



## William P. Smith, Sr.

June 9, 1954 - August 1, 2025

William P. Smith Sr., aka “Smitty” of the 3400 block of Woodstock Street in Portsmouth, VA completed his remarkable journey on earth and began his heavenly rest on Friday, August 1, 2025. Smitty was born the third of six children on June 9, 1954, to the proud parents of the late Mr. Arnold Watler Smith and Mrs. Ella Louise Smith in Norfolk, VA, full of life and dreams to achieve something great, and he did just that.

Educated in Portsmouth public schools, upon graduation, he would enter into the military serving in the Army in 1973. There, he met the love of his life and partner, Priscilla Smith, and the two married a year later. Together, they served their country and built a life of adventure, calling places like Belgium and California home before planting their roots in Portsmouth, VA. He loved family, friends, truck driving, fishing, and that back porch. His infectious smile and calm spirit could bring peace to anyone. He had a gift for making people feel at home, no matter where they were.

William and Priscilla were blessed to welcome their first child, William “Billy” Smith Jr, in 1974 and their second Cora L. Smith, in 1979. They were his greatest achievements yet and the pride of his life. Through all seasons of their journey, Smitty maintained his calm spirit, strength, and unwavering love that carried his family through the toughest of times. He was a great husband, present father, and amazing grandfather to his four grandchildren, who

brought him immeasurable joy.

In 1978, Smitty would join Western Express as a Tractor Trailer driver and then at BFI as a Front End driver before retiring after 35 years from Bay Disposal as a Front End driver. He would spend his golden years doing all the things he loved most, spending time with his family and sitting on his back porch, shooting the breeze.

To know him was to love him. His life was one of service and quiet strength to his country and his community. He valued family and the relationships he made along his journey. His legacy will live on in the laughter he sparked, the calm he shared, and the love he gave so freely.

William was predeceased by his parents, Arnold and Ella Smith; son, William "Billy" Smith Jr.; sister, Gloria "Lady" Smith; brother, Arnold "Zip" Smith; and brother, Leonard Smith. He leaves to cherish his memories: his devoted wife, Priscilla Smith; only daughter, Cora L. Smith; brother, Bernard Smith, (Alicia), sister, Dorothy "Dot" Monague; grandchildren, Caleb Adams, NaQuan Palmer, William Smith III, and Elyjah Smith; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Albert G Horton Jr. Veterans Memorial Cemetery

5310 Milner's Road  
Suffolk, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 11. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.  
Chesapeake, VA 23323  
(757) 487-3700  
info@jtfisherfuneralservices.com  
<https://www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com>

## Service

AUG 12. 1:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



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



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - August 12, 2025 at 11:36 AM

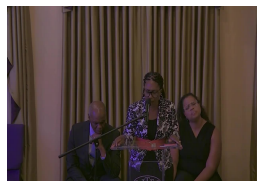
BH

*Rest in Peace! This family is related to my family on my dad's side but I didn't really get a chance to know them. I do remember Lady from school. I*

Bridget Hughes Harris - August 12, 2025 at 08:48 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Life Celebration of William P. Smith



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - August 14, 2025 at 12:23 PM

TF

“ The Harrison family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of William P. Smith, Sr..



The Harrison family - August 11, 2025 at 12:16 PM

MM

“ Thank you Uncle William for being such a great influence in me and my boys lives. I will remember the laughs, talks, grilling sessions, driving lessons and most importantly the love you shared. You will be greatly missed. Love Always Michelle (Red)

Michelle Moore - August 11, 2025 at 07:48 AM

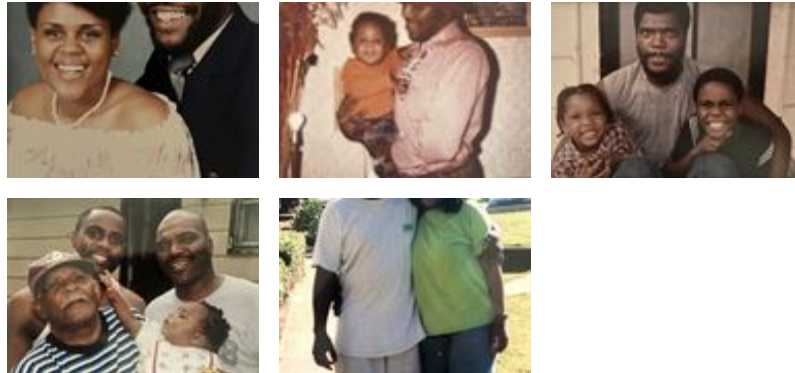
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“ With Heartfelt Sympathy to the Smith family. Remember to “Continue To Hold On To God’s Unchanging Hand” 🙏🙏🙏

Larry Riddick - August 10, 2025 at 07:58 AM



“ 27 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - August 09, 2025 at 01:10 PM

KD

“ Work with Smitty for 35 years he was my mentor. RIP A great friend....

Kenny D. - August 08, 2025 at 06:10 AM

TO

“ Family.. there are no words that can take away the painful pain at this moment. Remember the words of our Grandmothers ( Tiny Amos & Louise Smith) they would say.. Lean on to Gods Unchanging Hand...🙏 Uncle William will be miss. Your family, Tony, Nay- Pole, Tonya & “Amos Family “

Tony - August 08, 2025 at 05:36 AM

DF

“ Daryll, Lynn, Veda and the Crump Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William P. Smith, Sr..



Daryll, Lynn, Veda and the Crump Family - August 06, 2025 at 01:28 PM

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“ Daryll, Lynn, Veda and the Crump Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William P. Smith, Sr..

Daryll, Lynn, Veda and the Crump Family - August 06, 2025 at 01:28 PM

DB

“ Thinking of William and the Smith Family as a whole I immediately think of laughter, old school fun days of slick mischief, Maplewood Park a Community that taught us to always hope and care, and William a man with a fiery yet kind disposition. Authenticity at its best. Friendship is indeed the best ship to sail into our lives.

Darlene Breckenridge - August 06, 2025 at 09:54 AM

MG

*To the Smith family, we send our love and prayers, remembering the friendship and laughter and support we grew up with Maplewood Park, the wonderful families. Im grateful to have known him, strong and kind May God continue to bless you and strengthen you all.*  
*The Burks Family*

Michelle Glasper - August 07, 2025 at 09:22 PM

MW

*The Bynum family send their prayers and love 💕 to the Smith family. We are with you in this most difficult time. bless out.*

Matthew w.bynum - August 09, 2025 at 11:51 AM

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“ Love always DeMocha Smith-Benjamin (MIA) purchased the Circle of Love Tear Bottle with Mini Dome for the family of William P. Smith, Sr..



Love always DeMocha Smith-Benjamin (MIA) - August 05, 2025 at 02:47 PM

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“ Love always DeMocha Smith-Benjamin (MIA) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William P. Smith, Sr..

Love always DeMocha Smith-Benjamin (MIA) - August 05, 2025 at 02:47 PM