



## Benny J. Smith

February 12, 1931 - July 27, 2019

Benny J. Smith, 88, of Laurel went to be with the Lord July 27, 2019. He was born February 12, 1931 in Morton, MS to William Otis and Lillie Helen Moore Smith. He was married to Doris June Gordon for 64 years.

Mr. Smith served in the Army and the National Guard. He was a watchmaker and owned Smith Jewelers in Bay Springs, MS for many years. He later became a Rural Letter carrier for the US Postal Service which he retired from. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Laurel. He was a wonderful loving husband, father and Papaw. He enjoyed gardening, camping and fishing.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Cliff Smith (Betty), Jim Smith (Doris), Bill Smith (Helen), Joe Smith (Irene) and Allen Smith.

He is survived by his wife June; sister Ava Ann Arinder of Wichita Falls, TX; son Mark Smith (Amy) of Dover AR; daughters, Phyllis Walters (Blane) of Laurel MS, and Dianna Everett (Mike) of Forest, MS; grandchildren, Amanda Smith of Salt Lake City UT, Wesley Smith of Fayetteville AR, Anna Thornton (Jody) of Ellisville MS, Alana Blackledge (Royce) of Laurel MS, Alan Walters (Kiersti) of Laurel MS, Kristen Hutchinson (Bennie) of Pulaski, MS, Kayla Mason (Cody) of Starkville, MS, Hunter Everett of Forest, MS ; great-grandchildren: Reese Walters, Lana Walters, Alliegh Walters, Kiley Buse, Addie Blackledge, Hank Blackledge, Bo Blackledge, Lila Kate Thornton, Derek Thornton, Carter Hutchinson and Easton Hutchinson.

Visitation will be held at Memory Chapel on Wednesday July 31, 2019 from 5

p.m. until 7 p.m. Funeral services will be held at Memory Chapel on Thursday at 2:00 p.m. with interment following at Memorial Gardens. Dr. Randy Turner will officiate. Pallbearers will be Blane Walters, Alan Walters, Mike Everett, Hunter Everett, Royce Blackledge, Jody Thornton, Wesley Smith, Bennie Hutchinson, and Cody Mason. Honorary Pallbearers: Dr. Jack Evans and members of Dr. Doug Jefcoat's Sunday School class at First Baptist Church Laurel.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 207 West Jackson Street, Suite 1, Ridgeland MS. phone# 769-230-0611  
To sign the online guest book, visit [www.memorychapel Laurel.com](http://www.memorychapel Laurel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Gardens Cemetery

2151 US-184  
Laurel, MS 39443

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUL 31.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home  
3100 Audubon Drive  
P. O. Box 674  
Laurel, MS 39440  
(601) 428-5235  
memorychapel@comcast.net  
<https://www.memorychapellaurel.com/>

## Service

**AUG 1.** 2:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ So very sorry for your loss We always enjoyed our times with Uncle Benny and Aunt June. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Linda Smith Sutton*

Linda Smith Sutton - July 30, 2019 at 07:51 PM

 Paula Phillips

“ We are so sorry to hear of Benny's passing. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Paula, Penny, Keenan, Ben and Eli.

Paula Phillips - July 30, 2019 at 11:26 AM

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“ June and family, we continue to remember you during these days as you adjust to the loss of your husband and father. Shall always remember our friendship. Keep looking to God for strength and peace.

*Ralph and Fay Campbell*

Fay C. Campbell - July 30, 2019 at 11:14 AM

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“ From Clifton, Terry, Cynthia, Jim, Richard, Michelle. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Benny J. Smith.



From Clifton, Terry, Cynthia, Jim, Richard, Michelle. - July 29, 2019 at 03:11 PM

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“ *Our condolences to the Benny Smith Family. We have always enjoyed our visits with their family. I remember some trips we made with them in the North Carolina Mountains. We all enjoyed the tour with them. Benny was a good husband and father and a great brother-in law.*

*May he rest in peace. With our love.*

*Clifton and Terry Gordon*

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**Clifton Gordon** - July 29, 2019 at 02:41 PM