



Mr. Earnest Laylon Smith

June 20, 1938 - September 16, 2024

Earnest Laylon Smith, 86, husband of the late Doris Barker Smith, of Seneca, passed away on Monday, September 16, 2024, at the Residences at Park Place.

A native of Salem, SC, Mr. Smith was the son of the late Robert Earnest and Bessie Chapman Smith. He served in the National Guard and was self-employed. Mr. Smith was a member of Blue Ridge Masonic Lodge #92 and attended Boones Creek Baptist Church in Salem, SC.

Mr. Smith is survived by his daughter: Sherry Watts (Bobby); grandchildren: Logan Watts (Kelly) and Lucas Watts (Haley); and great grandchildren: Conner Cooley, Ava Watts, and Eli Watts; and brother: Lynn Smith (Sandra).

In addition to his wife and parents, Mr. Smith was preceded in death by his brother: Larry Smith.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 PM on Thursday, September 19, 2024, at Davenport Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends from 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM, prior to the service, at Davenport Funeral Home.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to the staff at Residences at Park Place and MSA Hospice for the love, care, and friendship they provided.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Emerson Rose Heart Foundation, PO Box 935, Clemson, SC 29633

The family will be at their respective homes.

Cemetery Details

Boones Creek Baptist Church Cemetery

264 Boone Creek Road
Salem, SC 29676

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **19**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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

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Tribute Wall

EH

“ Just heard about Laylon’s passing. He was a precious man who will be greatly missed by many. Sending prayers and love to the family.



Elizabeth Hinz - September 21, 2024 at 10:31 AM

SH

“ Steve and Sheree Hamby lit a candle in memory of Earnest Smith



Steve and Sheree Hamby - September 18, 2024 at 10:13 PM

WB

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



Wayne F. Barton - September 18, 2024 at 06:02 PM

DE

“ Danny & Sherry Edwards lit a candle in memory of Earnest Smith



Danny & Sherry Edwards - September 18, 2024 at 05:48 PM

BH

“ *Bill Marlene Hendricks lit a candle in memory of Earnest Smith*



Bill Marlene Hendricks - September 18, 2024 at 05:02 PM

MM

“ *Mark McSwain lit a candle in memory of Earnest Smith*



Mark McSwain - September 18, 2024 at 02:16 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Earnest Laylon Smith.*



September 18, 2024 at 01:32 PM

LF

“ *Love Joe and Trudy Haggwood and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Earnest Laylon Smith.*

Love Joe and Trudy Haggwood and Family - September 18, 2024 at 01:32 PM

JM

“ You will be missed my friend

Jesse and Janice McGaha - September 18, 2024 at 01:32 PM

BH

Praying for the family Leylon will be missed .He was a good man

Bill Marlene Hendricks - September 18, 2024 at 04:55 PM

TH

“ Tony and Brenda Heaton lit a candle in memory of Earnest Smith



Tony and Brenda Heaton - September 18, 2024 at 01:20 PM

LT

“ Larry and Pam Ramey Jean Chapman Tammy purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Earnest Laylon Smith.



Larry and Pam Ramey Jean Chapman Tammy - September 18, 2024 at 12:54 PM

RS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with sherry and family, so many precious memories, keeping you in my prayers 🙏 love renee



renee Shelton - September 18, 2024 at 12:29 PM

RW

“ Rudi Webb lit a candle in memory of Earnest Smith



Rudi Webb - September 18, 2024 at 11:33 AM

WL

“ Wanda Long sent a virtual gift in memory of Earnest Smith



Wanda Long - September 18, 2024 at 11:16 AM

DA

“ Don & Darlene Albertsob sent a virtual gift in memory of Earnest Smith



Don & Darlene Albertsob - September 18, 2024 at 11:15 AM

PP

“ Pactiv Evergreen Greenville Plant purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Mr. Earnest Layton Smith.



Pactiv Evergreen Greenville Plant - September 18, 2024 at 11:06 AM

PP

“ *Pactiv Evergreen Greenville Plant planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Earnest Laylon Smith.*

Pactiv Evergreen Greenville Plant - September 18, 2024 at 11:06 AM

ML

“ *Mildred Lecroy lit a candle in memory of Earnest Smith*



Mildred Lecroy - September 18, 2024 at 08:55 AM

FB

“ *Frankie Burrell lit a candle in memory of Earnest Smith*



Frankie Burrell - September 18, 2024 at 03:40 AM

EM

“ *Eddie Moore lit a candle in memory of Earnest Smith*



Eddie Moore - September 17, 2024 at 11:44 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Earnest Laylon Smith.*



