



James Earl Smith

November 6, 1942 - December 10, 2014

James Earl Smith, 72, of Philippi, formerly of Charleston, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, December 10, 2014, in Charleston, after a long illness.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Randall Malcolm and Fern Virginia "Peach" Smith.

He is survived by his loving wife Carol Jo Brown Smith of Philippi; daughter Jeannie Bess and her husband David of St. Albans; Son Gregg Smith and his wife Anita of Charleston; Brother Randall Smith and his wife Agnes of Charleston; Grandchildren Justin Smith of Charleston, Josh Bess of Houston, PA, Christina Smith of South Charleston, and Amanda Smith of Charleston; and Great-grandchildren Easton Bess and Ellie Smith.

He graduated from Charleston High School in 1960. He had a 20+ year-career in radio and TV broadcasting which began at WKNA radio in Charleston. Other stations where he was employed included WJLS radio in Beckley; WHIS TV in Bluefield; WBRG radio in Bowling Green, Ohio; WCAW radio in Charleston; WKSJ radio in Mobile, AL; and WTIP radio in Charleston. His broadcasting career ended in the 1980s, when he began his career as an electronics technician. He was employed by Appalachian Electronics in Charleston and Hibbs Radio Communications in Philippi, where he retired

after 22 years of service. During the 1970s and 80s, he was an active Amateur Radio operator with call sign WD8BLE. He was Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Barbour County Emergency Squad.

The funeral service will be at 12:00pm, Saturday, December 13 at Chapman Funeral Home, 409 Sixth Avenue, St. Albans, with Rev. David Moutz and Rev. David Bess officiating. Burial will follow at Tyler Mountain Memory Gardens in Cross Lanes.

The family will receive friends before the service, from 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations to Hubbard Hospice House in Charleston 1001 Kennawa Drive Charleston WV25311, or the Barbour County Emergency Squad US Route 250 Philippi WV 26416.

Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 409 Sixth Avenue, St. Albans is honored to serve the Smith family.

Cemetery Details

Tyler Mountain Memory Gardens

5233 Rocky Fork Road
Cross Lanes, WV 25313

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 13. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home
409 Sixth Avenue
St. Albans, WV 25177
(304) 727-4325
info@chapmanfuneralhomes.com
<http://www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com>

Funeral Service

DEC 13. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *James Earl Smith*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *Dear Carol Jo and Family, So sorry to hear about the loss of your dear husband and best friend. So glad you shared 21 wonderful years together. Treasure all of the tender memories you shared as a family and they will sustain all of you. Heaven must be a beautiful place, for it has so many special people up above. Jim will always be your "Guardian Angel", sitting on your shoulder, watching everything you are doing, but when you are doing something you don't want him to see, He'll close his eyes, because that is how much he loved all of you. He was a very dedicated husband, father and friend and caring gentleman who had a great sense of humor and touched so many lives, including Ours. He will always be remembered. God Bless, Love and Prayers, Linda and Art Signore, Cathy and Larry Crawford and Families.*

Linda and Art Signore - December 13, 2014 at 01:54 AM



“ *I am so sorry for the loss of my dad's brother, and my uncle, Jimmy. You will be greatly missed. May you rest in peace and comfort now and forever.*
Love, Kelly



Kelly - December 11, 2014 at 12:50 PM

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“ Carol Jo Smith & Family:

On behalf of the entire staff of the Barbour County Emergency Squad Inc.; please accept our sincere condolences to you and your family. We were honored to have Jim on our Board of Directors for the past 22 years. He was a true asset to our agency and always had the best interest of our squad at heart. Jim was elected to our Board in December of 1992 and his first meeting was in January of 1993. He was a huge hit as our "bingo caller" for almost 12 years. He helped make our agency what it is today and his shoes will be impossible to fill. Thank you Jim for your 22 years of faithful service to the Barbour County Emergency Squad Inc. and may you rest in peace.

*Barbour County Emergency Squad Inc.
Philippi, West Virginia*

Barbour Co. EMS - December 11, 2014 at 11:01 AM



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“ Carol Jo & Family:

We are so sorry to hear about Jim's passing. He was a fine man with good family values and had strong compassion in caring for his family and friends. It was an honor to have known him and we were blessed to share so many laughs together. Our loss is heaven's gain and may it bring you and your family some comfort knowing that God will take care of him now and that his pain is forever gone. You and your family will remain in our daily prayers.

Rob & Kris Jones & Boys

Rob Jones - December 11, 2014 at 10:40 AM

