



## Rev. Dennis Neal Smith

July 29, 1938 - March 17, 2025

Reverend Dennis Neal Smith, 86, husband of Manetta Jennings Smith, passed away on Monday, March 17th, 2025, at Cottingham Hospice House with his family.

Born in Oconee County, SC, Rev. Smith was the son of the late Ralph Hampton and Theresa Compton Smith. He was a loving husband, father, and Papa. He retired after pastoring Mount Vernon Holiness Church for almost 50 years and was a member after his retirement. In addition to caring for his family and church members, he was an avid gardener and fisherman.

In addition to his wife, Rev. Smith is survived by his daughter: Karen Smith Reynolds and husband Eugene of West Union, SC; granddaughter: Ashley Reynolds Ramirez and husband Rich of West Union, SC; grandson: Wesley Neal Reynolds of West Union, SC; great-granddaughter Zoe Nicole Ramirez of West Union, SC; brother: Hubert T. Smith of Seneca, SC; and sister: Joyce S. Bibb of Westminster, SC.

In addition to his parents, Rev. Smith was preceded in death by brothers: Ralph Smith, Jr. and Randolph Smith; and sister: Edith S. Vinson.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, March 19th, 2025, at Mount Vernon Holiness Church with burial to follow at Oconee Memorial Park.

A visitation will be held from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM, on Tuesday, March 18th, 2025, at Davenport Funeral Home.

Flowers are accepted.

The family is at the residence of Rich and Ashley Ramirez.

# Cemetery Details

## Ocone Memorial Park

1923 Blue Ridge Boulevard  
Seneca, SC 29672  
<http://oconeememorialpark.com?>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 18.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Davenport Funeral Home  
311 S Highway 11  
West Union, SC 29696  
(864) 638-3611  
[davenportfhome@gmail.com](mailto:davenportfhome@gmail.com)  
<https://www.davenportfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

**MAR 19.** 1:00 PM (ET)

Mount Vernon Holiness Church  
235 Rockwood Drive  
Seneca, SC 29672

# Tribute Wall

DJ

“ Brother Dennis Smith will be remembered for his amazing walk with God. Brother Dennis had such close intimacy and communion with the One he worshiped and served. I was privileged to have met and become a friend of the man who was God's friend !

David Johnson - March 19, 2025 at 09:20 AM

PT

“ Bro Dennis was a great man of God! I remember well him running revival at Antioch Holiness church when I was just a child! While his passing from this life is sad, the Holiness legacy he left behind along with the promise of Eternity in Heaven that he now holds, brings peace and joy to our hearts! Bro Dennis will be missed!

Pauletta Tilson - March 19, 2025 at 07:12 AM

DS

“ Dave & Donna Stephens lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dennis Neal Smith



Dave & Donna Stephens - March 18, 2025 at 05:29 PM

WL

“ Will, Michelle, and Easton Lanford purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rev. Dennis Neal Smith.



Will, Michelle, and Easton Lanford - March 18, 2025 at 02:31 PM

WL

“ Will, Michelle, and Easton Lanford planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Dennis Neal Smith.

Will, Michelle, and Easton Lanford - March 18, 2025 at 02:31 PM

PS

“ Pastor Brad and Melissa Shirley purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rev. Dennis Neal Smith.



Pastor Brad and Melissa Shirley - March 18, 2025 at 01:15 PM

WC

“ West Union Holiness Church purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Rev. Dennis Neal Smith.



West Union Holiness Church - March 18, 2025 at 01:06 PM



“ Dustin Burrell lit a candle in memory of Dennis Smith



Dustin Burrell - March 18, 2025 at 12:28 PM

WB

“ Wayne F Barton sent a virtual gift in memory of Dennis Smith



Wayne F Barton - March 18, 2025 at 11:57 AM

PB

“ Ashley and family, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Heaven gained a true warrior for Christ! You're in my prayers and thoughts. Pamela Burrell



Pamela Burrell - March 18, 2025 at 11:02 AM

TF

“ The Crocker Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Rev. Dennis Neal Smith.



The Crocker Family - March 18, 2025 at 11:01 AM

WS

“ Walt & Judy Deal Stephens lit a candle in memory of Dennis Smith



Walt & Judy Deal Stephens - March 18, 2025 at 09:43 AM

MS

“ Outside of my family, Dennis Smith was the greatest influence of Christianity on my life. My Dad and I entered Mt. Vernon Sunday morning, July 7, 1978. As a confused young man, a very confused young man, he took special interest in me. He held to my hand when I was down under and would counsel me. I always was lifted up by his encouraging words and prayers. No one but God knows how confused a young man I was. He was just the mentor I needed. I have known him personally for over 46 years. He introduced me to the necessity of prayer and introduced to me the rock altar. I don't know how many times he told me that he would pray and fast about my needs. Sis. Manetta treated me like her own child. On November 23, 1985, he officiated the wedding ceremony for me and the most dearest woman in the world Brenda Gale Whitten. My Father, Rev. William Stephens was the best man. In 1986, three weeks before our first child was born, Elisabeth, Brenda and I ventured out to pastor a church. Now, Elisabeth is married to Stephen Tilson the pastor of Mt. Vernon. Mark my words, had the Holy Ghost had not placed Dennis Smith in my life there would not be a Elisabeth Tilson at Mt. Vernon today. I thank God for His saving, sanctifying, Holy Ghost filling power. All these doctrines Bro. Dennis Smith preached!  
Dennis Smith: Prayer warrior, patient, positive  
Mitchell Stephens

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**Mitchell Stephens** - March 17, 2025 at 10:57 PM

RA

“ Rod & Katherine Albertson lit a candle in memory of Dennis Smith



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**Rod & Katherine Albertson** - March 17, 2025 at 09:23 PM

TF

“ Tony Ramirez Family purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Rev. Dennis Neal Smith.



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**Tony Ramirez Family** - March 17, 2025 at 09:01 PM

LL

“ Leonard Loudermilk sent a virtual gift in memory of Dennis Smith



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**Leonard Loudermilk** - March 17, 2025 at 08:44 PM

FW

“ Karen, I'm so sorry to hear about your Dad. I know he will be greatly missed by family and friends. Praying for God's special blessings on all of you at this time and in the following days.



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**Frankie Williams** - March 17, 2025 at 08:37 PM

TF

“ The Crane and Flowers Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Rev. Dennis Neal Smith.



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**The Crane and Flowers Family** - March 17, 2025 at 07:55 PM

TF

“ The Crane and Flowers Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Dennis Neal Smith.

The Crane and Flowers Family - March 17, 2025 at 07:55 PM

DQ

“ Prayers for the family and friends 🙏🙏



Durell Quarles - March 17, 2025 at 04:05 PM

MB

“ So Sorry for you loss.Me and my mother Bonnie DeFore use to be members of Mt Vernon along time ago. And he was our Pastor then. You are in my Prayers.

Melissa Barnes - March 17, 2025 at 03:52 PM

BH

“ Brad Hendrix sent a virtual gift in memory of Dennis Smith



Brad Hendrix - March 17, 2025 at 03:46 PM