



## William Claude Smith Sr

August 11, 1938 - March 3, 2020

William Claude Smith, Sr. was born on August 11, 1938 to the Late Frank Emmitt Smith and the Late Norrine S. Smith. He departed his earthly life on March 03, 2020 at 11:00 AM at Vidant Roanoke Chowan Hospital in Ahoskie, NC.

He joined Stoney Branch Baptist Church at an early age. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, uncle, cousin and friend. He was known by many names: Buddy, Steel Bill, Smitty and many more.

William attended Buckland School in Gates, NC. He worked as a Logger until 1960. He then became employed at Newport News Shipyard in Newport News, Va., as a Welder until his retirement in 2000. He was a hardworking man who loved his family dearly. There was nothing too big or too small that he wouldn't do for his family.

He enjoyed putting things together, which included his craft of welding. He enjoyed frequent cookouts and family get togethers at his home. He was the life of the party. He was full of love and instilled wisdom in those around him.

William leaves to cherish his memories: his wife Ida Pearl Smith of 60 years; three sons, William Claude Smith, Jr, of Richmond, VA, Johnny M. Smith (Felicia) of Ahoskie, NC and Derrick Griffin of Franklin, Va.; four Grandchildren, Melissa Smith, Amber Smith, Marcus Smith, and DaeQuez Griffin; ten great grandchildren; four sisters, Mary Morris, Margie Copeland,

and Mamie Wilson (McKinley) all of Eure, and Shirley Howell (Billy) of Holland, Va.; one sister-in-law, Carol Overton of Chowan; two Brothers-in-law, Charlie Eure, of Eure, and Joseph Overton of Brooklyn, New York and host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

\* William was preceded in death by two brothers, Frank Emmitt Smith, Jr. and James Smith; one Sister, Hazel S. Eure; six brothers-in-law, Felton Morris, Raymond Copeland, Lewis Overton, Bill Overton, and John Overton; three Sisters-in-law, Casey Bentley, Estine Rountree, and Lizzie Griffin.

# Cemetery Details

## Stoney Branch Baptist Church

581 Gatlington Road  
Gates, NC

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 8. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Hertford County Undertakers  
416 S Main St  
Winton, NC 27986  
(252) 358-3141

## Service

MAR 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Stoney Branch Baptist Church  
581 Gatlington Road  
Gates, NC

# Tribute Wall



“ *William Claude Smith Sr*

November 09, 2022 at 12:28 PM



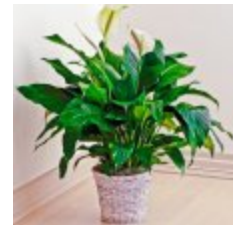
“ *G. T. Riddick sent a virtual gift in memory of William Claude Smith Sr*



**G. T. Riddick** - March 08, 2020 at 08:49 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of William Claude Smith Sr.*



March 08, 2020 at 04:25 AM



“ *Vanessa Harrison Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of William Claude Smith Sr*



**Vanessa Harrison Johnson** - March 07, 2020 at 09:39 PM

JF

“ Johnny Fox lit a candle in memory of William Claude Smith Sr



Johnny fox - March 07, 2020 at 08:37 PM

MB

“ Melvin R. Boone lit a candle in memory of William Claude Smith Sr



Melvin R. Boone - March 07, 2020 at 06:34 PM

DH

“ Delores Harvey sent a virtual gift in memory of William Claude Smith Sr



Delores Harvey - March 07, 2020 at 04:47 PM

ME

“ Mary Hall Eason lit a candle in memory of William Claude Smith Sr



Mary Hall Eason - March 07, 2020 at 02:31 PM

CP

“ Carolyn Pruden-Moody lit a candle in memory of William Claude Smith Sr



carolyn Pruden-Moody - March 07, 2020 at 01:37 PM

GF

“ Gutrick, Tracy Smith & family purchased the White Standing Spray for the family of William Claude Smith Sr.



Gutrick, Tracy Smith & family - March 07, 2020 at 01:27 PM

JR

“ JoAnne Ruffin lit a candle in memory of William Claude Smith Sr



JoAnne Ruffin - March 07, 2020 at 01:19 PM

JR

I love you Uncle Buddy, forever in my heart ❤️🕊️

JoAnne Ruffin - March 07, 2020 at 01:19 PM

WJ

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



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**William C. Smith Jr.** - March 07, 2020 at 06:09 AM



“ 42 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Hertford County Undertakers** - March 07, 2020 at 12:56 AM