September 17, 2024 at 10:47 PM



“ *Jeremy Chapman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Earnest Laylon Smith.*

Jeremy Chapman - September 17, 2024 at 10:47 PM



“ *Earline Derrill Ramey lit a candle in memory of Earnest Smith*



Earline Derrill Ramey - September 17, 2024 at 10:40 PM



“ *I had the privilege of meeting Laylon while visiting my aunt at Park Place. He was such a cut up and I always had the best time talking to him! We figured out his wife and my mama used to work together years ago. I am going to miss seeing and talking with him. Prayers for the family.*



Melody Shealy - September 17, 2024 at 10:16 PM

VC

“ *Laylon and Doris were my neighbors from 1984 when I moved to Salem until Laylon moved to be near Sherry. Laylon was the only person who changed my oil and maintenances my car and my husband’s truck. We’d sit in his shop and talk over old times and have a visit every time I came. Laylon was never too busy to help when I called. When he retired I called the Journal and asked if they’d like a human interest story and they jumped on it. They did a picture also and ran it in the paper. We will miss him very much.* ”

Virginia Caswell - September 17, 2024 at 09:56 PM

KT

“ *Praying for this sweet family!* ”



Karen Towe - September 17, 2024 at 08:36 PM

TM

“ *Our prayers and deepest sympathies go out to his family! He was always such a kind person!* ”



Tammy Caswell McMahon - September 17, 2024 at 08:34 PM

KK

“ Keith & Sonja Kelley lit a candle in memory of Earnest Smith



Keith & Sonja Kelley - September 17, 2024 at 08:30 PM

JB

“ James and Teresa Barker sent a virtual gift in memory of Earnest Smith



James and Teresa Barker - September 17, 2024 at 07:37 PM

LL

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



Leonard Loudermilk - September 17, 2024 at 07:20 PM

RT

“ Randy Tilson lit a candle in memory of Earnest Smith



Randy Tilson - September 17, 2024 at 07:18 PM

PC

“ *Sherry, Bobby and family. My prayers are with you in the loss of your dad. May God Bless and keep you in the days ahead. Love you , Pat Culbertson*



Pat Culbertson - September 17, 2024 at 07:17 PM

LB

“ *Larry and Pamela Ball lit a candle in memory of Earnest Smith*



Larry and Pamela Ball - September 17, 2024 at 07:13 PM

BN

“ *Billy and Ralph Nix lit a candle in memory of Earnest Smith*



Billy and Ralph Nix - September 17, 2024 at 06:33 PM

LT

“ *One of the first people I met when I moved to Salem, and he was one of the kindest, gentlest and most giving people I have known. Prayers to the family and we await the day when we are reunited with loved ones in heaven.*

Lisa Towe - September 17, 2024 at 05:16 PM

GC

“ Sherry, so sorry to hear of Laylon’s passing.
So many fond memories of him in church and
at the gas station. Always a smile on his face.



Greg and Susan Crane - September 17, 2024 at 04:48 PM

FC

“ Frank and Judy Crowe lit a candle in memory
of Earnest Smith



Frank and Judy Crowe - September 17, 2024 at 04:44 PM

ML

“ Mike & Wanda Lemons lit a candle in memory
of Earnest Smith



Mike & Wanda Lemons - September 17, 2024 at 04:43 PM

RH

“ RICKEY HOLDEN lit a candle in memory of
Earnest Smith



RICKEY HOLDEN - September 17, 2024 at 04:41 PM

BH

“ *Bleese-Rita Harper sent a virtual gift in memory of Earnest Smith*



Bleese-Rita Harper - September 17, 2024 at 04:35 PM

SW

“ *Steve & Tammy Wilson lit a candle in memory of Earnest Smith*



Steve & Tammy Wilson - September 17, 2024 at 04:26 PM

DQ

“ *Prayers* 🙏



Durell & Carol Quarles - September 17, 2024 at 03:33 PM

BJ

“ *Good man . My thoughts and prays for his family . Lord comfort them in the days ahead .*



Barbara jones - September 17, 2024 at 02:44 PM

BL

“ *Bobbie Jean Ledford lit a candle in memory of Earnest Smith*



Bobbie Jean Ledford - September 17, 2024 at 02:41 PM

JB

“ *Jimmy Barker lit a candle in memory of Earnest Smith*



Jimmy Barker - September 17, 2024 at 02:35 PM

BH

“ *Brad Hendrix lit a candle in memory of Earnest Smith*



Brad Hendrix - September 17, 2024 at 02:16 PM

JH

“ *Judy Hines lit a candle in memory of Earnest Smith*



Judy Hines - September 17, 2024 at 02:14 PM