



## Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith

July 16, 1944 - September 6, 2015

Mike "Redeye" Smith, husband of Sallie Cox Smith, passed on Sunday, September 6, 2015, at GHS Cottingham Hospice House.

A native of Oconee County, Mike was the son of the late Walter Alvin and Ruth Bell Rice Smith. Mike was a graduate of Seneca High School. He was a member of Blue Ridge Masonic Lodge #92, Hejaz Shrine Temple, Blue Ridge Shrine Club and the Oconee Hillbilly Clan. He worked many years for SCHD, with the road location and the right of way crew and was a part of the crew that did the initial survey for SC HWY 11. He was hired by Duke Energy during construction of the plant. Once the plant was completed he worked in mechanical maintenance and planning until his retirement.

"Redeye" was known around the community for his love of antique gas pumps. He and Sallie enjoyed traveling the US in search of vintage items for his collection, and made many friends along the way.

In addition to his wife, Mike is survived by his son: Kevin Smith of Seneca; daughter: Jody Hughes and husband Phillip of Seneca; granddaughter: Hope Laurel Hughes who was the love and joy of his life (PaPa's Girl); and brother: Tim Smith of Seneca.

A memorial service will be held at 4:00 PM, Wednesday, September 9, 2015,

at Davenport Funeral Home Chapel with Masonic Rites.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to Oconee Hospice of the Foothills, GHS Cottingham Hospice House, Attn: Foundation Office, 298 Memorial Drive, Seneca, SC 29672 or Greenville Shriners Hospital for Children, 950 West Farris Road, Greenville, SC 29605.

The family is at the home.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith*

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *Larry And Wanda Laye Harden lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith*



**Larry and Wanda Laye Harden** - September 21, 2015 at 10:08 PM



“ *Mike was a good man and loved his gas pumps. I will miss him.*

**Bill Cook** - September 18, 2015 at 11:56 AM



“ *I am saddened and dismayed to learn of Mike's passing. We had many great days together in our youth, while growing up in Newry. We had some of the best iron-wheeled wagons around, and we enjoyed racing them. There are so many lasting memories we shared, and I am thankful that Mike was my good friend. My prayer and condolence to the family.*



*Dana Gaillard*

**Dana Gaillard** - September 14, 2015 at 11:44 AM

LC

“ I'm so sorry of your loss. Mike and I were in school at the same time and he was so much fun and playing jokes on everyone around.

*He always had a smile on his face.*

*The last time I saw him was at church and he was asking to pray for a fellow that had the same disease. That showed what kind of heart he had for other people suffering.*

*I express my deepest sympathy and have you all in my prayers and thoughts.*



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**Lynda Davis Crocker** - September 12, 2015 at 09:08 AM

PH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this sad time.  
*Patricia Holcombe*



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**Patricia Holcombe** - September 10, 2015 at 07:26 PM

IM

“ *Iris Manley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith*



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**Iris Manley** - September 10, 2015 at 08:11 AM

JH

“ *Jan Hutchins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith*



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**Jan Hutchins** - September 09, 2015 at 05:07 PM

KD

“ *Sally we send our sympathy in the passing of Mike to you and family. He always had a smile.*

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**Keith and Kathy Duncan** - September 09, 2015 at 03:39 PM

BJ

“ *So sorry to hear of Red Eye's passing, he was a friend and former co-worker from Duke Energy. Prayers for the family, RIP my friend.*



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**Bruce Jones** - September 09, 2015 at 02:01 PM

MJ

“ *Such a good man thought alot of him I would save car tags for him . No that I'm praying for you and your family*



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**Mignon Jefferson** - September 09, 2015 at 01:23 PM

SL

“ Owen and Sue Ledford lit a candle in memory of Mike Smith



Sue and Owen Ledford - September 09, 2015 at 12:26 PM

PL

“ Sallie, I am so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
Pat BRYAN Layer

Pat Brayn Layer - September 09, 2015 at 11:48 AM

JH

“ Sallie, Jodi and Kevin  
Sorry to hear of Mikes passing. I was just thinking about all the good times we had in our teens and early 20's growing up in the Corinth and Knothole area. Those days were great, memories that last a lifetime. Love you guys, Jimmy and Linda Hanvey

jimmy hanvey - September 09, 2015 at 08:47 AM

DM

“ Derrick, Ritter, Williams & Morris, PA lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith



