

## Mr. Paul Smith

November 5, 1948 - October 4, 2021

Mr. Paul Smith, 72, of Newnan, passed away at his home Monday, October 4, 2021. He was born November 5, 1948, in Memphis, Tennessee, son of the late Donald Albert Smith and Martha Wardelle Wood Smith. Mr. Smith was a member of Crossroads Church in Sharpsburg, and was very active in church and discipleship ministries. He retired from the Federal Aviation Administration after 40 years, and also worked for Northrop Grumman. Paul never met a stranger and had many interests including spending time with family, boating, and fishing.

Survivors include his wife, Trudine Smith of Newnan, children and their spouses, Alison Gillespie (Chad) of Hull; Adam Smith (Eti Azizy) of Marietta; and Anna Nuckolls (David) of Newnan; grandchildren, Sara Gillespie, Evan Gillespie, Megan Ichay, Henley Nuckolls and Adalynn Nuckolls; brothers and sisters, David Smith (Carol), Cherie Holmwood, Carol Smith (Steve Ventola) and Chris Smith (Rachel Vega); and several loved nieces and nephews.

The funeral service for Mr. Paul Smith will be held at 11:00, Friday at Crossroads Church in Sharpsburg (Hwy 16) with Pastor Ken Adams and Pastor Phil Williamson officiating. Interment will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery in Newnan. The family will receive friends at Parrott Funeral Home in Fairburn this (Thursday) evening from 6:00 until 8:00.

In lieu of flowers donation can be made in memory of Mr. Paul Smith to:  
Impact Discipleship Ministries. LLC. [www.impactdisciples.com](http://www.impactdisciples.com),  
Word of Love Christian Church <https://www.wordoflovechristianchurch.org> or  
Forgiving Forward, P.O. Box 1355, Fayetteville, GA 30214

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

96 Jefferson St.  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Parrott Funeral Home & Crematory  
8355 Senoia Road  
Fairburn, GA 30213  
(770) 964-4800  
info@parrottfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.parrottfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

OCT 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Crossroads Church  
3260 Hwy 16  
Sharpsburg, GA 30277

# Tribute Wall



“ *Parrott Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Paul Smith*



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**Parrott Funeral Home** - October 07, 2021 at 11:15 AM

EC

*A blessed Man  
A blessed Family  
Acts 2:25, 26 !*

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**Edward Church** - October 12, 2021 at 07:16 PM

JS

*Absolutely beautiful!!! Would love a copy of it!!*

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**Janey Savage** - December 09, 2021 at 08:40 PM

EC

“ *Paul blessed us GOOD '*  
*He came by the FCAP office and did a review*  
*on a super book about the believers `Seasons in Life !*  
*Never will it leave my mind as to*  
*so many passages it surfaced to bring*  
*a fresh perspective of our Times*  
*on Earth and God's great design!*

*Thanks Paul'*  
*see you there brother !*

*Edward Church*  
*FCAP.org*  
*Fellowship Coordinator*

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**Edward Church** - October 12, 2021 at 07:12 PM

MG

“ I would like to share the top three memories that came to mind when I learned Paul Smith had passed. In general, I remember Paul as a fellow FAA engineer and that we encouraged each other as such.

*But number one memory beyond that was the time Paul invited my wife and I to a get together at his house. It soon became an unpleasant surprise as I learned it was for a business opportunity I had never heard of - Amway.*

*I decided right off that I did not want to join, and would not ever want to join, and Paul knew that. However, Paul and I had many conversations related to Amway after that. From those conversations, I began to understand the importance of motivation, as well as self-development and personal growth. For instance, Paul introduced me to Zig Zigler, among others.*

*The third memory was this past May, at my daughter Amanda's celebration of life. Paul came, and while we had maintained contact over the years, this was the first time in many years we had a face-to-face. We had a fantastic conversation, and it started with Paul mentioning the number two memory, and laughing about it as well – as he did every time we got together.*

