



William E. Smith

March 7, 1943 - December 18, 2025

William E. Smith (Whispering Bill), age 82, passed away on December 18, 2025, at his home. He was the loving husband of Wanda Smith, and together they shared 38 years of marriage.

Born in Laurel in 1943, Bill was the son of Burl Smith and Bernice Smith. He attended school in Strengthford, and Myrick, Mississippi. Bill worked various jobs in the oil field, where he became well known for his strong work ethic, integrity, and reliability. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He also loved sharing stories and offering life advice. He will be remembered for his hard work, kind heart, and his willingness to help others.

Bill is survived by his wife, Wanda Smith; his children, Wendy Smith, Chris Ingersoll (Cherrie), and Aimee Carter; and his grandchildren, Chance Smith (Aimee), Chase Smith (Magen), Dustin Ingersoll, Cody Ingersoll, Harleigh Day, Jacob Wilcox and Kenda Stroud. He is also survived by his great-grandchildren, Karson Smith, Cali Smith, Asher Smith, Paisley Smith, Colton Smith, Max Smith, Emmett Smith, Lucas Day, and Noah Day; brothers, Richard Smith (Rhonda), Thomas Smith, and J.B. Smith (Brenda); his sisters, Jean Roberts, Doris Swindle (Roger), Cathy Bullock, and Tammy Dougherty (Nicky); and sister-in-law, Ruby Smith.

He is preceded in death by his children, Tony Smith and Jeffery Smith; his parents, Burl Smith and Bernice Smith-Welborn; his sisters, Sherry Crews and Libby Parker; and his brother, Willis Tubby Smith.

Funeral service will be held on December 23, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at Memory Chapel in Laurel, followed by a graveside service at Myrick Cemetery. Visitation will be held the same day from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Pallbearers will be Chris Ingersoll, Chance Smith, Chase Smith, Dustin Ingersoll, Cody Ingersoll and Colton Smith.

William will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all who knew him.

To view and sign the online guestbook, please visit www.memorychapellaurel.com

Cemetery Details

Myrick Cemetery

1490 Lower Myrick Road
Laurel, MS 39443

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (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

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Jansson Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of William E. Smith.*



Jansson Family - December 22, 2025 at 03:37 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of William E. Smith.*



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“ *I will be out of town and will miss the service but wanted to send my condolences to the family. I worked with Bill on many jobs over the last 45 years and I hold him in high regard. Bill was a fine man and will be missed.*

Richard Rose - December 22, 2025 at 10:55 AM

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I found out too late to attend services but I worked with Bill several times. Bill was a fine man and will be missed by me and many others, God bless him and his family.

Ellis Davis (Peanut) - December 27, 2025 at 10:02 AM



“ *My first tool pusher*

Tom Gardner - December 19, 2025 at 08:20 PM