



Mr. J.D. Smith Sr.

April 27, 1943 - August 26, 2025

Mr. James Donald “J.D.” Smith, Sr., of Ranburne, Alabama, passed away on August 26, 2025. He was 82.

Mr. Smith was born on April 27, 1943 in Ranburne to the late Grady and Willie Mae Smith. He retired from the University of West Georgia where he worked as a painter. He also enjoyed his farm and cows and working with his tractor. He was a member of Union Hill Baptist Church and enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his great-grandkids.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Samantha Sims; and his sister, Joyce Smith.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda Smith; his son, James Donald Smith, Jr.; his step-daughter, Lisa (Joel) Lamberth; his grandchildren, Kendra (Keith) Knowles, Laci (Lane) Wilson, Kristen Sims, and Mariah (Dalton) Wyble; and his great-grandchildren, Lane Daniel, Kylie Knowles, Lilly Benefield, and Layton Wilson.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, August 29, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. (Georgia Time) at Rainwater Funeral Home. Bro. Brian Smith and Bro. Brian Turner will officiate. Pallbearers will be Lane Wilson, Dalton Wyble, Derek Smith, Rocky Pollard, and Lane Daniel. Interment will follow at Union Hill Baptist Church

Cemetery.

Prior to the services on Friday, the family will receive friends from 12:00 till 2:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Union Hill Baptist Cemetery

13621 County Road 10
Ranburne, AL 36273

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 29. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Rainwater Funeral Home
317 North Carroll Street
Bowdon, GA 30108
(770) 258-7239
info@rainwaterfuneralhome.com
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Always enjoyed Mr. JD when he came into the pharmacy. He will be missed greatly! ❤️



Julie Williams - August 30, 2025 at 09:25 PM

MS

“ Mike&Jan Stitche lit a candle in memory of Mr. J.D. Smith Sr.



Mike&Jan Stitche - August 29, 2025 at 12:40 PM

MM

“ Martha Morrison lit a candle in memory of Mr. J.D. Smith Sr.



Martha Morrison - August 28, 2025 at 09:16 PM

JK

“ Jason And Andrea Knowles lit a candle in memory of Mr. J.D. Smith Sr.



Jason and Andrea Knowles - August 28, 2025 at 08:45 PM

FP

“ Frank Pritchett lit a candle in memory of Mr. J.D. Smith Sr.



Frank Pritchett - August 28, 2025 at 02:56 PM

HM

“ Howard & Debra Morris lit a candle in memory of Mr. J.D. Smith Sr.



Howard & Debra Morris - August 28, 2025 at 12:28 PM

PH

“ Paula Hall lit a candle in memory of Mr. J.D. Smith Sr.



Paula Hall - August 28, 2025 at 09:28 AM

BY

“ Condolences to the family, and especially Donald. JD was my little league coach and a good man.

bart young - August 27, 2025 at 05:00 PM

MP

“ *Mary Phelps lit a candle in memory of Mr. J.D. Smith Sr.*



Mary Phelps - August 27, 2025 at 04:40 PM

MP

I always enjoyed him coming to my house during football games and when it was time for the highway 46 yard sale. You will be missed. Your cousin, Mary Nan Phelps

Mary Phelps - August 27, 2025 at 04:48 PM

WG

Wallace Gay classmate at Ranburne High School. Lost contact with JD after high school.

Wallace Gay - August 29, 2025 at 02:24 PM