Derrick, Ritter, Williams & Morris, PA - September 09, 2015 at 08:45 AM

TT

“ TENSLEY THOMAS lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith



TENSLEY THOMAS - September 09, 2015 at 07:38 AM

GC

“ Glenn (Roundman) & Brenda Cobb lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith



Glenn (Roundman) & Brenda Cobb - September 08, 2015 at 11:48 PM

JF

“ Jerry Finch lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith



Jerry Finch - September 08, 2015 at 09:52 PM

LL

“ Lisa Lee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith



Lisa Lee - September 08, 2015 at 07:40 PM

DB

“ *Dennis & Norma Baumgarner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith*



**Dennis & Norma Baumgarner** - September 08, 2015 at 07:25 PM

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*Prayers for y'all for the coming weeks ahead.*

**Norma** - September 08, 2015 at 07:28 PM

JB

“ *James & Sarah Bowers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith*



**James & Sarah Bowers** - September 08, 2015 at 06:46 PM

FW

“ *Sallie...  
He fought the fight and he won... No more  
pain or sickness sweet cousin... Remember  
all the Precious Memories you shared with  
Mike... He will be missed... Love to you all,  
Frankie Winkler...*



**frankie winkler** - September 08, 2015 at 05:03 PM

RW

“ Mike was a great neighbor and wonderful friend. We will miss him. Robert "Mudd" and Cindy Winkler



Robert "Mudd" and Cindy Winkler - September 08, 2015 at 04:28 PM

LS

“ Liz Godard, Clerk of Court, Aiken County, and Staff purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith.



Liz Godard, Clerk of Court, Aiken County, and Staff - September 08, 2015 at 02:46 PM

BA

“ Bea And Bob Ayers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith



Bea and Bob Ayers - September 08, 2015 at 02:25 PM

DH

“ Dennis Hedden lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith



Dennis Hedden - September 08, 2015 at 01:50 PM

BR

“ *Barbara Roach lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith*



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**Barbara Roach** - September 08, 2015 at 01:49 PM

RI

“ *Ruby Isbell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith*



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**Ruby Isbell** - September 08, 2015 at 12:07 PM

MH

“ *Mandy Holbrooks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith*



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**Mandy Holbrooks** - September 08, 2015 at 10:40 AM

JS

“ *Jason, Tammy & Lacey Starnes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith*



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**Jason, Tammy & Lacey Starnes** - September 08, 2015 at 10:36 AM



“ *Jerry Randall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith*



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**Jerry Randall** - September 08, 2015 at 10:28 AM

TH

“ *Tara Hayter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith*



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**Tara Hayter** - September 08, 2015 at 10:17 AM

BM

“ *I worked with Mike at Oconee Nuclear for several years. He taught me some locksmith skills while we were team mates. Mike was fun to work with and a good person. In a short time I knew he loved his family. I know he will be missed. God bless you all!*



*Boyce McWhorter Six Mile, S.C.*

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**Boyce McWhorter** - September 08, 2015 at 09:39 AM

DB

“ Dale Butts lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith



Dale Butts - September 08, 2015 at 08:21 AM

DB

Great memories with Mike & Sallie, and how Mike loved to pick at my kids! Which they loved, in return! Prayers for you, Sallie, Kevin, & Jody.

Dale Butts - September 08, 2015 at 08:24 AM

MO

I was saddened to hear of your loss. Please know how very sorry I am.  
/s/ Merle

Merle Orr - September 08, 2015 at 11:10 AM

DD

“ Daniel Duncan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith



Daniel Duncan - September 08, 2015 at 08:17 AM

MD

“ Mary Bryant Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith



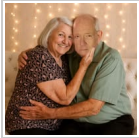
Mary Bryant Davis - September 08, 2015 at 07:52 AM

JN

“ *Jamie Nix lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith*



jamie nix - September 08, 2015 at 07:00 AM



“ *Mike was a very sociable person. He had many friends, and was well liked and respected. He was someone you could trust and rely on, someone you could confide in and ask for advice. he told you exactly what he was thinking. His Love for God, Family, Friends and Country was strong. We have always felt like Family, as many others' of his friends do. His life was full of joy. Someone we have all had the great privilege of knowing. Thoughts and Prayers for Mikes' Family and Friends, as we say to him, "See ya' later." Jackie, Linda, Tim, Susan, Ashley and Lauren Copeland*



