



Mr. James Philip "Phil" Smith

December 9, 1948 - October 7, 2020

Mr. James Philip "Phil" Smith, age 71, of Murfreesboro, passed away Wednesday, October 7, 2020.

Private graveside services were held Monday, October 12, 2020, at Willow Mount Cemetery. Reverend Russ Stephens officiated.

He was born December 9, 1948, in Fosterville, Tennessee, to Eula Mai Smith and the late James Robert Smith. He was a retired manager from Sam's Club and Wal Mart. A graduate of Glenclyff High School and Middle Tennessee State University, he was a veteran of the United States Army and served in Germany.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife of 49+ years, Anja Vanni Smith, of Murfreesboro; a daughter, Tanya Kiesz, and her husband Kelly, of Huntsville, Alabama; a sister, Wanda Woods, and her husband Harris, of Jacksonville, Florida; grandson, Daniel Kiesz, and his companion Layla Halaweh; a niece, Lindsay Woods; several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Phil would be honored with memorials to:

Journey Home Project
17060 Central Pike

Lebanon, TN 37090

<https://www.thecharliedanielsjourneyhomeproject.org>

We set up a GoFundMe link for donations that we send to the Journey Home Project.

https://www.gofundme.com/f/donation-in-honor-of-james-philip-smith?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

RS

“ To "Ma" Smith, Wanda, and Anja: I am so surprised and saddened to hear about Phil. My deepest sympathy and prayers to you and your family. I was one of the children Eula ("Ma Smith" as we called her) kept during the day while our parents worked.... probably 1967-1970 so my memories of Phil are from my childhood. I remember this REALLY tall guy, especially from a kids perspective, but I remember him always being really nice too. Again, my most humble condolences.

Robin Strickland

Robin Strickland - November 11, 2020 at 10:55 AM

SR

“ To the family of Phil.I am so sorry to hear about Phil,It was a shock to hear about his passing.He was such a sweet guy.I remember when I first met him in 2015 when I started at Walmart. He traded me in produce and he was such a nice man.Everyone at Walmart thought the world of him.He will be missed.My prayers and thoughts are with each and everyone of your family.

Shelia Ring

Shelia Ring - October 19, 2020 at 03:26 PM

MS

“ This is a shock and really don't know what to say to the family other than I'm truly sorry for your loss. We grew up next door to the Smith's and went to school with Phil and Wanda. Lost touch after they moved away. Just want to relay to Mrs. Smith, Wanda and his other members for his family that I don't know your are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Mary Elizabeth Rodgers Smith

Mary Rodgers Smith - October 13, 2020 at 03:37 PM

PM

“ Dear Wanda and family,I was so sorry to hear about Phil. He was such a nice person.Please hug your mom for me She was always so special. Love to all Pat Modrall

PAT MODRALL - October 13, 2020 at 09:06 AM

AL

“ Phil and I roomed together our first year at MTSU. That was before we were asked to take some time off due to our Bridge games. He and I remained friends over the forty something years occasionally getting together for ball games, visiting with his Mom and Dad and also visiting with him and his wife. He and I were the Mutt and Jeff of the group when we were in college as he towered over me about eight inches. However, some of our friends towered over Phil as they were on the basketball team. He was a very good friend (roomie) and I am so very sorry to hear of his passing. He will be sorely missed by all that knew him.

Alvin Don Lankford - October 12, 2020 at 03:33 PM