



## James T. "Snuffy" Smith

December 28, 1963 - March 15, 2017

Madison, WI/Appalachia, VA

James T. "Snuffy" Smith, 53, of Madison passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, March 15, 2017.

He was born on December 28, 1963, in Appalachia, VA, the son of the late Herbert and Joyce (Bledsoe) Smith.

Given the nickname "Snuffy" by the maternity nurse at the hospital where he was born,

James T. Smith legally changed his name as a teenager to the name his father loved and

everyone had come to know him by. For those who knew him, his name was very fitting due to

his over the top personality and humor, as well as a contagious laugh and smile.

Snuffy was a man of many talents. However, he was most well-known for his music, which was

his passion. He began his career at an early age, singing in church. Although life would lead

him into a career in the financial industry, music was always his consoling

friend.

Some of his musical accomplishments included the hit “If You Could Only Believe” which maintained a number one position on the CCMA Chart and was named a finalist for the CCMA Christian Country Male “Vocalist of the Year” award in 2000. He was also well known in the Madison music scene performing regularly as a soloist as well as with the Clyde Stubblefield All-Stars and the Bad Daddies.

Although music was his true calling, he found success as a sales entrepreneur in the financial industry. Snuffy could sell you the shirt off your back without you knowing it. He told the most animated stories and even if you had heard it before, you would listen again because it got funnier each time.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Herbert and Joyce Smith and his sister, Pam Smith.

Snuffy is survived by the loves of his life, his children, Desiree (Kristofer) Canto, Shea (Sam Plasman), Grant, Caleb, Priscilla and Wyatt Smith; his grandchild Landyn Canto; his wife Yvette Smith; ex-wife Robin (Chuck Weiss) Clisso; siblings, Priscilla Acevedo, Jeffrey Davis and Herbert Smith; and nephew, Alexander Acevedo.

Services in Wisconsin are being conducted on Monday, March 20th in Brodhead, WI at the Newcomer Funeral Home.

The viewing will take place on Wednesday, March 22nd from 5 pm to 7 pm at Holding Funeral Home (17 E. 3rd St, N) in Big Stone Gap, VA.

The funeral will be held at 1 pm on Thursday, March 23rd at First Baptist Church, Appalachia, Va., with Dr. Nick Brewer officiating.

Burial will follow in Powell Valley Memorial Gardens in Big Stone Gap, VA.

To view the obituary online and offer condolences, please visit [www.holdingfuneralhome.com](http://www.holdingfuneralhome.com).

Holding Funeral Home of Big Stone Gap, VA is serving Snuffy Smith's family.

# Cemetery Details

## Powell Valley Memorial Gardens

5650 Powell Valley Road  
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219  
(276) 679-0030

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 22.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Holding Funeral Home, Inc.  
17 E. 3rd St., N.  
P. O. Drawer H  
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219  
1-276-523-1470  
holdingfuneralhome@comcast.net  
<http://www.holdingfuneralhome.com>

## Service

**MAR 23.** 1:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church  
401 Kilbourne Avenue  
Appalachia, VA 24216

## Burial

MAR **23** (ET)

Powell Valley Memorial Gardens  
5650 Powell Valley Road  
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219  
(276) 679-0030

# Tribute Wall



“ James T. "Snuffy" Smith

October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ Danny Cline lit a candle in memory of James T. "Snuffy" Smith

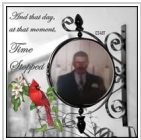


Danny Cline - April 09, 2017 at 05:40 AM



“ I tried to be there for him when I could, and he once listened to my songs with his encouragement. Very talented man. I pray he is now in God's arms...  
Dave Ulma

David Ulma - March 24, 2017 at 11:38 AM



“ Opal Collins sent a virtual gift in memory of James T. "Snuffy" Smith



Opal Collins - March 22, 2017 at 10:18 PM

TT

“ Tom Trent lit a candle in memory of James T. "Snuffy" Smith



Tom Trent - March 22, 2017 at 06:39 PM

DB

“ Dr Thomas Beavers lit a candle in memory of James T. "Snuffy" Smith



Dr Thomas Beavers - March 22, 2017 at 01:44 AM

KO

“ Kathryn Osborne lit a candle in memory of James T. "Snuffy" Smith



kathryn osborne - March 21, 2017 at 05:23 PM

TC

“ Teresa L Cross lit a candle in memory of James T. "Snuffy" Smith



Teresa L Cross - March 21, 2017 at 11:45 AM

ML

“ *Mary Ruth Laster lit a candle in memory of James T. "Snuffy" Smith*



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**Mary Ruth Laster** - March 21, 2017 at 07:00 AM



“ *Robin Bartee lit a candle in memory of James T. "Snuffy" Smith*



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**Robin Bartee** - March 20, 2017 at 11:54 PM

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“ *SUUFFY WAS ALSO A GREAT ATHELETE. MELVIN EADS TOLD OF THE PROFESSIONAL MARTIAL ARTIST SCHEDULED FOR A FIGHT AT THE APPY GYM.BUT HIS OPPONENT FOR SOME REASON COULD NOT COME. ALTHOUGH SNUFFY HAD NEVER FOUGHT A PRO HE DECIDED TO FILL IN. HERBERT AND JOYCE TRIED TO GET SNUFFY NOT TO FIGHT BUT FIGHT HE DID. SNUFFY KNOCKED THE GUY OUT. I LOVE YOU'LL AND WILL MISS MY FRIEND SNUFFY. NICK BREWER*

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**NICK BREWER** - March 20, 2017 at 02:39 PM

BH

“ *Brenda Hughes lit a candle in memory of James T. "Snuffy" Smith*



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**Brenda Hughes** - March 19, 2017 at 01:53 PM

CA

“ *Carol Mullins Adkins lit a candle in memory of James T. "Snuffy" Smith*



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**Carol Mullins Adkins** - March 19, 2017 at 09:26 AM