



Roger Dale Smith

June 14, 1951 - March 1, 2026

Roger Dale Smith began his life on June 14, 1951. He went to be with his Lord and Savior on March 1, 2026, at the age of 74. He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Sherry Smith, his daughter Brandy Boyd (Chris) and his son Nicholas Smith (Mindy). He was blessed with 4 grandchildren; Jonas Smith, Collin Boyd (Miranda), Alyssa Thompson (Seth), Brennan Boyd, and 2 great-grandchildren; Henry Thompson and a great-granddaughter on the way. Additionally, he leaves behind 2 sisters; Rhonda Keister (Will) and Billie Jean Sturgill (Ronnie), a brother Cleve Adkins (Paula), and many nieces, nephews and loving family and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, Ada Belle Smitherman and Jake and Margaret Smith and his brothers, Steve and Mark Phelps. Roger loved God and he loved his family with all his heart. He always put others' needs above his own and he selflessly gave of himself every day. He was a soft and gentle man, whose quiet strength and deep faith in the Lord shaped the lives of everyone who knew him. A devoted Christian, he lived out his beliefs, not just in words, but in actions, always ready to help anyone in need. He found joy in simple pleasures, especially watching the birds and spending some time outdoors. He had a special gift with children; they were naturally drawn to his kindness and patience. His presence and warm heart made others feel safe and loved. Roger worked as a coal miner until 1980 when he was injured in the mines. He served faithfully at Hepzibah Baptist Church as a deacon, Sunday School teacher, church van driver, and in many other capacities. He always took the initiative if something needed fixing

or tending to. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered for his gentleness, generosity, and steadfast faith. His family is rejoicing in the fact that he has now received his complete healing, and they would like to express their deep appreciation to everyone who has supported and prayed for them during this time.

Visitation will be held at Hepzibah Baptist Church in McCalla on March 5th, 2026 at 11am - 12:30 pm, with the service following.

In lieu of flowers, a contribution may be made to Hepzibah Baptist Church Building Fund.

Previous Events

A Time of Remembrance for Friends and Family

MAR 5. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Hepzibah Baptist Church
20512 Hephzibah Church Rd
Mc Calla, AL 35111-1551
(205) 477-4988

A Celebration of Life

MAR 5. 12:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Roger Dale Smith.*



March 04 at 09:49 AM



“ *Peggy Patrick-Kruse lit a candle in memory of Roger Dale Smith*



Peggy Patrick-Kruse - March 04 at 09:40 AM



I remember Roger from many years ago when he lived in Michigan. We are related through marriage through my sister's husband George Chapman. I think this is extraordinary sad. My deepest condolences to the family. Sending special love to Rhonda who we all love and care deeply about. Roger was a wonderful person. God speed.

Peggy Patrick-Kruse - March 04 at 09:48 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roger Dale Smith.*



March 03 at 06:54 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Roger Dale Smith.

March 03 at 06:54 PM



“ Roger was a dear friend of mine for 55 years and looking back, my most standout memory of him is humorous, which happened, {If my memory serves me correctly}, in 1972 and Roger had bought a first year edition of Harley-Davidson's famous 'Super-Glide', and he had taken me for a ride on it to 'Johns', and we were on the way back on the cut-over road to 'Old Blue Creek Road', and any of you who are familiar with that road knows there is a sudden 90 degree turn in it, and were 'hauling @' going down that hill, and Roger forgot the sharp turn, and ran off the main road down the little dirt side road and then we went flying and punched a big hole in the bushes, but Roger didn't lose control and we didn't crash, but we were unable to get the Harley out by ourselves, and we had to catch a ride back to his cousin Kenny Bresler to get him to help us pull the the Harley out with his 1964 Ford Mustang! I chuckle every time I think about us punching the hole in the bushes and me yelling OH JESUS! Good times, Great friend! RIP & Ride on the Clouds of Heaven ole friend!

Johnny-Michael Vice - March 03 at 06:21 PM



“ Roger was a great friend who I had the honor of serving with as a deacon a few years ago..He was genuine, you never had to guess what he thought. I always enjoyed my time with him. My prayers for the family. He will be missed by many. RIP my friend!!!!

Alan Acker - March 03 at 04:03 PM

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“ *Morris and I were honored to have known Roger and call him our friend. We loved him very much and enjoyed talking with him before church. He was always quick with a joke or some words of wisdom. We'll miss him very much. Our prayers are going up for Sherry and the rest of his family.*

Sandy Parker - March 03 at 03:14 PM

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“ *Heath and Becky Townsend planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roger Dale Smith.*

Heath and Becky Townsend - March 03 at 02:13 PM

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“ *Heath and Becky Townsend purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Roger Dale Smith.*



Heath and Becky Townsend - March 03 at 02:13 PM

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“ I’ve been around Roger in so many capacities either in his home, at family events, worship, men’s breakfast, tending to the grounds, prep for vbs, bussing kids, cutting grass at the cemetery (the churches and the hidden ones lol) and serving widows. Roger was always there. Constant. Faithful. Immovable. Steadfast. Enduring. Through all of the churches ups and downs. In all of the seasons of plenty and wanting. I saw a content, humble, selfless servant. He lived and loved the scripture. He loved mankind. He was active through the pain. He was a model for anyone that would watch him. Sound familiar?

I am thankful to have known him and be influenced by him and the way he lived his life. I am also so thankful for his legacy that will live on through my son and grandchildren.

He personified Psalm 1:1. A wise man who didn’t associate himself with darkness. He lived 1 Cor.16:13 as he stood firm in faith and acted always out of love. And finally he embodied James 1:12 as he faithfully endured until the very end of his time here on earth. No doubt he has received his crown of life.

As we anticipate the celebration of his home going, we stand with this family in prayer. Rogers time here is done, but his work will continue. We loved him so and we love you Sherry and all of the family.

*In Him,
The Thompson’s*

Travis Thompson - March 03 at 01:36 PM

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My deepest condolences to the family.

Ed Currier - March 04 at 12:02 PM