



Billy Smith

December 13, 1954 - August 17, 2022

Mr. William “Billy” Xavier Smith, III, passed away on Wednesday, August 17, 2022. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 2 PM on Monday, September 26, 2022 in the Chapel of Williams Funeral Home. The family will receive friends immediately following the service.

Mr. Smith was a native of Savannah, and had moved to Sparta in 2017 from Cocoa Beach, FL. He was the son of the late William Xavier Smith, Jr. and the late Mary Ann Govreau Smith and preceded in death by a brother, Bart Louis Smith. He was a retired Air Traffic Controller of 25 years and a veteran of the United States Navy. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation.

He is survived by brothers, Timothy Govreau Smith (Cynthia) and their daughter, Jennifer Lee Joiner (Danny) and her son, Finley Mars Joiner; and son, Brian Matthew Smith; Allen Smith, and Andrew James Smith (Mary); cousins, Teresa Chambers (Steve), Butch Wilkinson (Debbie), Stephanie Hildebrand, Randy Wilkinson (Teresa); aunt, Janet Wilkinson; aunt and uncle, Rita and Joe Culvern, aunt, Catherine Smith; cousins, Walter and Kimberly Smith and their daughter, Elizabeth; Patrick Smith and Joseph Hinely; Kenny Smith, Michele and Vincent Powers and their daughter, Catie, Martin and Mary Smith and their sons, Daniel, William and Broker, Lisa and Colin Wallace and their daughter, Shannon and son, Michael; Ellen Proper Brown and David Brown and their son, Mitchell, their daughter, Leacy (Craig) Shaffer and

grandchildren, Ellie and Gracie Shaffer, aunt and uncle, Leon E. and Marian Leacy Smith Proper; cousin, Leon E. and Marian Lee Proper, Jr. and their daughter Lee Proper; cousin, Stephen and Lisa Proper and their son, Stephen Proper and their daughter, Gabrielle Proper; Cousin, Anne Desprez and their son in heaven, Brandon Young, their son, Robert Hughes (Patty), their grandson, Kody Hughes, Aaron Hughes, their daughter, Kristan Smith (Evan) and their grandsons, Jackson and Jameson Parker; cousin, Kathleen Hadley and her son, Brian Carellas, son, Alex Carellas, daughter, Bridget Vickery (Joshua) and their grandson, Dylan Vickery, their granddaughter, Leacy Hudson Braddy (Tyler), and their great granddaughter, River Braddy; cousin, Robert and Roxanne Pierce, and their daughters, Riley Pierce, Rhiannon Pierce, Regan Pierce, Rachel Mole (Jordy) and their granddaughters, Elise and Emmy Mole; cousin, John Pierce and his son, Bailey Pierce, his daughter, Shelbie Pierce, and his daughter, Zoie Pierce; cousin, Theresa and David Pierce Oram (Cousin) with David Oram, and their son, Erik Orham, their daughter, Caitlin Oram, their grandson, Harrison Drane, and their granddaughter, Lucy Drane.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

SEP **26.** 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory created a Webcast will start approximately 10 minutes before the service in memory of Billy Smith



Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - September 26, 2022 at 01:46 PM

BE

“ Omg 😞 I just found out yesterday by a friend that this Wonderful Man ‘Billy’ passed away in August , May God Bless this Family’s Loss .. He will be Missed ! 🌸🌸🌸. Bella



Bella - May 20, 2023 at 09:41 PM

SW

“ Wow I am so sorry to hear of Bill's passing!! He would come to the Ebb-Tide after his work day/evening and help me close the bar. Bill you will be missed!! God speed!!

stacey wells - September 22, 2022 at 12:09 PM

GF

“ I worked as a air traffic controller with Billy during his 25 years at BWI airport. After he retired he moved to Florida. I visited him nine to ten times at his condo on the beach in Cocoa beach. We fished the local places including the Indian and Banana rivers, Mosquito lagoon, the Sebastian inlet and the ocean when the wind was calm. We went on five 4-5 day fishing trips to Fort Pierce, Goodland near the Everglades and pine island on the west coast of Florida. I was with Billy when he caught his first snook, permit and The 150 pound Tarpon that he fault for two hours. On one visit to Cocoa Beach, I talked him into buying his white Chevy truck. I visited him in Georgia not long after he bought his house on the lake. We talked and laughed about our days at the airport and our fishing excursions. The picture titled Caption Billy that someone posted I took on one of our trips. Billy was one of the good guys and a great friend. I Will miss his laugh and the Facebook postings of what he fixed for dinner. Rest in peace GOOD BUDDY!

Gerald Fink - September 21, 2022 at 04:48 PM

AS

“ Rita and Janet: I am so sorry for your loss. Praying for your comfort.

Angela Sims Spillers - September 21, 2022 at 08:01 AM

BS

“ My Dad, Bill Perry and Bill worked together as Air traffic controllers and fished together for many years during their retirement. He saw me grow up. He will be missed. Rest in Peace Mr. Bill. God speed. Until we meet again.

Beth Garcia Svopa - September 20, 2022 at 03:19 PM

DG

“ I worked with Bill at BWI airport and lived in Bowie where he used to live. He was a great guy and boy could he eat. I remember those big cheesesteaks we used to get at work. Half was a lot but he'd eat the whole thing no problem. I will miss following your food adventures and seeing your love for Magnum on fb. Rest in peace Billy.

Diane Griest - September 19, 2022 at 10:46 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album Billy Smith



Clyde Roberson - September 02, 2022 at 12:52 PM

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Clyde Roberson - September 02, 2022 at 12:51 PM

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“ My friend since 6th grade, and roommate in our 20's -from your self appointed God Father of beloved companion Magnum (I gave him the idea for the name from an inside joke we shared in the late 70's) I am heartbroken for The Smith brother's and extended family and friend's loss. I was honored to know you all these years, rest easy knowing your furry son is with a loving couple close to me so I can check on him. If you hear a great guitar player in heaven, it's probably brother Bart. Thank you for your service to our country and for being a friend I could count on. Rest Easy.

Clyde Roberson - September 02, 2022 at 12:36 PM

FB

I've known Billy for a long time, since our 20's. We were friends for many years. He was a good man and I thank you for your service in the Navy and your years as an air traffic controller. I wish he didn't have to leave us so soon. Rest in peace Billy.

Fran Bilotta - September 26, 2022 at 02:52 PM

MJ

“ Mary And Jimmy Jordan lit a candle in memory of Billy Smith



Mary and Jimmy Jordan - August 30, 2022 at 04:19 PM

DW

“ Dale & Lynn Wolfe lit a candle in memory of Billy Smith



Dale & Lynn Wolfe - August 30, 2022 at 01:46 PM



“ *Casie Chambers lit a candle in memory of Billy Smith*



Casie Chambers - August 30, 2022 at 01:11 PM