



James "Jimmy" Edward Smith

August 9, 1948 - August 27, 2024

Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven

James "Jimmy" Edward Smith, 76, passed away Tuesday, August 27, 2024, in Southaven, MS. A visitation will be held Saturday, September 7, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with a celebration of life immediately following at 1:00 p.m., all at Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven. Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven is in charge of arrangements.

Jimmy pursued a career as an electrician early in life and was member of the IBEW, leaving a lasting impact on his electrical community through his ability to bring humor and light-heartedness to the workplace. Even after retiring, he still loved to inquire about and discuss impending electrical projects and ideas. In his free time, Jimmy dedicated himself to coaching, reading and staying updated on competitive softball. His charisma to inspire and connect with everyone around him was evident when he spoke about these subjects, providing an uncanny ability to reach people in a deep and positive way.

Family was at the heart of Jimmy's life. Diane, his wife, was always by his side through everything. Spending over 5 decades together, there was nothing the two of them didn't share, know, and appreciate about one another. If you saw one, the other was always within arm's reach. Jimmy loved spending time with his loved ones, and his joy in being a husband, father, and Paw Paw was

palpable to all who knew him. His warmth and dedication to his family were a testament to the depth of his character.

Beyond family, being a cherished friend was something he valued as well. He was always ready with a joke or a reassuring word to those closest to him. He always made sure his family and friends knew they were “loved more than a pig loves slop.” Jimmy’s legacy is one of love, laughter, and unwavering support. Although he touched many lives with his animated personality and willingness to attend to those in need, Jimmy was very strong-willed and opinionated. Being tough-skinned was a requirement in his circle! He was known as a joker. From the initiation of apprentices on the job, to teasing those around him, he loved to pick on people just to get a laugh. He will be remembered fondly by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Jimmy is survived by his beloved wife, of 56 years, Margaret “Diane” Smith of Horn Lake, MS; daughter, Angie (Jerry) Swanger of Senatobia, MS; son, Brian (Wendy) Smith of Hernando, MS; two grandsons, Jeremy and Jacob Swanger, both of Senatobia; two granddaughters, Elise and Audrey Smith both of Hernando; sister, Carolyn Littlejohn of Memphis, TN; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Jimmy was preceded in death by his parents, Janie Maree Hancock and Vester Thurman Smith; two sisters, Betty Joyner and Annette Scott; and his three brothers, Victor Smith, Coey Smith, and Laphane Smith.

Expressions of condolences may be left on his Tribute Wall at www.colemanfuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 7. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford created a Tribute Video in memory of James "Jimmy" Edward Smith



Coleman Funeral Home - September 03, 2024 at 08:46 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of James "Jimmy" Edward Smith.



September 06, 2024 at 02:25 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Life Tributes



Coleman Funeral Home - September 06, 2024 at 11:51 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James "Jimmy" Edward Smith.*



September 05, 2024 at 08:27 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of James "Jimmy" Edward Smith.*



September 05, 2024 at 01:00 PM



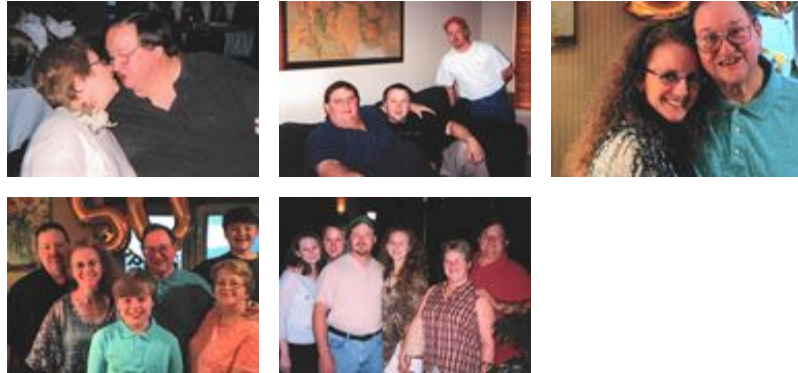
“ *Miranda Branch (Lewis) & family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of James "Jimmy" Edward Smith.*



Miranda Branch (Lewis) & family - September 04, 2024 at 12:24 PM



“ 79 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Coleman Funeral Home - September 03, 2024 at 04:40 PM

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my heart goes out to Jimmy s family. He was one of a kind and loved by so many. Memories of the days will always be in my heart and a smile on my face. I treasure all of them with Dianne,Angie and Brian. Peace be with you as you know he has found peace. Ann Merritt

ann merritt - September 07, 2024 at 06:50 PM