntsville General Electric Pensioners Association send their prayers and condolences. Don was a friend and co-worker of mine for the 26 years he was with GE.*

*Judy Warren
Flintville, Tennessee*

Judy Warren - April 20, 2021 at 02:33 PM

JC

“ June Cagle lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald "Don" Smith



June Cagle - April 20, 2021 at 12:33 PM

SH

“ Sarah/Sonny Hazel lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald "Don" Smith



Sarah/Sonny Hazel - April 20, 2021 at 11:26 AM