



## Joe Smith Jr.

October 19, 1938 - January 15, 2021

On Friday, January 15, 2021, Joe Lawton Smith, Jr., loving husband and father of three children, passed away at the age of 82.

Joe was born on October 19, 1938 in New Site, Alabama. He was enlisted in the Navy for 4 years, stationed at Port Canaveral, Florida. Joe retired from Barber's Milk Company after 35 years of service. He was a member of Palmerdale Cross Baptist church. On November 17, 1962, he married Gail Handley Smith. They raised two daughters, Melinda and Lori, and one son Scott.

Joe had a love for cars and he enjoyed driving his 1990 Cadillac Brougham; he loved watching the Atlanta Braves and Alabama Football. He also enjoyed the time spent in the presence of his kids and grandkids. Together Joe and Gail taught their grandkids, to glorify God and give thanks to Him everyday. He was known for his quick wit, his infectious smile and his compassionate spirit.

Joe was preceded in death by his father Joe L. Smith, Sr., and mother Elizabeth, and sister Sara Nell Atchinson. He is survived by his wife Gail, of

58 years. His three children: Melinda Crawford (John); Lori Gibbs (Jeff); Scott (Erin). He has two brothers, Jerry Smith (Shirley) and Edward Smith. Joe is also survived by his seven grandchildren: Austin Crawford, Chelsea Emerson (Tim), Wesley Crawford (Morgan), Jarrett Gibbs, Keara Gibbs, Evan Crawford, Nora Grace Smith, and a great-grandchild, TJ Emerson, and many nieces and nephews.

Family will meet with friends and family from 11-1 on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at Deerfoot Memorial Chapel. A funeral service will follow at 1 p.m. Graveside will follow after service at Forest Crest Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please send contributions to Palmerdale Cross Baptist Church, 4950 Faucet Road, Pinson Alabama 35126

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Crest Cemetery

5730 US-78 Highway  
Birmingham, AL 35210

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 20. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home  
5360 Deerfoot Parkway  
Mailing Address PO Box 118  
Trussville, AL 35173  
(205) 655-3444  
<https://www.deerfootmemorialfuneralhome.com/>

## Celebration of Life

JAN 20. 1:00 PM (CT)

Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home  
5360 Deerfoot Parkway  
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# Tribute Wall



“ 87 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home** - January 19, 2021 at 07:02 PM

GC

“ So sorry to hear about joe ,dad and I worked with him at barbers milk he was always a joy to be around . We will be praying for his family. Glenn and Jim campbell

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**glenn campbell** - January 18, 2021 at 06:16 PM

JS

“ Never a time that Joe did not walk us out to our car after our visits to his home (and there were hundreds of visits). He always asked if we wanted coffee when we arrived. We always felt welcome, and no matter how many people were there, he always accepted all of us and made us feel welcome. We treasured all the visits to Joe's and Gail's home. We will never get over losing this special, special family member. Joe, we will continue to cherish your memory!

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**Jerry & Shirley Smith** - January 18, 2021 at 04:17 PM

JS

“ Jerry & Shirley Smith purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Joe Smith Jr..



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**Jerry & Shirley Smith** - January 18, 2021 at 03:57 PM

BS

“ Bruce E. Smith purchased the Simply Elegant Spathephyllum for the family of Joe Smith Jr..



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**Bruce E. Smith** - January 18, 2021 at 01:58 PM

DJ

“ Dennis and Judy purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Joe Smith Jr..



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**Dennis and Judy** - January 18, 2021 at 10:00 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joe Smith Jr..



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January 17, 2021 at 09:54 PM