



John Gilliam Smartt III

September 18, 1953 - May 22, 2026

“For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.”

Romans 14:8

John Gilliam Smartt III, 72 of Sterrett, Alabama, passed away peacefully on May 22, 2026 in the loving embrace of his wife of 53 years. Visitation will take place at Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home on Thursday, May 28, 2026.

Visitation will be 11-12. The funeral service will be at 12.

Born in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, on September 18, 1953. John lived his life to spread the Gospel. His greatest desire was to help others meet the One who had changed him! John loved spending time with his family, serving others, and cherished any opportunity he had to preach the Good News.

John was preceded in death by his parents: John "Billy" Smartt Jr. and Dorothy Drew, and brother: Percy Smartt. He is survived by his wife: Pat, his children: Josh Smartt (Pam), Liz Vick (Jodee), Leah Harper (Jake), and Amy Lackey (Chase), and his 8 grandchildren: Gatlin, Noah, Kadie, Liv, Mae, Elsa, Lily, and Haygan, and his 2 great-grandchildren: Emberly and Jameson.

John will be remembered for his kindness, unwavering integrity, and love for his family. His devotion to God and the Gospel set him apart from others. He

was a man of great wisdom and had a wealth of knowledge on pretty much every topic brought to his attention.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Alabama Childhood Food Solutions, the food bank where John volunteered for many years.

<https://www.alabamachildhoodfood.com/donate>

Cemetery Details

Vincent Cemetery

415 Florey Street
Vincent, AL 35178

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 28. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

MAY 28. 12:00 PM (CT)

Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home
5360 Deerfoot Parkway
Mailing Address PO Box 118
Trussville, AL 35173
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Graveside Service

MAY 28. 2:00 PM (CT)

Vincent Cemetery
415 Florey Street
Vincent, AL 35178

Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Gilliam Smartt III.*



May 27 at 10:22 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Gilliam Smartt III.

May 27 at 10:22 AM



“ *Amy, Java, Sue, Wendy & Joanna purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of John Gilliam Smartt III.*



Amy, Java, Sue, Wendy & Joanna - May 26 at 05:03 PM



“ 118 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home - May 26 at 03:18 PM

DS

“ *Danny JoHannh Matthew/ella de los Santos purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Gilliam Smartt III.*



Danny JoHannh Matthew/ella de los Santos - May 26 at 12:34 PM

BL

“ *Bro. Steve, Keith, Sis. Terri & Lindsey purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Gilliam Smartt III.*



Bro. Steve, Keith, Sis. Terri & Lindsey - May 26 at 11:58 AM

BL

“ Bro. Steve, Keith, Sis. Terri & Lindsey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Gilliam Smartt III.

Bro. Steve, Keith, Sis. Terri & Lindsey - May 26 at 11:58 AM

BH

“ Beverly Humphries purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John Gilliam Smartt III.



Beverly Humphries - May 25 at 03:46 PM

BH

“ Beverly Humphries planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Gilliam Smartt III.

Beverly Humphries - May 25 at 03:46 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Gilliam Smartt III.



May 25 at 02:54 PM

BP

“ Billy and Eric Pope purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Gilliam Smartt III.



Billy and Eric Pope - May 25 at 01:01 PM

LF

“ Love Pastor Tony Seward and Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of John Gilliam Smartt III.



Love Pastor Tony Seward and Family - May 25 at 10:25 AM

LF

“ Love Pastor Tony Seward and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Gilliam Smartt III.

Love Pastor Tony Seward and Family - May 25 at 10:25 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Gilliam Smartt III.



May 24 at 09:24 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of John Gilliam Smartt III.*



May 24 at 08:02 PM



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May 24 at 08:02 PM