



Mr. Clayton Robert Smith

June 23, 1943 - February 9, 2025

Clayton Robert Smith, 81, of Sylvester, Ga, passed away Sunday, February 9, 2025. Clayton passed away at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital in Albany, Georgia.

The funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, February 15, 2025 at Northside Baptist Church, with interment to follow in the Hillcrest Cemetery. The Rev. Jody Jordan and Rev. Jerry Cooper will officiate.

Mr. Smith was born in West Palm Beach on June 23, 1943 and grew up in South Bay. Clayton enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at the age of 17, where he proudly served two tours of duty in Vietnam. He was awarded several medals, ribbons and badges, recognizing his bravery in service. These included the Rifle Expert Badge and the Pistol Sharpshooter Badge. Clayton was the epitome of a proud Marine. He moved to Sylvester, Georgia in 1973, where he met and married his wife, Dianne. They were married for 49 years. Clayton retired from Cooper Tire, and then worked for Thrush Aircraft and Home Depot. He loved working and staying busy.

Clayton adored his children and grandchildren. He loved to make jokes and keep everyone laughing. Clayton never met a stranger, and could always brighten your day. He was a member of Northside Baptist Church for over 30 years, where he played the guitar and was a Sunday school teacher.

Clayton is survived by his loving wife, Dianne (Dupree) Smith, his children Robert Landen (Diana) of Tallahassee, Christie Worsham (Lane) of Baconton, Sharon Smith of Tallahassee and Robert Smith (Anna) of Hahira

Grandchildren- Joseph Godio, Colt Landen, Easten Schlegel, James (Jay) Junkins, Rylan Worsham, Caroline Smith, Harper Smith, Olivia Smith
Nieces and Nephews- Jimmy Smith, Donny Smith, Jay Smith, Amy Crowe, David Farr, Ray Dupree, Renee Gordon, Haley Roberts, and Brandon Cope
He was preceded in death by his twin brother Richard Payton Smith, his brother James Rayford Smith, as well as his mother Margaret Estelle (Bessie) Vanzant Smith and father James Stafford Smith.

the family will receive friends on Saturday, February 15, 2025 from 1:00 PM until funeral hour at Northside Baptist Church.

Please sign our online guest registry at www.banksfh.com

Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 15. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Northside Baptist Church
506 North Westberry St.
Sylvester, GA 31791

Funeral Service

FEB 15. 2:00 PM (ET)

Northside Baptist Church
506 North Westberry St.
Sylvester, GA 31791

Burial

FEB 15 (ET)

Hillcrest Cemetery
701 S. Isabella Street
Sylvester, GA 31791

Tribute Wall

HG

“ Last year my father asked me to look him up. I searched but found nothing. My father never forgot that 17 year old boy who took the test with him in the Marines. He speaks so fondly of you so generously offering to give him a job on your families farm. I'm just so sorry I found you too late. Rest in Peace dear sweet and kind man. And thank you for your kindness when my father had no other friends. He has subgroup your praises. Our prayers are worth your family.

Harold Gross - June 12, 2025 at 03:50 AM

DS

Thank you for your kind words. I do recall him speaking of your father. Clayton never met a stranger.

Dianne Smith - July 31, 2025 at 10:53 PM

LM

“ Leslie McClure lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clayton Robert Smith



Leslie McClure - March 09, 2025 at 05:08 PM

JL

“ Sorry to hear about Clayton passing away He always very friendly he will be missed To Diane and all the Smith family comfort. Prayers in coming days. We love y'all. Jerry Lavender

Jerry Lavender - February 18, 2025 at 07:42 PM

JW

“ I’ve known the Smith family since my early 20’s. I use to worship with them on Sunday’s and eat wonderful meals with them afterwards. Clayton was always joking and because I was dating then he was always giving advice. To know the family and worship together for many years has been a blessing. He will certainly be missed. I love you all and my family does as well. Jessica, Van, Mrs. Dean, Morgan, and Thomas



Jessica and Van Whittle - February 15, 2025 at 12:26 PM

LL

“ Diane, I wish I could be there with you and your family today as Clayton is honored. I pray your faith in our Lord Jesus continues to hold you up as you walk through the next difficult days. Clayton was truly a joy and blessing as he always shared the joy of the Lord with laughter and wide smiles. Thank you and Clayton for always sharing your hospitality and home wherever I visited South Georgia. I love you. Praise God for the time we had Clayton here with us. I know you will continue to celebrate the gift of Clayton in your life. With much love, Lynn Lavender

Lynn Lavender - February 15, 2025 at 10:58 AM

HS

“ I always loved seeing his smile. Prayers for the family. Heather Sherrard

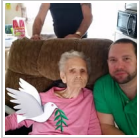
Heather Sherrard - February 13, 2025 at 08:10 PM

