



James Edward Smith

February 23, 1936 - September 4, 2025

James E. (Jim) Smith, of Trussville, passed away at his home on Sept. 04, 2025. Funeral services will be held at Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home on Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2025. Family visitation will begin at 11:00, public visitation will begin at noon with the funeral service at 1:00. Burial will follow at Jefferson Memorial Cemetery.

Jim was born in Birmingham, AL to Lyman Victor and Ruth Reynolds Smith on Feb. 23, 1936. He attended Pine Grove Elementary School in Roebuck Plaza and graduated from Hewitt Trussville High School in Trussville, AL. He married Jane Willis on Apr. 18, 1958 and they celebrated over 67 years together. He was a salesman his entire life. He began his career delivering newspapers as a young child. He went on to work at Moore Handley, Production Supply and Jim Smith Associates. He served in the United States Army and was a member of his local Lions Club. To his childhood friends, he was known as Rabbit. To his family he was known as Jimmy. To his business associates he was known as Jim. After becoming a grandfather, his favorite name was Doc. He was both fun and funny to all who knew him. There was always laughter when Jim was around.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Lyman and Ruth Smith, sister Miriam Horton, and brother Bennie Smith.

He is survived by his wife Jane, children Danielle Edwards (Ernie), Terri Walters (Jeff), Rusty Smith (Jennifer Treter), Kristen Smith (Jim Williamson), grandchildren Lauren Francis,

Daniel

Edwards, Clint Edwards (Tiana), Alyssa Edwards, Jessica Eldridge (Matthew), Sarah Grace

Kaschak (Kasey), Jamie Williamson, and Gayle Williamson, and great-grandchildren David

Francis, Luke Francis, Evan Black and Ensleigh Edwards. He is also survived by many loving

nieces and nephews. Our family wishes to express our deepest gratitude to his great-nephew,

Dr. Drew Smith, who cared for him with love and compassion but also comforted and supported our family throughout this journey.

Pallbearers will be Rusty Smith, Ernie Edwards, Jeff Walters, Zeke Smith, James Lumpkin, Clint

Edwards, Alyssa Edwards, Jessica Eldridge, Matthew Eldridge, Sarah Grace Kaschak, Kasey

Kaschak, Jamie Williamson, David Francis, and Luke Francis.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks any memorials be given to Samaritan's Purse.

The family would like to extend our sincere thanks to Enhabit Hospice Service for the loving

care provided to him and their compassion extended to the family during this time.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 10. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home
5360 Deerfoot Parkway PO Box 118
Trussville, AL 35173

Service

SEP 10. 1:00 PM (CT)

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5360 Deerfoot Parkway PO Box 118
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Committal Service

SEP 10 (CT)

Jefferson Memorial Gardens
1591 Gadsden Hwy
Birmingham, AL 35235

Tribute Wall



“ Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Edward Smith



Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home - September 10, 2025 at 09:15 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Edward Smith.



September 09, 2025 at 06:43 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Edward Smith.

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