Linda Copeland - September 08, 2015 at 06:54 AM

BP

“ *Bobby Pollard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith*



Bobby Pollard - September 08, 2015 at 06:51 AM

HS

“ *Heavenly Rest, Mike*

Hugh Suttles - September 08, 2015 at 06:34 AM

NB

“ *Neal & Sue Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith*



Neal & Sue Brown - September 08, 2015 at 06:21 AM

EB

“ *Elaine Baumgarner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith*



Elaine Baumgarner - September 08, 2015 at 06:12 AM

TR

“ *Trena (Clayton Riska lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith*



Trena (Clayton Riska - September 07, 2015 at 10:07 PM

TR

“ To Sallie and family I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Mike I went to school and new his Mom and Dad and his grandmother lived across the street from us I also played ball and at the Newry. park with him. He was a very dear friend and a wonderful person I can say I am very proud to have known him. May God give you all the peace , comfort, and strength to help you in this time of need. Love Trena (Clayton) Riska

Trena (Clayton Riska) - September 07, 2015 at 10:06 PM

AO

“ Anne Opperman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith



Anne Opperman - September 07, 2015 at 10:04 PM



“ Sallie, I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family.

Audrey Barker - September 07, 2015 at 09:22 PM

SB

“ Sandra & Jerry Black lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith



Sandra & Jerry Black - September 07, 2015 at 09:17 PM

JH

“ *Joyce Hughes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith*



**Joyce Hughes** - September 07, 2015 at 08:30 PM

LC

“ *Benjie and I are so sorry for your loss. Prayers for all of your family.*



*Benjie and Lois Collins*

**Lois Collins** - September 07, 2015 at 07:43 PM

JJ

“ *Johnnie James lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith*



**Johnnie James** - September 07, 2015 at 07:29 PM

GH

“ *Gerald And Christa Howard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith*



**Gerald and Christa Howard** - September 07, 2015 at 07:26 PM

DM

“ *Doug & Elaine Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith*



**Doug & Elaine Moore** - September 07, 2015 at 07:19 PM

BH

“ *Blease And Rita Harper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith*



**Blease and Rita Harper** - September 07, 2015 at 07:02 PM

BL

“ *Bobbie Ledford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith*



**Bobbie Ledford** - September 07, 2015 at 06:58 PM

DC

“ *Donny & Pam Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith*



**Donny & Pam Carpenter** - September 07, 2015 at 06:47 PM

PR

“ Phillip & Tracy Richardson



Phillip and Tracy Richardson - September 07, 2015 at 06:38 PM

JD

“ Sorry to hear this about Red Eye. He was a great friend of mine and would do anything for you.He will be greatly missed by all who ever new him. Jimmy Davis.

jimmy davis - September 07, 2015 at 06:30 PM

TM

“ Tom & Mary Mann lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith



Tom & Mary Mann - September 07, 2015 at 06:16 PM

CS

“ Cynthia Diane Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith



Cynthia Diane Smith - September 07, 2015 at 06:04 PM

JR

“ To a good friend and Brother mason. We will miss you. In Christ Love. "Sugar Bear" and Lillian Rumsey



James Rumsey - September 07, 2015 at 06:03 PM

PW

“ Paige Wood lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith



Paige Wood - September 07, 2015 at 05:52 PM

TC

“ Teresa Cates lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith



Teresa Cates - September 07, 2015 at 05:27 PM

DL

“ Danny, Karen And Micah Lee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith



Danny, Karen and Micah Lee - September 07, 2015 at 05:23 PM

LT

“ *Leland And Richadene Talley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith*



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**Leland and Richadene Talley** - September 07, 2015 at 05:22 PM

BJ

“ *Becky Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith*



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**Becky Johnson** - September 07, 2015 at 04:01 PM

BJ

*I add my prayers.*

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**Becky Johnson** - September 07, 2015 at 04:02 PM

GP

“ *Gloria Richey Prater*



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**Gloria Richey Prater** - September 07, 2015 at 03:57 PM

MW

“ *Mary, Monte & Anji Wright lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith*



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**Mary, Monte & Anji Wright** - September 07, 2015 at 03:28 PM

MM

“ *Monty & Janet McGuffin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith*



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**Monty & Janet McGuffin** - September 07, 2015 at 03:22 PM

TS

“ *Ted & Rae Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith*



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**Ted & Rae Smith** - September 07, 2015 at 03:22 PM

DF

“ We were saddened by the news of Mike's passing....please know you are all in our prayers. I enjoyed talking with Mike while working at the school and afterwards when I came to pick our grandchildren up. He was someone who was a joy to talk with and we were SO happy when he got his precious Hope.....so glad God gave him these years with her.....she will always remember him and his love for her. May God give all of you the peace that surpasses all our understanding. God Bless....

