



Mr John Verner Smith

August 23, 1939 - September 15, 2025

John Verner Smith, 86, husband of Ruby Campbell Smith, of Seneca, passed away at his home on Monday, September 15, 2025.

Born and raised in Oconee County, Mr. Smith was the son of the late Clarence Davis Smith and Lilly Gertrude Bearden Smith. He honorably served in the United States National Guard and the Army Reserve. Mr. Smith dedicated 15 years of service to the City of Seneca Recreation Department, spending 10 of those years as Head Athletic Director before retiring. He was an active member of the Blue Ridge Masonic Lodge #92 , a devoted Shriner, and of the Baptist Faith.

In addition to his wife of 61 years, he was survived by his son: Joey Smith (Tonya); his grandchildren: Ethan Smith (Rebeka), and Gavin Smith; and his great-grandchildren EJ and Payton.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Smith is preceded in death by his daughter: Sandra Alicia Smith; and his brother: Clarence R. Smith.

A graveside service will be held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, September 25, 2025, at Oconee Memorial Park.

Cemetery Details

Oconee Memorial Park

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

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

GM

“ When I would see Verner,[Which was quite often because he was always out and about!] the first part that I always met was his smile! No matter where I saw him, at the ball field, driving the Ruth Salad truck, at the stores or at his home he always smiled! I will miss that smile. Thank you Mr. Verner for always making the world a brighter place. It is a joy to know that you are resting at peace in the presence of the Lord. Praying for you all Smith family!
Ginger McAlister



Ginger McAlister - September 25, 2025 at 11:30 AM

DC

“ We are so sorry to hear of Verner’s passing.

Donnie and Frances Childs - September 24, 2025 at 06:25 AM

DN

“ Doug and Linda R. Nix lit a candle in memory of John Verner Smith!
Ruby, Joey and Family you are in our thoughts and prayers. We have some great memories of Verner over the years. ❤️🙏



Doug and Linda Nix - September 22, 2025 at 09:52 PM

JC

“ I’m sorry to hear about Vern. Danny thought a lot of him. Will be thinking about you and the family in the days ahead.

Joe Cantrell - September 22, 2025 at 05:44 PM

RA

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



Rod & Katherine Albertson - September 22, 2025 at 05:40 PM

KJ

“ Oh Ms. Ruby I am saddened to hear about Vern! He was such a blessing to my family. I know there is a lot of catching up in Heaven with Daddy. Praying for the whole family
Kay Jones

Kay Jones - September 22, 2025 at 08:45 AM

EM

“ Eddie and Greta Moore lit a candle in memory of John Smith



Eddie and Greta Moore - September 22, 2025 at 07:46 AM

JR

“ Cannot think of Vern without thinking of Seneca Rec. Went to school with Ruby, and you sure have my sympathy

Janie Sanders Rothell - September 21, 2025 at 04:17 PM

WB

“ Wayne Barton lit a candle in memory of John Smith



Wayne Barton - September 20, 2025 at 10:38 PM

RA

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



Rod & Katherine Albertson - September 20, 2025 at 05:57 PM

DD

“ Rest in peace my brother, you will be missed.
Prayers for the family!



Daniel Duncan - September 19, 2025 at 10:42 PM

TS

“ Trent Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr John Verner Smith



Trent Smith - September 19, 2025 at 08:41 PM

GN

“ Gerald & Carolyn Nix lit a candle in memory of Mr John Verner Smith



Gerald & Carolyn Nix - September 19, 2025 at 07:49 PM

AC

“ Our heartfelt love, thoughts & prayers go out to all of you.
Frog & Angie Carver

ANGIE CARVER - September 19, 2025 at 05:18 PM

DQ

“ Prayers for the family and friends 🙏



Durell Quarles - September 19, 2025 at 04:07 PM

JA

“ Jane Addis lit a candle in memory of Mr John Verner Smith



Jane addis - September 19, 2025 at 03:53 PM

MC

“ *Hovie & Martha F. Crenshaw*



Martha F. Crenshaw - September 19, 2025 at 03:44 PM

JB

“ *Jimmy Barker lit a candle in memory of Mr John Verner Smith*



Jimmy Barker - September 19, 2025 at 03:26 PM

JC

“ *Ruby and family, I am so sorry to read about your loss. Verner was such a good man. Much love and prayers for all of you.*



Judy Cheek - September 19, 2025 at 03:26 PM

DQ

“ *Prayers for the family and friends. A Great man 🙏*



Durell Quarles - September 19, 2025 at 01:39 PM

KS

“ *I'm so very sad to hear this. Vernon was a huge part of my life growing up. He was a good friend of my dad's and I also saw him at Uncle Blake's store on occasion. He was a great man and will be missed*

Kristy Smith - September 19, 2025 at 12:54 PM