



Ronald E. "Mickey" Smith

April 6, 1936 - March 28, 2026

Ronald "Mickey" Smith of Hurricane, West Virginia, passed away on March 28, 2026 at the age of 89 after bravely fighting a short illness.

Ron, "Mickey" as he was known affectionately to many of his friends and family, was born on April 6, 1936 to the late Marion and Gladys Smith of Belle, West Virginia. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers: Marion Leslie and Richard Smith.

Ron graduated from DuPont High School in 1954 where he participated in basketball and student government. He then went on to study at David Lipscomb University and graduated from Vanderbilt University with a degree in Chemical Engineering.

Upon graduation, Ron worked in the chemical industry for various companies before returning to Belle and working for DuPont until his retirement.

In the fall of 1966 Ron's life was forever changed when he met the love of his life, Midge Carolyn Williams, at a drive-in restaurant. After that first meeting, Midge told her friend who was with her, "I'm going to marry him!" and in the summer of 1967 she did. The two went on to have 58 loving and devoted years together raising their family.

Equal to his devotion to his family, Ron had a devotion and love for God and the church. He was a life-long member of the Church of Christ serving as a deacon, teacher, treasurer, and song leader in the churches he attended and was a stalwart supporter of various Christian causes and charities. Ron lived the Christian life well. Anyone who knew him or met him would always say that he was the kindest, sweetest, humblest, most giving man they have ever met. It was said of him by many, "You never saw him without a smile."

Ron, like his father, always tried to stay busy. He loved being outside working in the yard keeping it as immaculate as he could. He loved going to the beach and walking along the shore, and loved following West Virginia University sports (football especially) and his Vanderbilt Commodores.

He is survived by his loving wife, Midge Smith; children: Ronald Smith II and Tracy Barton; grandchildren: Tyler (Francesca), Peyton (Shanda), and Joshua Barton; great-grandson; Giovanni Barton; brother, Allen Smith; sisters-in-law: Patricia Smith and Diana Wilson; as well as many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Funeral Service for Ron will be 1:00 pm Friday April 3, 2026 at Chapman Funeral Home Hurricane, WV with Brian Yost officiating. Entombment will follow in Tyler Mountain Memory Gardens Cross Lanes, WV.

Friends may visit with the family two hours prior to the service.

Anyone wishing to leave a memory may do so by visiting Ron's tribute page located at www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com.

Chapman Funeral Home 3941 Teays Valley Road Hurricane, WV 25526 is honored to serve the Smith family.

Cemetery Details

Tyler Mountain Memory Gardens

5233 Rocky Fork Road
Cross Lanes, WV 25313

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 3. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Chapman Funeral Home
3941 Teays Valley Road
Hurricane, WV 25526

Funeral Service

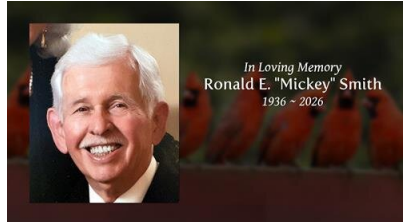
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Tribute Wall



“ Chapman Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ronald E. "Mickey" Smith



Chapman Funeral Homes - April 10 at 10:57 AM

RG

Many great memories of "Mickey" from our childhood days in Belle. Deepest sympathy to the family.

Richard Gregg - April 13 at 04:42 PM

RH

“ I remember Ron as a warm caring man of tremendous and varied abilities coupled with humility. My condolences to Midge and the family. I lost my beloved Sandra in 2020. All my love. Richard M. Jones Jr.

Richard M. Jones Hr. - April 03 at 01:53 PM

GB

“ Greg and Michele Barton purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Ronald E. "Mickey" Smith.



Greg and Michele Barton - April 03 at 05:48 AM



“ I worked with Ron when we worked for Dupont at the Belle plant in the early 80's. We were in the Environmental group when the powerhouse burned coal. His office was in clear sight of the powerhouse smoke stacks and he would watch to see that the smoke was clear. Many times the smoke turned black and Ron would call the control room to see what was going on. He was very respected and people actual listened and acted when he identified an environmental issue. He was always calm very likable to everyone. Being 19 years older than me I looked at him as a father figure. I have a picture somewhere of us when we were on a Dupont "retreat' at pipestem fishing on the greenbrier river. Those were very good times looking back and today you don't have times like that or people like Ron was.

Steve Hallock - April 02 at 07:05 PM

CS

I like far away. And the last time I saw my Aunt Connie, Mick and Midge came to dinner with us at the house. Aunt Connie loved them so much.

I have this cassette of The Harmony Four, if someone in the family wants it.

Contact me at conniesingleton12@hotmail.com, and I'll mail it.

Connie Jordan Singleton - April 09 at 03:54 PM

JT

“ Jackie, Joanne, Aga, and the QHSE team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald E. "Mickey" Smith.

Jackie, Joanne, Aga, and the QHSE team - April 01 at 02:43 PM

JT

“ Jackie, Joanne, Aga, and the QHSE team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ronald E. "Mickey" Smith.



Jackie, Joanne, Aga, and the QHSE team - April 01 at 02:43 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Ronald E. "Mickey" Smith.



April 01 at 11:16 AM



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PF

“ Pat & Kim Harris and Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Ronald E. "Mickey" Smith.



Pat & Kim Harris and Family - March 31 at 11:37 PM

BW

“ *Sincere condolences. He truly was one of the nicest people on earth. I'm so sorry for your loss.* ”

Bev Wheatcraft - March 30 at 06:11 PM