



## Mr. Wayne Smith

February 7, 1940 - September 22, 2020

Wayne Smith passed away on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at his home in Robertsdale after a short illness. Wayne was the third born of Chester A.B. Smith, Sr. and Ressie Eleanor Webb on February 7, 1940 in Elmore County. A 1958 graduate of Wetumpka High School, Wayne and his family relocated to Robertsdale in 1985 from their native Wetumpka. Wayne retired from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1997 after a 32 year career with them. Wayne proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the Berlin Crisis of 1961.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Chester A.B. Smith, Jr., and sister, Martha Joan Smith.

He is survived by his wife of over 56 years, Christine, three sons Brad (Katrina) Smith of Selma, Greg (Holley) Smith of Robertsdale, Ben (Jessica) Smith of Daphne and special son Tom Birks of Robertsdale. Additionally, he is survived by his granddaughter, Elizabeth Smith of Auburn, grandsons, Ethan Smith, John Haden Smith, Evan Smith and 2 step-granddaughters Hannah & Ava Purdy. He is also survived by two sisters Sarah Shaw, Eclectic, Alabama and Rebecca (Mike) Ryals, Newnan, Georgia plus numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Wayne was passionate about his love of family and a diligent work ethic. He worked to instill the same work ethic in his grandchildren! He always told his boys to take pride in whatever work you perform. As a master of repairs there were few things he could not fix! Wayne was a self trained musician and provided many hours of entertainment on piano and bass guitar.

There will be a family visitation on Thursday, September 24 from 5-7 P.M. at Robertsdale First Baptist Church and a graveside service on Friday, September 25 at 10:30 A.M. at Baldwin Memorial Cemetery with Mack Funeral Home directing. Pallbearers will be Ethan Smith, John Haden Smith, Evan Smith, Chad Broussard, Randy Poczekaj, and Charlie Murphy,

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to the Alabama Baptist Disaster Relief Fund or Salvation Army.

# Events

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**SEP 24** **Family visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM  
Robertsdale First Baptist Church  
18200 State Highway 104, Robertsdale, AL, US

**SEP 25** **Graveside Funeral Service** 10:30AM  
Baldwin Memorial Cemetery  
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# Comments

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“ Wayne was my first cousin. I have so many memories of him being such a cool dude in the sixties . He played in a band, looks like Elvis and driving the coolest car of the time a 59 black Chevy with continental pack! How lucky I feel to have been his cousin.

Sharon Webb Bruce

Sharon Bruce - September 27, 2020 at 08:03 AM

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“ Uncle Wayne, you were the best. I can honestly say you taught me more about playing the piano than anyone. You were the one person I truly wanted to impress. I am glad y'all posted a photo of him playing that bass of his. I had the honor of using it several times as I got older and it still played great. I will miss you deeply. I have a lifetime of memories of our times together and I will always treasure the times we played in Pop and Nanny's living room together. Me on the piano and you on the organ. I will think of you often when I play. You would always brag on me and that just meant the world to me. I will always be grateful.

Ronnie Shaw

Ronnie Shaw - September 24, 2020 at 12:57 PM

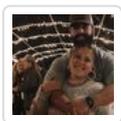
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“ It was 44 years ago when I first heard your dad play the keyboard with the Robert Andrews band at the Greek. He was a great man. I know y'all will miss him.

Andy Markos - September 23, 2020 at 11:37 PM

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“ 75 files added to the album Memories Album



Elizabeth Grace Smith - September 23, 2020 at 07:02 PM

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“ Brad and Family: We are so sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. You and all of your family will be in our prayers during this time.

Ray and Joyce Woodall - September 23, 2020 at 06:20 PM

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“ i claimed Wayne as my cousin but in reality he was not-----we had mutual cousins----  
-we both grew up on Elmore Road in Wetumpka and I worked as a teenager in his  
father's grocery store-----we worked together on assignments with the Corps in  
Mississippi, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Puerto Rico-----he could fix almost anything  
and did--- he amazed me with his musical ability-----a waitress in Pennsylvania heard  
him play in the hotel lobby and said she took lessons for 8 years and he played  
circles around her-----I told him once I rather him sing than the lead singer in the  
band he played in and he said he appreciated the compliment but I was probably just  
prejudiced-----in reality he was a better singer than the other guy----rest in peace  
Wayne-----and I wish for his family peace and comfort-----



James Horsley - September 23, 2020 at 06:15 PM