



Oscar Landon Smith

September 18, 1936 - October 21, 2024

Oscar Smith, age 88, of Greeneville, TN, went to be with the Lord on October 21, 2024.

Oscar was born on September 18, 1936 in Rose Hill, VA. Oscar was the second born son of his parents, George and Elsie Smith. Growing up in Rose Hill, VA fueled many stories Oscar would share from his life—hiking to the Sand Cave and White Rocks, trying to keep the dairy cows from the field onions not to spoil the milk, and playing basketball and baseball at Thomas Walker High School.

Oscar worked for the Virginia Department of Corrections for 29 years, rising to the position of Assistant Warden. Oscar frequently told stories of work camp experiences and inmates who showed kindness to each other and the guards. Prior to joining the Department of Corrections, Oscar served in the US ARMY in Korea and Indiantown, PA for six years.

Oscar relocated to Greeneville, TN from Gate City, VA in 2008 to be closer to his son, Dr. David Smith, daughter-in-law Noelle, and grandchildren Reagan and Emma. Before moving to Greeneville, Oscar attended Nottingham United Methodist Church in Hiltons, VA and Kingsport First Assembly of God. In Greeneville, Oscar attended Lighthouse Assembly of God. He often served as a church greeter and enjoyed spreading cheer to congregants when they

came to church. Oscar went out of his way to make sure guests felt welcome at church. At Lighthouse, Oscar met one of his closest friends, Brother Darrell Gaskins, who later took great care of Oscar when his health began failing.

Oscar was preceded in death by his parents, George and Elsie Wilder Smith; his brothers, Walter Smith and Jay Harold Smith, and sister, Evaline Catron.

He is survived by his son, Dr. David Smith; daughter-in-law, Noelle, grandchildren, Reagan and Emma Claire of Greeneville. His siblings, Arnold (Dood) Smith, Robert Lee (Janice) Smith of Ewing, VA and Fransis Juanita Cottrell of Rose Hill, VA. His brother-in-law, Otis Catron of Richmond, VA.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, October 26 from 11 am -1 p.m. at Holding Funeral Home of Rose Hill, VA. Funeral services will follow at 1:00 p.m. with Reverend Jon Reed officiating. A masonic rites ceremony will be held by the Martins Station Lodge No. 188 in Rose Hill, VA. The local D.A.V. and V.F.W. along with the active duty military will conduct Military honors. A graveside service will be held immediately following the service at the Morgan Cemetery in Rose Hill.

May Oscar's memory be a blessing. Rather than flowers the family wishes to donate to Lighthouse Assembly of God in Greenville, TN., or the Church on the Hill (Old Rose Hill Pentecostal) In honor of Oscars life and legacy.

Holding Funeral Home is honored to serve the Smith family.

Cemetery Details

Morgan Cemetery

Rose Hill, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **26**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Holding Funeral Home of Rose Hill
6066 Dr. Thomas Walker Rd.
Rose Hill, VA 24281
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Masonic Service

OCT **26**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Service

OCT **26**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Holding Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Oscar Landon Smith*

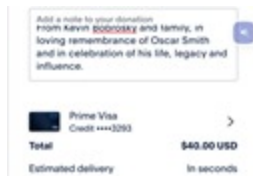


Holding Funeral Home, Inc. - October 22, 2024 at 07:46 PM

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“ *David, I am sorry I was unable to attend the funeral!! Praying for peace and blessings and comfort for you and your family. Oscar placed many footprints on my heart during my teenage years, truly some of the best of times of my life growing up. Oscar was always kind & generous to me, and I praise God for our paths to have crossed. I know that through the bond of the Lord Jesus as our King and Savior, we will meet again in the most joyous experience ever in the presence of our Lord. I know he is experiencing that now and that he is feeling no pain, no sorrow, and no body deficits! Love and prayers to you and your family Brother David! Reach out if I can do anything!*

*~ Love in Christ,
Daniel Kevin Bobrosky*



Daniel Kevin Bobrosky - October 26, 2024 at 06:28 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Oscar Landon Smith.*



October 24, 2024 at 04:09 PM



“ *I am 85 and remember what good basketball players Oscar & Walter were. I think the coach at the time was Hugh Irvin. God has blessed Oscar with many years & it was a blessing to read his obit detailing his physical and spiritual life on this earth. Our God has prepared us all a beautiful life in heaven and I know Oscar is enjoying it now.*

Nancy S. Gibson - October 23, 2024 at 10:33 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Oscar Landon Smith.*



October 22, 2024 at 05:37 PM



“ *Helen Marcum lit a candle in memory of Oscar Landon Smith*



Helen Marcum - October 22, 2024 at 04:44 PM

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My wife & I Went to church with Oscar at First Assembly of God in Kingsport. A Great Guy & Friend. Prayers for the family

RONNIE & Connie Carter - October 23, 2024 at 04:46 PM

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Oscar, we have loved you since the first time we met. You have always been kind, loving, a real family man, an incredible dad to David, a loving father-in-law to Noelle, beloved "Duck" to Reagan and Emma Claire. Kenny and I have loved you like a brother and always looked forward to seeing you. Sammy was really tickled when you came to her wedding (we all were) and Zach was overjoyed to see you. A Christian man of impeccable values and simple pleasures, everyone respected you. David loved you with his whole heart; you knew that. We know how happy you are to be with Jesus. We will keep a close eye on the kids and the Littles, and we are so blessed that our paths crossed. We will always love you, Duckie.

Ken and Linda Smith

Ken and Linda Smith - October 24, 2024 at 10:13 PM