



## Joe Marvin Smith

January 15, 1930 - March 7, 2017

Mr. Joe Marvin Smith, 87 of Salisbury passed away Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at his home.

Born January 15, 1930 in Atlanta, GA, he was the son of the late T.E.W. Smith and Ollie Gray Smith.

Mr. Smith was educated in the Atlanta schools and graduated from Atlanta Technical College. He was a veteran of the US Navy.

He was an electrical draftsman at Bell Telephone Laboratories for 21 years and General Electric for 15 years before retiring.

Mr. Smith was an active member of River of Life Church, formerly Salisbury Christian Fellowship where he served as a greeter. He was a faithful member of the Adult Sunday School Class.

He was a devoted loving husband, father and grandfather and was a faithful servant to his church family for many years.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his 3 brothers and 4 sisters.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Mildred Eskew Smith; sons, Dean Smith and his wife Anne and their children, Hannah, Aaron and Rebecca Smith; Kerry Smith and his wife Christine and their children, Tavia and Anthony Smith; Brent Smith and his wife Kimberly and their child, Brenna Smith.

The family will receive friends from 1- 2 PM Friday (March 10) at the River of Life Church.

Funeral services will be conducted 2 PM Friday at the River of Life Church with Pastor Vic Sassano and Pastor Jim Howard officiating. Interment will follow at Rowan Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to River of Life Church, 210 W. Ritchie Rd., Salisbury, NC 28147.

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 10. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

River of Life Church  
210 W. Ritchie Road  
Salisbury, NC 28147

## Service

MAR 10. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *From your Conversion Family at FIS purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joe Marvin Smith.*



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**From your Conversion Family at FIS** - March 09, 2017 at 03:26 PM

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“ *Joe was always, always, always giving praise to God! His spirit was so full of the Holy Spirit. While in the hospital I saw him lift his hands and shout praises of thanksgiving.*

*My heart is broken for you, Mildred and family, that he has gone from here.*

*We will miss his big smile and warm heart. What a treasure he is!*

*SING "HALLELUJAH!" We will see him again!*

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**Linda Lee** - March 09, 2017 at 06:13 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joe Marvin Smith.*



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March 08, 2017 at 10:01 PM

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“ Aww sorry to hear this. I think everyone loved Joe. A kind man with a servant heart who was always smiling. He was such a great example of how Christians should treat other people. He was always a pleasure to be around. Prayers for Mildred and the rest of the family. My condolences to Mildred and the rest of the family.

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**Sheila Call** - March 08, 2017 at 06:18 PM

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“ Joe always had a smile and a hug. He was a lifelong friend to my family . I know you and my dad are enjoying walks on the streets of gold as you serve your King Jesus in heaven. You were and will always such a wonderful child of God. Much love and comfort to Mildred and family

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**Meloney Ruhlman** - March 08, 2017 at 05:46 PM