KL

“ *To Dianna and family, I send my condolences your way and lift up prayers for you all. Kirk Lavender*



Kirk Lavender - February 13, 2025 at 01:58 PM



“ *Ruby Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clayton Robert Smith*



Ruby Jones - February 13, 2025 at 01:44 PM

MF

“ *Mary Jane Fraley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clayton Robert Smith*



Mary Jane Fraley - February 13, 2025 at 10:43 AM

KT

So sorry to hear about Clay, we worked together at Ga Fla Cleaning Systems a long long time ago. Prayers for the family

Kathy Thompson - February 13, 2025 at 11:21 AM

JJ

“ Clayton, I’m so sorry you’re gone. You were such a positive presence at work—always so dedicated, helpful, and kind. I’m grateful for the time we worked together. You’ll be missed.



*Rest in peace Partner,
Joe James*

Joe James - February 13, 2025 at 09:42 AM

DS

You were truly his partner!

Dianne Smith - July 31, 2025 at 10:55 PM

 Sharon
Davis

“ I will miss being able to have the hilarious back and forth banter with Clayton. I always looked forward to that. I will also never forget my participation in your honeymoon. Love you Diane!! Sending so many hugs.

Sharon Davis - February 13, 2025 at 07:49 AM

DD

“ Sweet, funny, thoughtful and kind are the words that come to mind. Clayton, you will be missed here on earth, but know you are joyous in heaven right now; that is a comfort.



Deana Dean - February 12, 2025 at 09:38 PM

TJ

“ *TonyMarcia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clayton Robert Smith*



TonyMarcia Johnson - February 11, 2025 at 08:50 PM

PK

My husband and I are former Marines and enjoyed working wit Clayton at Cooper Tire and always looked forward to seeing him at Home Depot.

Pat Karwowski - February 13, 2025 at 09:58 AM

VM

“ *Vicki, Ricky And Eric Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clayton Robert Smith*



Vicki, Ricky and Eric Moore - February 11, 2025 at 11:33 AM

GP

“ *Faithful to His Lord, to His Family, to the Marine Corps, to Northside Baptist, and to His Friends. Could always bring a smile in every situation. All of your Northside Family look forward to our future Heavenly reunion with our Savior Jesus, and Clayton & His wonderful Family.
Loving Prayers for Dianne & Family,
Sincerely, Gary & Dianne Pitts*

Gary & Dianne Pitts - February 11, 2025 at 11:28 AM

JH

“ James Harrell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clayton Robert Smith



James Harrell - February 11, 2025 at 06:28 AM

TM

“ Tosha McDonald lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clayton Robert Smith



Tosha McDonald - February 11, 2025 at 06:27 AM

BJ

“ I have great memories of Mr. Clayton. He taught my Sunday School class when I was a teen at Northside Baptist. He always had great and funny stories. In his class we learned about the Lord. And we also learned to not go around being a "hammer knocker." In other words, act like you have some common sense. And it was always special when he would get up front with his guitar and do songs with the other guitar picking men in the church. I know he is having a time up in heaven! The conversation must be lively.



Brady Jordan - February 10, 2025 at 10:22 PM

CT

“ *Culmer Tanner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clayton Robert Smith*



Culmer Tanner - February 10, 2025 at 09:40 PM

BW

“ *I have many cherished memories of Mr. Clayton! He always brought a great mixture of humor, insight, and guidance. He raised an amazing family, took me in as if I was one of his own anytime I was there, and will be greatly missed. You are all in our prayers.*

Brandon Willis - February 10, 2025 at 07:17 PM

JC

“ *Dianne I'm so sorry to hear about Clayton's passing..I will be praying for you and your family. May our Lord give you peace.*

Jacky clayton - February 10, 2025 at 12:42 PM

TJ

“ *Dianne, so sorry to hear of Clayton's passing..our prayers and thoughts are with you and the family at this difficult time. ❤️🙏*

TonyMarcia Johnson - February 10, 2025 at 09:43 AM

AG

“ *Alice Greene lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clayton Robert Smith*



Alice Greene - February 10, 2025 at 07:08 AM

JC

“ *Janie Crowe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clayton Robert Smith*



Janie Crowe - February 09, 2025 at 11:45 PM

DH

We will miss Clayton at Northside Donna Harrell

Donna Harrell - February 10, 2025 at 07:33 AM

JS

Dianne, Mack and I are so sorry to hear of Clayton's passing. We are praying for you and your family. We miss Clayton's hugs! God bless you!

Judy & Mack Sutton - February 10, 2025 at 12:41 PM

HW

Sending love and deep sympathy.

Hollis andGarland White - February 10, 2025 at 06:17 PM