



## George Wayne Smith

August 14, 1948 - May 14, 2024

George Wayne Smith, Sr., 75, of Gretna, VA, died Tuesday, May 14, 2024. "Wayne" Smith was born in Sandersville, GA, the son of the late G.W. Smith and Virginia Smith of Tennille, GA. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 37 years, Joyce Chafin Smith, by his daughter, Michelle Smith, and by his stepdaughter, Eva Hughes.

He is survived by his son, Wayne Smith, Jr. ; daughter, Christina Phillips ; stepson, Robbie Hughes ; sisters, Brenda Hayden and Janice Glover ; grandchildren, Jamie Hughes, Harley Smith, Destiney Baker, Priscilla Smith, Cailee Smith, William Phillips, and George Walter Phillips ; as well as many great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Wayne was a Vietnam War Veteran and retired as a Senior Chief Petty Officer from a career of serving his country in the U.S. Navy. His dedication to his country led him to travel the world and live in many different places. Wayne was a car collector and rode Harley Davidson motorcycles, enjoying the freedom of the open road. He enjoyed the simple pleasures of spending time with his family, whether it was fishing, driving his speed boat while pulling a tube behind it, sharing his glass of sweet tea while sitting in the backyard enjoying the sunshine, or hanging out in the garage listening to music and working on motorcycles. His dry sense of humor, sarcastic nature, and never-ending dad jokes will be fondly remembered. He was deeply loved and will be

dearly missed.

Nothing made Wayne happier than having his family gather in his presence and watching them enjoy each other's company. They will do just that and invite you to join them to celebrate his life, with full military honors, at Washington Memorial Gardens in Sandersville, GA on Friday, June 7, 2024 at 3:00pm.

Memorial donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Foundation, 1349 W Peachtree St, NE, Ste. 1800, Atlanta, GA 30309 ([www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org)).

Condolences may be expressed online at: [www.williamsfuneral.net](http://www.williamsfuneral.net)

Williams Funeral Home and Crematory of Milledgeville is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Washington Memorial Gardens

Highway 24 W.  
Sandersville, GA 31082  
(478) 452-2148  
staff@williamsfuneralhome.net  
<https://www.williamsfuneralhome.net>

# Previous Events

## Graveside Services

**JUN 7. 3:00 PM (ET)**

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# Tribute Wall

DB

“ *My condolences, thoughts and prayers for family and friends.* ”



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**Debbi Batchelor** - June 02, 2024 at 02:54 PM

JY

“ *Thank you for your service, Sir.* ”

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**judy jackson youngblood** - June 02, 2024 at 09:26 AM

JY

“ *Janice, and Family, I am so sorry to hear this. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers during the days ahead.* ”

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**judy jackson youngblood** - June 02, 2024 at 09:25 AM

LM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Friends at Johnnie McDade Grocery.* ”



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**Luther Minor** - June 02, 2024 at 07:43 AM

ME

“ You all are in my thoughts & prayers at this time.



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**Mary Edmonds** - June 01, 2024 at 01:49 PM

DJ

“ Durwood Johnson lit a candle in memory of George Smith



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**Durwood Johnson** - June 01, 2024 at 12:18 PM

SP

“ Sheela R Pounds lit a candle in memory of George Smith



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**Sheela R Pounds** - May 31, 2024 at 11:55 AM

EP

*I graduated with Wayne in 1966. I sorry for your loss.*

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**Elaine Fowler Prince** - June 01, 2024 at 08:14 PM

TS

“ *My condolences and respects to family and friends. I don't know any of you, and I mean no disrespect, but I always try and salute a shipmate at the finality of his watch.....fair winds and following seas, senior chief. We have the watch. Until Valhalla.....*



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**Tommy scott** - May 31, 2024 at 10:04 AM