

Honorary Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Interment

Pine Forest Cemetery
187 Lakeview Drive
Homerville, Georgia 31634

Acknowledgements

The family of the late Mr. Willie Lee Smith wishes to acknowledge with sincere appreciation the prayers, comforting words, floral tributes, visits, telephone calls, acts of kindness, and all the expressions of love that was shown towards us during our time of bereavement. Special thank you to the management and staff of Harrell's Funeral Home @ 400 E. Cherry St., Douglas, GA 31533.

- The Family



Final Arrangements Entrusted To:

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Celebrating The Life Of

Willie Lee Smith

Sunrise: July 21, 1958 – Sunset: November 15, 2021

Sunday, November 21, 2021
2:00 PM

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187 Lakeview Drive
Homerville, Georgia 31634
Pastor Alford Alonzo Miller, Officiating

Obituary

Willie Lee Smith was born on July 21, 1958, to his loving parents, the late James E. Smith and Barbara J. Smith, of Homerville, GA. Willie was the 2nd oldest of Eight (8) siblings. Willie was raised up in St. Paul Baptist Church in Cogdell, GA.

Willie Lee Smith departed this life on Monday, November 15, 2021, at South Georgia Medical Lanier Campus, Lakeland, GA. He was preceded in death by his brother Clifford Smith and sister his Ethel Mae Smith.

Willie Lee (Baldie) Smith Graduated from Clinch County High School in 1976. Willie later joined the United States Navy after high school in 1977. Willie retired in 2002 after serving 25 years with the Navy. After retirement, Willie began a new career path at Sikorsky Aerospace Maintenance in the F5 Adversary Group. Also, Willie received a diploma from Valdosta Technical College in 2004 for Automotive Technology.

Willie Lee Smith leaves behind his longtime sweetheart and devoted wife, Donna Kathleen McKnight Smith of almost 19 years. Willie had a beautiful daughter Shae Campbell married to son-in-law Roderick of Jacksonville, FL. He raised 3 children from his wife's previous marriage: Cameon, Jericah and Nicholas. Grandchildren: Brennan, Donavyn, Jordon, Ariel, Yerik and Yahra. Siblings: Ethel Marie Smith (Deceased), James Smith Jr. of Argyle, GA, Juanita S. Cenesca (Eniel) of Argyle, GA, Sharon Brown of Jacksonville, FL, Clifford Smith (Deceased), Cynthia Boone (Kendrick) of Homerville, GA, Ethel Mae Smith (Deceased), Cecil Smith (Jasmyn) Killean, TX. Father-in-law George McKnight Jr. (Sue) of Homerville, GA. Special brothers-in-law, George McKnight III (Blanca) and Stephen Bowen. Willie leaves one, loving sister-in-law, Megan McKnight Bowen. Also, Willie leaves behind 49 nieces and 38 nephews. Willie leaves a host of friends including Elizabeth "Spike" and her husband Ed Hunter, Stan, Warren and Norman.



Order of Service

Processional.....Family and Friends

Prayer of Comfort.....First Lady Kim Miller

Old Testament & New Testament Readings.....Pastor Amanda Webb

Reflections.....Please Limit To Two Minutes

As Childhood Friends...Warren Johnson "Short", Norman Jr. Burns and Stan Johnson

Solo.....Elexis Williams

Eulogy.....Pastor Alford Alonzo Miller

Prayer Garden Church of God In Christ

Acknowledgements.....Harrell's Staff

Committal Service

Benediction



To My Dad

Umberto Eco said, "I believe that what we become depends on what our fathers teach us at odd moments, when they aren't trying to teach us. We are formed by little scraps of wisdom." So I'd like to thank my dad for being the wisest man I've ever known. I only wish that Khi was given more time with him so he too could have truly experienced his greatness. Until we meet again.

Love Always,

Your Daughter, Shae

The Honors

AMCS (AW) Willie Smith

January 1977 ~ October 2002

Aviation Structural Mechanic "A" School Millington, IN	15 Jan 77 - 30 May 77
Naval Air Facility Sigonella, Sicily	20 Jul 77 - 21 Dec 79
Naval Air Station Cecil Field, FL (AOMD)	15 Jan 80 - 15 Jan 82
Naval Air Station Cecil Field, FL (AIMD)	30 Mar 82 - 16 Mar 83
Air Anti-Submarine: Squadron 28 Cecil Field, FL	18 Mar 83 - 30 May 86
Naval Depot Naval Air Station Jacksonville, FL	14 Aug 86 - 20 001-91
Naval European Repair/Rework Activity Naples, IT	22 Nov 89 - 24 Oct 91
Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron 3 Jacksonville, FL	29 Feb 92 - 16 May 94
Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron 48 Mayport, FL	15 Jun 24-31 Mar 97
Sea Control Squadron VS-24 Jacksonville, FL	07 Apr 97 - 15 Oct 00
Enlisted Personnel Management Center New Orleans, LA	23 Oct 00 - 31 Oct 02



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