



Mr. Estel Howell Smith Jr.

May 27, 1942 - October 8, 2020

Mr. Estel "E.J." Smith, Jr., age 78, of Shelbyville, passed away Thursday, October 8, 2020.

Funeral services, with full military honors, will be at 4:00 P.M. Sunday, October 11, 2020 at the funeral home. Reverends Jack Carney, Glenn Forsee, and Bud Cook will officiate.

The family will receive visitors from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Per the family's request, we ask that all visitors please wear a mask.

He was born May 27, 1942, in Springfield, Ohio, to the late Beulah Amanda Robinson Prosser. He was a retired teacher from the Bedford County school system with forty years of services. He began his teaching career at Bell Buckle, then going to Liberty School, and ending at Shelbyville Central High. He was a faithful member of Mt. Lebanon Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Judy Elmore Smith, of Shelbyville; a son, Heath Smith, and his wife Katie, of Shelbyville; daughter, Jacey Walker, and her husband Travis, of Murfreesboro; a brother, Carl Robinson, and his wife Janice, of Rowlett, Texas; two grandchildren, Scout Walker and Case Walker.

A special thank you to Tiffany, Lisa, and Lauren with Compassus Hospice.

Mr. Smith would be honored with memorials to St. Jude, Wounded Warrior, or American Red Cross.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 11. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel
2022 North Main St.
Shelbyville, TN 37160
(931) 684-8356
feldhausgowensmith@gmail.com
<http://feldhausgowensmith.com/>

Service

OCT 11. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *RIP Mr. Smith. Thank you for your dedication to the kids all your years.*

Matthew Trussell - December 15, 2020 at 02:48 PM

JR

“ *Mr. Smith taught science at Cascade when Wartrace and Bell Buckle first combined as Cascade. He had a genuine love of science. He always encouraged his students to excel, achieve, and seek further education. Estel Smith was a gentleman and a scholar. And his example as an honest and fair man will forever be a legacy above reproach. R.I.P.*

James Rippy - October 11, 2020 at 08:45 PM

LW

“ *Lee and I share two precious souls, with Jay and Judy, our grandchildren, Scout and Case. We have been honored by our son, Travis, marrying into the Smith family. They have embraced the Walkers, as family, from the beginning of Jacey and Travis's Union. We, along with Judy, will continue to love and cherish our grandchildren. We will nurture them in the Lord and support them while we live on this earth. They will greatly miss their "Gramps", as we all will. Well done, good and faithful servant. We will see you in glory.*

Lee and Sherri Walker - October 11, 2020 at 01:41 PM

KS

“ I have many happy memories of Mr. Smith. He helped me to love science. He has a great sense of humor. I think this was him, but if we had a high score in the class, he would let us set in the back. The ones that needed to pay attention more sat in the front. I never sat in the back, but I loved him anyway. He has left a great legacy of a life well lived. I have been blessed because he lived. I wish I could be there, but my mother-in-law is currently in hospice. My heart goes out to your family.

Sincerely,
Kimberly Cotham Smith

Kimberly Smith - October 10, 2020 at 08:16 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Estel Howell Smith Jr..



October 10, 2020 at 11:58 AM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Mr. Estel Howell Smith Jr..



October 10, 2020 at 11:23 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Estel Howell Smith Jr..*



October 10, 2020 at 10:47 AM



“ *Tonya Morris purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mr. Estel Howell Smith Jr..*



Tonya Morris - October 10, 2020 at 08:27 AM



“ *Mr. Smith was my Science teacher from 6-10 grade and was by far my favorite teacher, I ever had. He made Science fun. I learned so much from him. I will never forget his famous words before every test In his class, "Take your time, everything will be fine, if you don't it won't. Anything you can't read, or don't understand, ask me. Anything you don't know, pray!" I will never forget him! Prayers are being sent up for his family! So sorry, for your loss!*
Sherie Hunter Lackey



Sherie Lackey - October 09, 2020 at 10:16 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Estel Howell Smith Jr..*



October 09, 2020 at 10:00 PM

CR

“*My brother passed away yesterday. He left this life of pain and suffering for a better life beyond. We were separated by miles but our hearts were always close.*

I will always cherish the time we were able to spend together. Judy would always say "come while the Bell Buckle festival is going on". Judy and Janice would go to the festival and J. and I would spend the day roaming the back roads near Shelbyville and Tullahoma seeing the sights and enjoying each other's company. He would take me to places I didn't know about and had never been.

There were the trips to east Tennessee during fall foliage. We would go to Townsend, Gatlinburg, and Pigeon Forge. We always had a great time with J. and Judy on those trips.

J.'s true calling was to be a teacher. He loved being able to help young people. He said his rewards were to look out over a class and know that he could help those children. When we were out many times he would see former students and they would always have kind words to say about him. After talking to them he would always look at me with that look of satisfaction, knowing there was someone he had helped along the way.

There were the domino games he hated to lose. We would play to see if the championship stayed in Tennessee or if I took it to Texas. I'm not sure how many times we each won, but those were fun times.

*My brother has gone from this earth, but through Jesus Christ I know I will see him again.
I love you brother.*

Carl

Carl Robinson - October 09, 2020 at 08:42 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Estel Howell Smith Jr..*



October 09, 2020 at 06:19 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Estel Howell Smith Jr..*



October 09, 2020 at 03:57 PM



“ *E.J. as I knew him all through school was a great friend and I'll miss him! Prayers to all the family members during this time!*



Donna King - October 09, 2020 at 03:16 PM



“ *Heath and Family, TriStar StoneCrest Laboratory sends their thoughts and prayers to you and your family .*

Marvin Wagster - October 09, 2020 at 02:47 PM

BD

“ *Judy, Jacey and Heath ... We send our heartfelt sympathy to each of you. You are in our prayers. May God comfort each of you and bless you with the memories you hold dear. Bonnie Haston Delk, Amy, Michael and Andy*

Bonnie Delk - October 09, 2020 at 02:34 PM