



## Ronald E. "Ronnie" Smith

September 24, 1948 - October 5, 2019

Ronald E. "Ronnie" Smith, 71, passed away Saturday, October 5, 2019 at South Central Regional Medical Center in Laurel.

Ronnie was preceded in death by his parents, Walters J. Smith and Jenny Lind Ainsworth Smith; and his son, Christopher Lane Smith.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Sandra J. Smith; son and daughter-in-law, Russell B. Smith (Elizabeth) of Tampa, FL; granddaughters, Paige Hutto (Cole); Kimora Smith, and Arya Smith; grandson, Dalton B. Smith; great grandson, Clinton Hutto; one brother, Joseph C. Smith (Lydia) of New Mexico; one sister, Pamela P. Holm (Bill) of Laurel; and many nieces and nephews.

Ronnie served in the United States Army, serving in Munich, Germany in the 793rd Military Police Battalion.

Ronnie retired from the Laurel Fire Department in 1995. After retiring, he continued to run his heat and air business around Jones County.

Visitation will be held at Memory Chapel Funeral Home on Friday, October 11, 2019 from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Funeral services will be held at Memory Chapel Funeral Home on Saturday at 10 a.m. with interment to follow at Lake Park Hills Cemetery. Bro. Bo Burroughs will officiate.

Pallbearers will be Tommy Ferguson, Ross Ferguson, Mike Walters, Larry Smith, Bill Bustin, and Charlie Coats. Honorary pallbearers will be Ronnie Bailey, Ken Keyes, and members of the Laurel Fire Department.

To sign the online guest book, visit [www.memorychapellaurel.com](http://www.memorychapellaurel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Lake Park Hills Cemetery

2806 Emmy Dr.  
Laurel, MS 39440

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **11**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home  
3100 Audubon Drive  
P. O. Box 674  
Laurel, MS 39440  
memorychapel@comcast.net  
<https://www.memorychapellaurel.com/>

## Service

OCT **12**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

 Stacey  
Cooley

“ Ronnie was one of my dad, Chuck Walters, best friends. My dad was even the best man when Ronnie married “his bride” as Ronnie called her. In the 15 years since my dad’s death, Ronnie has always been there for my mom. He would often stop and check on her to see if she was ok or if she needed anything. When my mother would try to pay him or give him something in return for his help, he would refuse it. Over the years, he was truly a guardian angel and he will be greatly missed.

Stacey Cooley - October 12, 2019 at 02:43 PM

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“ "We were on our way home from Texas when we heard about Ronnie's accident. Jim almost cried. Ronnie had just brought us some Mayhaw jelly a few weeks ago. Jim talks about him often. God bless and be with you and your family. You are in our thoughts and prayers."

Jimmy and Eve Webb  
10/11/2019

Jimmy Webb - October 11, 2019 at 04:45 PM



“ I was heartbroken to hear of Ronnie’s untimely death. I know y’all will forever miss him. He was our dear friend through the years. He would always help Ralph out with any plumbing or air conditioning problems. And Sandra he came to my recuse and installed my air conditioning in our retirement home after Ralph passed last year. So if I can help you in any way, please don’t hesitation to call on me. He was a forever friend that lots of us will miss. Charlotte James

Charlotte James - October 10, 2019 at 08:47 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald E. "Ronnie" Smith.



October 10, 2019 at 07:42 PM

“ I heard many stories about the adventures of Ronnie Smith and Chuck Walters. I am Chuck's widow, Becky Walters. Their antics included others too. I remember the names Rudy, Kenny and Clark. I am sure there were others too. Lifelong friendships are rare.

Chuck and Ronnie shared that bond. Ronnie and Sandy were married in October, 1972. Ronnie stuffed the garter in Chuck's pocket. We were married in December of the same year. Coincidence? I lost Chuck in 2004 to a heart attack. Ronnie has been there since day one to help us out any way possible. He led me away from my husband's casket at the cemetery when I did not want to leave. He has made plumbing, heating and air conditioner repairs too numerous to count. He has cut up numerous trees in my driveway and yard. He refused payment for any and all work. He checked on us often through the past fifteen years. He became a best friend to me and my son, Jeremy. The only payment he accepted was a ham at Christmas or a pot of chili. I did not do these things as often as I should have. The only thing he told me was if the situation was reversed, he hoped someone would look after his wife, Sandy and grandson, Dalton. I am at a loss as how I can repay his kindness. I cannot repair anything. I cannot take care of them as he did. Our hearts are broken for his family. Please keep Sandy and their son, Russell and the rest of their family in your prayers.

Much Love & Prayers,  
Becky Walters

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**Becky Walters** - October 09, 2019 at 04:03 PM