



Ellis W. "Walter" Smallwood

November 20, 1945 - April 25, 2023

Ellis "Walter" Smallwood, 77 years old, passed from this life on April 25, 2023.

He was born November 20, 1945 in Laurel, Mississippi to John P. and Helen T. Smallwood. Walter attended Laurel High School, after which he enlisted in the United States Navy during the Vietnam war and served his country honorably in combat operations during Vietnam. He returned home to marry Linda Irvin in 1969. After being honorably discharged from the United States Navy. Walter worked in the auto industry for 50 years where he never met a stranger and helped more people than could ever be counted. He was a lifetime member of The Florida Sheriff's Association. He was a member of the VFW and American Legion.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Helen Smallwood, his brother, John "Johnny" Smallwood and sister, Mildred "Millie" Scitz. He is survived by his wife, Linda, of 53 years; his sons, Ellis W Smallwood Jr. (Mildred) and Jason Smallwood; his brothers, Fred Smallwood and Harvey Smallwood; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Friday, April 28th at Memory Chapel Funeral Home. The service will be Saturday, April 29th at 2 p.m. at Memory Chapel. Bro. Howard Houston will officiate. Interment will follow at Hickory Grove Cemetery.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Hickory Grove Cemetery

Intersection of 15th Street and Old Bay
Springs Rd
Laurel, MS 39440

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 28. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
P. O. Box 674
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Tribute Wall

HG

“ I WORKED WITH WALTER FOR SEVERAL YEARS IN FLORID FOR HIS BROTHER. HE WAS A GREAT GY AND A GOOD FRIEND. HE ALWAYS HAD MANY GREAT SAYINGS LIKE " IF I TELL YOU A ROOSTER CAN PULL A FREIGHT TRAIN HOOK HIM UP! RIP PAL!!

HOWARD GORMAN - September 25, 2025 at 01:10 PM

HS

“ so sorry to hear about Walter, i was raised on the same block of First Ave with he and his brothers. we spent a lot of time together there and he loved going with me to my parents cattle farm to fish and camp out. my condolences and prayers to the Smallwood family.

Harry Shoemake

Harry Shoemake - April 28, 2023 at 01:59 PM

TG

“ So sorry to hear about Walter's passing. Prayers for you and your family.
I met Walter at City Auto Sales in Laurel when he and my dad worked together. He was always nice to me. Those were good times.

Tom Grice - April 27, 2023 at 06:23 PM

LL

“ *My condolences to Linda and Family. I have so many good memories of working with Walter at Coastal Ford. He was a prince of a guy and would help anyone. Never heard a negative word about him. So sorry to hear about his passing.*

Lamar Long - April 27, 2023 at 03:11 PM

JS

“ *So sorry to hear of Walter passing. Great Guy.....*

JIM SMITH - April 27, 2023 at 02:14 PM

CP

“ *Linda and family, I am so sorry for the loss of your beloved husband and father, Walter. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Cindi Holifield Phippen - April 26, 2023 at 09:40 PM

BB

“ *So sorry to hear about Walter I really enjoyed working with him at Central Pontiac and playing dominoes at the hut. Prayers for your family*

BOB BETHEA - April 26, 2023 at 05:02 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Memory Chapel Funeral Home - April 26, 2023 at 03:36 PM

JT

“ With Depest Sympathy!!!
So very Sorry!!!
Prayers!!! Jim & Janet Thornhill



Jim & Janet Thornhill - April 26, 2023 at 10:09 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the
family of Ellis W. "Walter" Smallwood.



April 26, 2023 at 12:45 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Ellis W. "Walter" Smallwood.



April 26, 2023 at 12:41 AM

JS

“ Ellis I'm so sorry for your loss praying for you
and your family. Julie Shoemake



Julie Shoemake - April 25, 2023 at 07:22 PM