



Mr. Johnny E. Smoak

December 20, 1935 - December 23, 2020

Mr. Johnny Elijah Smoak, 85 of Sylvester, died on Wednesday, December 23, 2020 at his residence.

The graveside service will be held at 2:00 PM on Monday, December 28, 2020 Evergreen Baptist Church Cemetery with full military honors. The Rev. Todd Brooks and Rev. Fred White will officiate.

Mr. Smoak was born on December 20, 1935 in Worth County, to the late Elijah Larsh Smoak and Nancy Champion Ryals. He had lived in Worth County since 1974 and was a U.S. Army Veteran of the Korean War. After his service, he started a career in the Apollo Space Program. He later moved to Georgia and started his second career as an air and heating engineer with Mars, Inc., until his retirement. Mr. Smoak was very well known in the community, having served as commissioner of Worth County and also as a crop insurance adjuster. He and his wife loved to travel, and meet new people. Mr. Smoak was a member of Evergreen Baptist Church where he taught Sunday School for many years.

Survivors include his children, Terry Smoak (Tammy), Sherri Ward, Deborah Schirm (Gordon), Melissa Blackman, Stephanie Davis (Jeff) and Felicia Taborn (John); grandchildren, Carie Parks, Belinda Mayberry, Amanda Turpen, Scott Bowman, Jennifer Clark, Justin Bowman, Heather Lank, Rusty Harrison, Jessica Workman, Aidan Davis and Kalena Celeste Simonton; great grandchildren, BreAnna, Samantha, Tommy, Kaitlin, Cameron, Cole, Preston, RaeLynne, Rebecca Rayne, Brooklynn, T.J., Zack, Zoey and Alicia; great

great grandchildren, Logan and Lynsey; siblings, Carol Handley (Lee), and Tom Ryals (Pricilla).

In addition to his parents, Mr. Smoak was preceded in death by his wife of 45 years, Jean Bryant Smoak on March 22, 2020; daughter, Rebecca Smoak and a granddaughter, Tara McMillian.

The family will receive friends on Sunday from 3:00 PM until 5:00 PM at Banks Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or to the Parkinson's Disease Association.

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

Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Baptist Church Cemetery

1724 Evergreen Rd.
Sylvester, GA 31791

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Banks Funeral Home
PO Box 550
210 N. Main Street
Sylvester, GA 31791
(229) 776-2055
banksfh@yahoo.com
<http://banks.funeralplan2.com/>

Graveside Service

DEC 28. 2:00 PM (ET)

Evergreen Baptist Church Cemetery
1724 Evergreen Rd.
Sylvester, GA 31791

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Johnny E. Smoak*

January 28, 2023 at 12:53 PM



“ *Sorry so late, but we weren't aware of Johnny's death right away. Johnny and Jean were wonderful people who were extremely nice to our son Arlyn. We miss Arlyn and Johnny and Jean as well.*

Phil and Verna Babcock - April 06, 2021 at 08:49 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Felicia Taborn - December 29, 2020 at 01:08 PM



“ *Heather And Stacey Lank lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Smoak*



Heather and Stacey Lank - December 28, 2020 at 12:01 PM

RH

“ Rusty & Alicia Harrison lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Smoak



Rusty & Alicia Harrison - December 28, 2020 at 11:38 AM

CY

“ Carol York lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Smoak



Carol York - December 27, 2020 at 10:38 PM

CY

My Mother taught him at Bridgeboro in school. She said he was the nicest young man.

Carol York - December 27, 2020 at 10:41 PM

JL

“ We had some good times once while rafting in North Carolina. A memory I will never forget. Working with him for 20 + years was a blast. John .Lamb.

John Lamb - December 27, 2020 at 01:45 PM

CP

“ Granddaddy, you will truly be missed.
Always, Carie



Carie Parks - December 27, 2020 at 12:48 PM

FT

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Felicia Taborn - December 27, 2020 at 08:07 AM

FT

“ Johnny was a the very best of fathers. I will miss him very much but
am glad he is at peace and reunited with my Mom Jean.
Felicia Taborn

Felicia Taborn - December 27, 2020 at 08:00 AM

LM

“ I enjoyed caring for Mr. Johnny !! He was such a sweet man..
Prayers for the family and God bless!!

