



## Mr George Washington Smith

February 8, 1935 - May 20, 2014

Mr. George Washington Smith, 79, of Rockwell, NC passed away Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at Novant Health Rowan Medical Center.

Born February 8, 1935 in Rowan County, NC to the late Maude Trexler Smith and Joe Hurley Smith, he was educated in Granite Quarry. He earned his Associates Degrees in Business Administration and Marketing and Retail Technology from Rowan Technical College. Mr. Smith served in the Navy from 1953-1974 as Chief Aviation Structural Mechanic. He worked for the VA Medical Center for 21 years.

Mr. Smith was a member of the Keller Memorial Masonic Lodge #657, the Shriners, and York Rite. He was also a life member of American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, AMVETS, and was the NC State Commander of AMVETS from 1997-1998. Mr. Smith was a member of Bethel Baptist Church and the Maranatha Sunday School class.

Surviving is his wife Carol Shinn Smith whom he married June 28, 1960; son, Todd Randall Smith of Charlotte, NC and daughters, Elaine Carol Smith Grimes and husband Russell of Berea, KY and Donna Jill Smith Buckner and husband Jerry of Dhaka, Bangladesh; sisters, Thelma Marino and husband Steve of CT, Rose Shuping of Morehead City, NC. Four grandchildren: Nathan Alexander Buckner, Rachel Elizabeth Buckner, Mary Katherine Grimes, and

Sophie Rebecca Grimes also survive.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 PM on Thursday (May 22) at Summersett Funeral Home.

A Memorial service will be held at 11:30 AM Friday (May 23) at Bethel Baptist Church in Rockwell, conducted by Rev. John Houghton. Burial will be before the service at 10 AM at the U.S. National Cemetery at the W.G. Hefner VA Medical Center.

Memorials may be made to Gideon Bibles, Salisbury North Camp, PO Box 576, Salisbury, NC 28145-0576.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Smith family. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **22**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Funeral Home  
1315 W. Innes St.  
Salisbury, NC 28144  
(704) 633-2111  
<https://www.summersettfuneralhome.com>

## Service

MAY **23**. 11:30 AM (ET)

Bethel Baptist Church  
Rockwell, NC

# Tribute Wall

GP

“ *The loss of a dear loved one is a heavy burden. May family and friends comfort one another at this time and be comforted in knowing that the Father of tender mercies truly cares and feels your pain. (2 Corinthians 1:3,4)*

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**G. Powell** - May 27, 2014 at 12:17 PM

JC

“ *The Bible Fellowship Class of Calvary Baptist Church in Winston Salem, NC extends their heartfelt sympathy to the family and especially to Donna Smith Buckner. Donna and Jerry have been a wonderful inspiration to our Class for their willingness to go to Bangladesh this past year. Donna was given a wonderful legacy thru her father.*

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**Jamie Castlebury** - May 26, 2014 at 10:15 AM

JL

“ *Our condolences to the family of George Smith. We knew George when he and his family attended The Pilgrim Church in Salisbury. We were in the Navy at approximately the same time. Larry and Kaye Loman, San Antonio, TX*

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**James Loman** - May 24, 2014 at 11:30 AM

KW

“ Dearest Carol and family,

*Just learned of this just now...please know that you and family are in my thoughts and prayers during this time. May the Father issue His comfort, peace and strength during these days.*

*Much love always, my dear friend,  
Kay Elium Walker, Raleigh NC*

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**Kay Elium Walker** - May 23, 2014 at 09:19 PM

SM

“ Uncle George - I remember when you came back from the Navy you gave my brother, Paul, and I sailor hats. We wore them and proudly said my Uncle was serving in the Navy. Your big hands were gentle to us. May you rest in peace. God Bless, Your nephew, Stephen D. Marino - Dallas, Tx

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**Stephen D. Marino** - May 22, 2014 at 02:43 PM

RS

“ Carol, Todd, Elaine, Donna and family. I always appreciated George's smile and kindness. I am grateful for his service to his God and country. Our hope is in the eternal life through Jesus Christ, that like an anchor, holds to the assurance of seeing our loved ones again, never to be separated. Richard, OK

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**Richard Smith** - May 22, 2014 at 01:59 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr George Washington Smith.*



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May 22, 2014 at 09:27 AM