



## James "Jimmy" Richard Smith

April 13, 1938 - February 14, 2023

James "Jimmy" Richard Smith, 84, of Thomasville, NC passed away Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at his residence.

Jimmy was born April 13, 1938 in Avery County, NC to the late Elijah Lorenza Smith and Mamie Richardson Smith. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Jimmy worked for over 30 years as a Real Estate Developer with Goodyear Tire Company until his retirement. He finished his career as a partner in North South Properties. Jimmy was an avid wood worker, reader, and enjoyed doing Sudoku puzzles. He was also a handy man who could fix anything.

Jimmy was a member of Neel Road Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters: Geraldine McGee, Rita Bowers, and Marilyn McKinney.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 63 years, Betty Jean Stewart Smith; son, James Richard Smith, Jr. of Chapel Hill, NC; daughters, Amy Smith Brooks (Jim) of Salisbury, NC and Elizabeth Smith King (John) of Greensboro, NC; sisters, Barbara Buchanan (Bruce) of Burlington, NC and Betty Lawing (Perry) of Marion, NC and five grandchildren: Ryan Smith (Fiancée Hannah Sexton), Aubrey King, Patrick Brooks, Andy King, and A.J. King.

The family will receive friends from 1-2 PM Saturday (Feb 18) at Summersett Funeral Home. A memorial service will follow at 2 PM in Summersett Memorial Chapel, officiated by Rev. Brian Hancock.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital at [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org) or Hospice of Davidson County, 200 Hospice Way, Lexington,

NC 27292.

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 18. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

## Memorial Service

FEB 18. 2:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Memorial Chapel  
1315 W. Innes St.  
Salisbury, NC 28144

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Sending my condolence to Betty and her family in the loss of Jim. Jim loved his family dearly and served his Country and the Lord with his deep faith. May his precious memories live on in your lives forever. Peace and comfort to you.*



*Love and prayers,  
Landrea Rhyne*

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**Landrea Rhyne** - June 17, 2023 at 02:20 PM

JS

“ *I'm fortunate to have known Jim "Mr Smith " for 40 years, he always treated me as family and was there to teach me, advise me or help me and couldn't have been a better father-in-law/ friend to me. Will miss him but am grateful for my time with him and take comfort knowing he is pain free in heaven.*

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**Jeff smith** - February 18, 2023 at 10:54 AM

JS

“ *Was a good leader and worker at our church and always help me with my home projects and pleased the LORD in all he did*

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**Joseph Baker Sr** - February 18, 2023 at 09:04 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James "Jimmy" Richard Smith.*



February 17, 2023 at 06:15 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of James "Jimmy" Richard Smith.*



February 17, 2023 at 08:34 AM



“ *I have known James Richard Smith (Jim) since the day he was born. He was a person of integrity, wisdom and compassion. His positivity was evident even unto death. He served his family well, he served his country well and he served his God with much faith. I am most proud to say- he was my brother- I loved him dearly.*

**Betty Smith Lawing** - February 16, 2023 at 08:06 PM



“ *Sending our love and prayers Betty Jean and kids. May he rest in peace 🙏 hugs cousin Lisa aka Merle Leigh*

**lisa cole** - February 15, 2023 at 10:40 PM

JH

“ Betty Jean and family. I'm so sorry to hear such sad news. Jim was always one of the finest gentleman I have met. He always was up for a good laugh or I should say a little ornery smile. I know y'all will miss him. You will have your memories to keep him alive in your hearts. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you and your friends. Another Angel shines in the sky tonight. Much love to everyone. 🙏



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**Jackie Hough** - February 15, 2023 at 10:26 PM