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Dennis & Jane Frasier - September 07, 2015 at 03:19 PM

LT

“ Sally and Family, we were sorry to learn of Mike's passing. We always enjoyed seeing Mike and listening to his funny stories especially the one about his dad's driving and how "every car in Seneca had a bumper sticker on it saying "I have been hit by \_\_\_\_\_ Smith" (can't remember his dad's name)." The day my sister died in 2000 he came to my dad's and had to come all the way in the house to bang on the living room wall to get my attention because I was vacuuming. We sat down, had some tea and started talking about all those memories. He had me laughing so hard my dad woke up and came down the hall to see what was going on. Then my dad started laughing on that very sad day. Mike was the best thing that could have happenend to us that day. Mike was such a friendly person; he met no strangers. We are sorry he suffered so long but the best thing to remember right now is he fought the long, good battle and is now without pain, Your family has done well taking care of him through these several years, and for that you will always be grateful. We wish for you to find peace and rest in the coming days, weeks, months, and years. God Bless you all. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Praying for all,  
Louise L and Clarence Towe

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Louise L & Clarence Towe - September 07, 2015 at 03:14 PM

HE

“ *Sallie and Family,  
We are so sorry to hear this. We will be praying for God to comfort  
you and Bless you as only he can.  
Tony and Brenda Heaton*

Heaton - September 07, 2015 at 03:09 PM

MH

“ *Mary & Jerry Harvey lit a candle in memory of  
Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith*



Mary & Jerry Harvey - September 07, 2015 at 02:51 PM

LB

“ *Linda Baldwin-Evans lit a candle in memory  
of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith*



Linda Baldwin-Evans - September 07, 2015 at 02:00 PM

KF

“ *Kathy Fitzgerald lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Mike "Redeye" Smith*



Kathy Fitzgerald - September 07, 2015 at 01:59 PM

DB

“ Donald and Betty Butts purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith.



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**Donald and Betty Butts** - September 07, 2015 at 01:41 PM

RA

“ Rod & Katherine Albertson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith



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**Rod & Katherine Albertson** - September 07, 2015 at 01:37 PM

LT

“ Louise & Clarence Towe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith



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**Louise & Clarence Towe** - September 07, 2015 at 01:16 PM

PB

“ Sallie and family, I'm so very sorry for your loss. Mike was a friendly fellow and was always ready to share memories. I guess Calvin, Wilton and he are sitting in heaven talking cars .  
Sympathy, Pat Bennett

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**Pat Bennett** - September 07, 2015 at 01:16 PM

LT

“ We have fond memories of Mike and how he always had something funny to share when we saw him over the years. We always enjoyed hearing him tell about his dad's driving habits and how "every car in Seneca had a bumper sticker on it saying "I have been hit by \_\_\_\_\_ Smith " "(don't recall his dad's name). Mike fought the good fight and is now without pain. God bless you all. Sally, you have been a wonderful caregiver. May you find peace and rest in the coming weeks, months, and years.  
Our love,  
Clarence and Louise L Towe

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**Louise Towe** - September 07, 2015 at 01:15 PM

RC

“ REBECCA CROMER lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith



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**REBECCA CROMER** - September 07, 2015 at 01:08 PM

BB

“ Bill & Reba Butts lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith



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**Bill & Reba Butts** - September 07, 2015 at 12:42 PM

JB

“ Sallie, Jodi and Kevin,  
We are so sorry to hear of Mike's death. We remember all the good times we spent at our Clerk of Court conferences and what a fun guy Mike was to be with. He was also a dear friend. We are keeping all of you close in thought and prayer.  
Love, Tommy and Jackie

Jackie Bowers - September 07, 2015 at 12:39 PM

DN

“ Doug And Linda Reese Nix lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith



Doug and Linda Reese Nix - September 07, 2015 at 12:21 PM

TL

“ Thad And Wanda Long lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith



Thad and Wanda Long - September 07, 2015 at 12:07 PM

LA

“ Lenda Alexander lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mike "Redeye" Smith



lenda alexander - September 07, 2015 at 11:58 AM