



Mr. James Gardner Smith Jr.

April 16, 1929 - April 14, 2015

Mr. James Gardner Smith, Jr., age 85, of Shelbyville, passed away Tuesday, April 14, 2015, at Alvin C. York Veteran Hospital in Murfreesboro.

Funeral services will be 1 PM Saturday, April 18, 2015, at Mullins Chapel AME church. Pastor Sonja Brown DeLoatch will officiate. Burial, with full military honors, will follow in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive visitors on hour prior to service.

Mr. James Gardner Smith, Jr. was born one of seven children to Mr. James Gardner Smith, Sr. and Mrs. Annie Mai Terry Smith. His love was masonry, fishing, and gardening. He was active in church until his health failed. He owned his own construction company for 45 + years. He had a big heart. He served in the Korean War receiving a Purple Heart and Bronze Star Medal. He is preceded in death by his parents, one daughter, sisters, and brothers. He leaves to mourn his passing, a very devoted wife of 53 years, Alice Ann Smith; one son-in-law, one granddaughter, three great-grandchildren, a devoted and loving brother-in-law, George (Rachel) Johnson; sister-in-laws, Mildred Thompson, Edith (Bobby) Young, Marie McClean, all of Shelbyville, and Mary (Houston) Overton, of Murfreesboro. A devoted friend, Willie Will III, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.