



Rodney C. Smith Sr.

August 27, 1956 - November 25, 2022

Rodney C. Smith Sr. was born to Ralph Smith and Nevona on August 27, 1956 in Knoxville, TN and was called home on November 25, 2022. Affectionately nicknamed Grasshopper, he went on to graduate from Austin East High School in Knoxville on August 5, 1975. After graduating high school, Rodney went on to serve in the United States Army beginning December 1, 1975 and was honorably discharged on September 8, 1987. Living most of his adult life in the D.C., Maryland, Virginia area he then went on to graduate from Strayer University with a B.S. in Medical Health Administration on June 15, 2015. Rodney worked in the insurance industry for 20 years before accepting a position as patient advocate of a military medical facility. Afterwards, he worked as a team step with the education and training at Joint Base Andrews before retiring on October 31, 2022.

While in service to his country Rodney Smith fathered two sons, Rodney Smith Jr and Richard Smith, in addition to being step-father to Preston Davis and Timothy Hall. In 1986 he found Mary J. Smith, his wife, in whom he was to spend the rest of his life. Later the two would be married on January 3, 2007. Rodney was preceded in death by his father Ralph Smith, mother Nevona Modica, his grandmother Rebecca Smith, uncle John Smith, and sister Christine Cousar. He is survived by his wife Mary J. Smith, his two sons Rodney Smith and Richard Smith, a brother Robby Smith, aunt Gail and sister Anne, step-sons Preston Davis and Timothy Hall, grandchildren Rotayvia Smith and Richard Smith, as well as a whole host of in-laws, nieces,

nephews, cousins, great grandchildren, to numerous to mention.

Our father will be remembered as a loving brother, husband, father and friend.

Who at a moment's notice, would not hesitate to hit the highway with his wife and dog Rocky, for his family and friends. We thank him for his love, and every life lesson that he imprinted on us. He will be deeply missed but he will always live through us all.

Memorial service 1:00 pm Saturday, January 7, 2022, at Fielden Funeral Home. Inurnment to immediately follow in Young's Memorial AME Zion Church Cemetery. Arrangements by Fielden Funeral Home in New Market.

Cemetery Details

Young's Memorial Cemetery

1083 W. A.J. Hwy.
New Market, TN 37820

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

Fielden Funeral Home Inc.
910 Churchview St
New Market, TN 37820
(865) 475-3468
<https://www.fieldenfuneralhome.com>

Inurnment

JAN 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *The 316th E&T Office Andrews AFB purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rodney C. Smith Sr..*



The 316th E&T Office Andrews AFB - January 06, 2023 at 10:04 AM

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“ *Mr. smith left the biggest impact on me. He was always so kind, yet stern. I always told him that he reminded me of my dad. My dad passed in 2014. He would call me and say, Cynthia, I'm out of the hospital. Or Cynthia, that email you sent didn't make sense. I would always laugh so hard. He loved to eat his pork chop sandwiches and didn't like for anyone to disrupt his meals. When people would call him and ask him questions about things at work, he'd say "Leave that page up, I'm coming over". He taught us and showed us so much in Education and Training. There wasn't a spreadsheet/task that he couldn't master. He was a great asset to OUR team. Thanks to the family for sharing him with us.*

Cynthia Robinson - January 04, 2023 at 11:06 AM

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“ *My father loved to watch movies. As far back as I can remember he's always had a collection of movies, be it VHS disc or on his laptop. I remember the first time I learned or the first time he tried to teach me how to drive was actually after coming from a movie theater and I believe the movie he took me and Richard to watch was Jurassic Park. We were in a big gravel parking lot around the corner from Union station and all I can remember him telling me was damn it Rodney you only drive with one foot not two. My dad was awesome!*

Rodney Smith - December 15, 2022 at 09:45 PM