



James Carlton Smith

February 15, 2010

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford

James Carlton "Skip" Smith, Sr., 73, of Jackson, MS passed away on February 15, 2010 at the Yalobusha Nursing Home in Water Valley, MS. There will be a visitation Friday, February 26, 2010 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at St. James Episcopal Church, Jackson, MS in Fowler Hall and on Saturday, February 27, 2010 at 12:30 p.m. followed by a funeral service at 2:00 p.m. Coleman Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

He was born in Gloster, MS on January 24, 1937. Upon graduating from Gloster High School, he went on to attend Louisiana State University and Millsaps College prior to completing his studies in economics at Mississippi State University. After graduating in 1961, he moved to Jackson, MS where he began working with the Dan Bottrell Agency, Inc. He continued to work there for 45 years until retiring in 2008. During that time, he was an active participant in numerous contractor trade associations including the National Association of Surety Bond Producers, Mississippi Valley Flood Control Branch, the ABC and the AGC. He also served on the board of the Mississippi Road Builders Association and was an Honorary Life Member of the Mississippi Asphalt Paving Association. He was named VIP of the Year by the Insurance Women of Jackson for 1992-1993 and Boss of the Year by the Jackson chapter of the National Association of Women in Construction for

1992-1993.

For many years, he was an active member of the Bulldog Club at Mississippi State University and was named the Central Mississippi Alumnus of the Year in 1977. He also served as president of the board for Jackson Preparatory School and was a long time member of St. James Episcopal Church where he served on the vestry, the Diocesan Finance Committee and as a Chalice Bearer.

He was an avid athlete and participated in numerous running events, completing his first marathon at the age of 58. He also loved hunting and spending time in the country and could be found most weekends tending to horses and cattle in Flora, MS.

His parents, James Hoyt and Edith Kathryn Andrews "Jimmie" Smith, preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Patricia; daughters, Alissa Lilly and her husband Bill of Oxford, MS and Tricia Maloney and husband Mark of Atlanta, GA; sons Carlton Smith and his wife Rebecca of Nashville, TN and Andrew Smith and wife Lainey of Atlanta, GA; sister Kathy LaLonde and her husband Wally of Pittsburgh, PA. Six grandchildren, J. Carlton, Nash, Brawner, Callie, Mitchell and Hoyt; two nieces, Amy Fowler of Jackson, MS and Melissa Prunzik of Pittsburgh, PA, 4 great-nieces and many cousins also survive him.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to St. James Episcopal Church, 3921 Oakridge Drive, Jackson, MS 39211, <http://www.stjamesjackson.dioms.org/>

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