



Jerry Smith

November 8, 1932 - June 22, 2015

Funeral services for Jerry R. Smith will be held Sunday, June 28, 2015 at 2:00 O'clock in the Eatonton Presbyterian Church. The family will receive friends immediately following the services.

Burial will take place at the Georgia War Veterans Cemetery in Milledgeville, Ga.

Mr. Smith passed away on June 22, 2015, he was born in Atlanta, Ga. November 8, 1932, the son of Horace L. and Eula Lee Smith. He grew up in Macon graduating from Lanier High School, where he played football and ran track. He entered the US Navy during the Korean War and served as a Hospital Corpsman with the US Marines at Paris Island. He returned to Macon and graduated from Mercer University. While there he met and married Sylvia Underwood, his "help-meet" (KJV) in the Lord. He entered Walter F. George Law School and after completing his first year, received a call to the ministry. He entered Southern Baptist Seminary and graduated in 1962. He was pastor of a church in Kentucky and after several years became pastor of a church in Georgia. After several years he answered a plea for pastors who would serve as military chaplains. During the Vietnam War he became a US Navy Chaplain serving one tour of duty on Destroyers in the Gulf of Tonkin and two tours of duty with the Navy Seabees in Vietnam. He served as a chaplain in hospitals, an alcohol rehab center, chapels on board ships, in combat in Vietnam, and with CREDO in Italy. During his active duty he was sent back to

seminary in New Orleans to get another Masters Degree. After 30 years of service he retired and became the pastor of a church in Virginia. Returning to Georgia, he and his beloved wife made Milledgeville their home. He was a clinical member of the American Association of Marriage and Family Counselors, the Military Officers Association, worked with Habitat for Humanity in Virginia and Georgia. He also helped establish the "Serenity Home" for homeless alcoholics and drug addicted men in Milledgeville. He and Sylvia were active in supporting children in Africa and India for over 40 years through the Christian Children's Fund. Throughout his ministry he was an avid student and teacher of the Bible. He wrote "A Pastor's Notes for Teaching", which covers 23 of the 27 books of the New Testament in over 1200 pages. He was Preceded in death by a son, Jeffery, who flew for the US Air Force. He was Preceded in death by his beloved wife Sylvia who died on April 15, 2013 after 57 years of blessed marriage.

He is survived by his wife Ann Brackett Penney; a sister, Marian (Conrad) Nelson of Atlanta; four children, J.R. Smith of Virginia Beach, J. Rodney Smith of Charleston, SC, Julie Lee Brookshire of Houston, Texas and J. Randy Smith of Milledgeville. He is also survived by six grandchildren, Will Brookshire, Jay Smith, Lesley Smith, Jenna Murray, Lauren Smith, and Shannon Smith as well as one great grandchild Annabelle Murray

Jerry Smith died in the faith by which he lived. He believed in Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior and is at peace with all who knew him.

Cemetery Details

Georgia Veteran's Memorial Cemetery

2617 Vinson Hwy
Milledgeville, GA 31061

Previous Events

Service

JUN 28. 2:00 PM (ET)

Eatonton Presbyterian Church
307 N Madison Ave
Eatonton, GA 31024

Visitation

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Tribute Wall

JG

“ *John, Lori, Connor, and Caroline Garrison purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Jerry Smith.* ”



John, Lori, Connor, and Caroline Garrison - June 26, 2015 at 12:41 PM



“ *Touching Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Jerry Smith.* ”



June 26, 2015 at 12:26 PM

LM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Luther & Berta and friends at Johnnie McDade Grocery.* ”



LUTHER MINOR - June 25, 2015 at 12:06 PM

OB

“ *Our warmest condolences, John and Gretchen Bryant purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Jerry Smith.*



Our warmest condolences, John and Gretchen Bryant - June 25, 2015 at 11:45 AM

LH

“ *I was so sad to hear about Mr Smith - I will truly miss seeing him - My thoughts and prayers go out to the Smith Family.*



*Love,
Linda Hay
(SunTrust)*

Linda Hay - June 25, 2015 at 11:11 AM