



## Joseph L. Smith, Sr.

December 18, 1918 - February 4, 2009

Joseph Lee Smith, Sr., 90, of the 1900 block of Laigh Road, quietly slipped away into the arms of his Savior on Feb. 4th, 2009. "Trustee", as he was affectionately called, was born Dec. 18th, 1918, to the late James and Eldora Smith in Portsmouth, VA. He was a veteran of the United States Army, where he served in World War II. He retired from the Naval Ammunition Depot, St. Juliens Creek, Portsmouth, VA, after many years of service. He was a lifelong member of Third Baptist Church, where he served as chairman of the trustee ministry and also many other capacities within the church.

He was predeceased by his wife, Mamie R. Smith and daughter JoAnn S. Boone.

He leaves to cherish his memory two daughters, Zenobia S. Allen (Ronald) of Chesapeake and Dolores S. Hines (Alan) of Portsmouth; one son Joseph Lee Smith, Jr. of Portsmouth; one sister, Zenobia Elliott of Portsmouth; one brother, Edward Smith of Ettrick, VA; seven grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, friends and a devoted friend Ms. Frances Barrett.

A life celebration service will be held at Third Baptist Church, 461 Godwin Street, Portsmouth, VA. on Monday, Feb. 9th at 1 p.m. Viewing will be held on Sunday from 5-8 p.m. at J.T. Fisher Funeral Services, 1080 N. George Washington Hwy., Chesapeake. Interment will be at Roosevelt Memorial Park, Chesapeake. Condolences can be offered to the family at [www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com](http://www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com). The family will receive friends at the residence.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 8. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy  
Chesapeake, VA

## Service

FEB 9. 1:00 PM (ET)

Third Baptist Church  
461 Godwin Street  
Portsmouth, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph L. Smith, Sr.



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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - February 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



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“ To the Smith Family, Pray is the key for continual strenght! I will miss Trustee Smith. He was a great man with a large heart! I will always remember his smile, warm hug, his laugh and I still have my \$2 bills that he gave to me on my birthday and when my two sons were born. I will remember how he assisted me during my wedding and my mother's birthday! One could go on and on, but you already know that Trustee touched a lot of lives! Keeping you in our prays for continual strenght! Love to all of you!###imported-begin##Angela L. Gilliam Perry###imported-end##

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February 09, 2009 at 08:20 AM



“ TO THE SMITH FAMILY

*Sorry to hear about the passing of your Father. Be strong and hold on to GOD's unchanging hands. Your Father is in Heaven without fear or pain and He is with God, who is love and who will not let him go.*

*Always*

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“ To the Smith Family,

*I pray that God will give you the STRENGHT to hold on. I dare not say to stay strong and don't cry for Trustee Smith for he was truely a JEWEL. He was very GIVING of himself (time, talent, and resources). I shall always remember him and his words of encouragement and most of all his LOVE for all people. Stay blessed and go deeper in your word for strenght and comfort. Trustee you are gone but NEVER FORGOTTEN.##imported-begin##Lauretta Williams ( former member of 3rd Baptist and the Chorus)##imported-end##*

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“ To my second family. May God keep you in his grasp and shelter you from pain. Love you all.##imported-begin##Anthony Clark##imported-end##

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February 07, 2009 at 10:08 AM