Laycee Mercer - December 26, 2020 at 03:42 PM

DS

“ I just set the coffee for tomorrow morning. Even after Mama went to the hospital in early March, when Johnny's world was in turmoil, he stumped his walker into the kitchen and insisted he would set up the coffee for the morning. It was a simple act of love and faith. He knew that they would both appreciate the time they shared watching the sun come up. We all hoped there would be more good days for the two of them together, and I am sorry that Johnny's good days here on earth ran out. I know he did not fear crossing over to be with his Creator, I am thankful for the goodness he brought into our world.

Deb Schirm - December 25, 2020 at 10:00 PM

HB

“ I remember Johnny well. Worked with him many years at Mars.

I pray that God will give you Shalom (peace) in his passing.

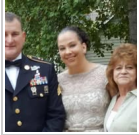
Herbert J Brooks - December 23, 2020 at 10:42 PM

SS

“ Shirley Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Smoak



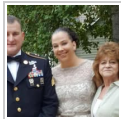
Shirley Sanders - December 23, 2020 at 06:12 PM



“ *Shawn Hancock lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Smoak*

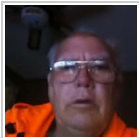


Shawn Hancock - December 23, 2020 at 04:20 PM



My condolences go out to the family and he will certainly be missed. Had lots of great memories growing up. God Bless.

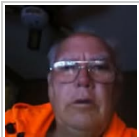
Shawn Hancock - December 23, 2020 at 04:23 PM



“ *Charles Potts lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Smoak*



Charles Potts - December 23, 2020 at 02:01 PM



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Charles Potts - December 23, 2020 at 02:00 PM

AS

“ *My granddaddy will be truly missed. He was a man of God and a wonderful grandfather. So many memories of us growing up camping, beach and even measuring land with him. This world just got a little darker and life will never be the same without him. I love you granddaddy and go rest high on that mountain.* ”



Amanda Smoak - December 23, 2020 at 12:38 PM

 Betty Lister

My sincere condolences to the family .prayers for comfort and strength today and in the days ahead in the mighty name of Jesus Amen.

Betty Lister - December 24, 2020 at 12:03 AM

CN

“ *Cherita Newell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny E. Smoak* ”



Cherita newell - December 23, 2020 at 10:39 AM

BM

Thank you Mama

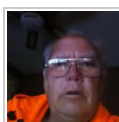
Belinda Mayberry - December 23, 2020 at 10:43 AM

BM

“ 37 years of memories is a lot to share. He wasn't Johnny to me, he wasn't just my Granddaddy, he was my best friend, my hero and the one true love of my life. We were always somewhere growing up, the beach, the mountains or the back of a 4-wheeler measuring land. 12/20/1935 - 12/22/2020. I Love you Granddaddy. BELINDA



Belinda Mayberry - December 23, 2020 at 08:55 AM



Good by Johnny. We been around one another all our lives. Great friend & fellow church members at Evergreen.

Charles Potts - December 23, 2020 at 09:40 AM

BM

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Belinda Mayberry - December 23, 2020 at 08:46 AM

CN

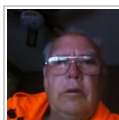
He loved you dearly

Cherita newell - December 23, 2020 at 10:37 AM

BM

Thanks Mama.

Belinda Mayberry - December 23, 2020 at 10:45 AM



Good fellow. We knew each other all of our lives. Good by Johnny.

Charles Potts - December 23, 2020 at 02:08 PM

NF

Sorry for your loss. I enjoyed working with Mr. Smoak when he was a Commissioner.. We became friends and stayed in touch for years. He was quite a character. Love to Family. Nell Ford

Nell Ford - December 23, 2020 at 02:24 PM

CD

I worked with Johnny for many years at M&M/Mars. I have great memories of him. He was a great friend. He will be truly missed by many. We thank him for his service and the life he lived. RIP, Johnny.

Cecil Duke - December 24, 2020 at 08:06 PM