*You see, back in 1983, before I moved to Spain, my wife and I invited Paul to come to church with us, and he did. Now, this was before Paul was a man of faith, before having a personal relationship with Christ. And that Sunday, the whole sermon was on the importance of tithing - giving back 10% to the church - and was the only time I have ever heard him preach on that.*

*When we left the church, Paul's first comment to us was - "I can't believe how they are always after our money." I did not respond at all - for several reasons: I did not believe the timing was right to share, or to try to convince Paul of anything. Also, sorry to say, I have never been a tithe warrior. But most important, I just did not*

*feel it my place to make apologies for Dr. Charles Stanley.*

*Some of Paul's qualities that I admire include the fact that he was a caring man, and cared deeply for others. I found as an FAA manager that the quality I most sought in employees was that they cared. And, amazingly, those that most cared always turned out to be the best engineers.*

*I also appreciate that I never saw Paul angry, which often leads to hate. He was almost always with his great smile, and although I saw him disgusted a time or two, never angry. I believe that was a direct result of the fact Paul was all about love, which also produced respect and kindness for others. And then there was his boldness and bravery, to share his faith with others, even commit to the discipleship of others.*

*Those of you at the funeral will remember the video played with Sam in India talking about Paul. But what Sam said that really caught my attention was something most of you probably gave little thought to. Sam said, "I remember how he made me feel." Which aligns well with a 2020 life motto of mine (quoted by many)- some people will remember what we say, more people will remember more of what we do, but even more will remember how we made them feel. Paul was not only a good man, he was a great man. And I admired him, to the point that is best reflected by what Jack Nicholson once said in a movie: "You make me want to be a better man."*

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**Mark Gredler** - October 10, 2021 at 05:52 PM

PR

“ Paul Smith has been a friend, model and inspiration to John and I ( Patti). He was a great Facebook friend as well and an encourager to the church. Paul taught and showed us how to live and die. He will be missed greatly. Our condolences go out to Trudine and the family. From John and Patti Read.

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**patti and John Read** - October 09, 2021 at 12:13 PM

WJ

“ Paul Smith is an amazing man. Always the encourager, ready to pray for your needs a moment's notice. I have known Paul for over 25 years and never saw him saw him back down from a challenge that the enemy threw at him. Even in this final battle of his life he was encouraging. He believed in discipleship and lived that until his final day. I spoke with him what seems to be only a few days ago. He knew the battle he was in but he was positive to me about that battle and was confident the Lord was taking care of him. And He was and now he is where he longed to be. Thank you Paul for being my friend, co-worker and partner in the walk of life that is call the Christian Faith. You made it rich for me and I love you for that. Lord comfort the family as they grieve and give them what they need during this time of loss.

*Love You Paul and I will see you soon.*

*Love,*

*Woody Johnson*

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**Woody Johnson** - October 08, 2021 at 11:34 AM

BA

“ *Bob - Worldwide Discipleship Association sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Paul Smith*



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**Bob - Worldwide Discipleship Association** - October 08, 2021 at 09:49 AM

BA

*Our deepest condolences and prayers to the family and loved ones of Paul.*

*In loving memory of Paul, a donation was made to Impact Ministries from Bob Dukes and the WDA Family. May his spirit, love, ministry, and precious memories continue forever.*

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**Bob - Worldwide Discipleship Association** - October 08, 2021 at 09:55 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Paul Smith.*



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October 07, 2021 at 07:03 PM

JS

“ I have so many memories with Paul, it would take me a book to go through all of them! We were together a lot as children and one that really sticks out with me was him offering to pay Carol, Cherie and I a quarter to wash dishes on his designated night. And we always feel for it. Or even to make him a sandwich. But with his award winning smile and his soft voice, there was no turning him down. Never did he meet a person who didn't love him. But personally, as I got older, I always knew he'd be there for me if I was having a medical issue or just a bad time. He even lived with us for some time and it was then he actually went out on the limb and got me a job with FAA. But I got cold feet and backed out instead of taking his awesome advice. My Mom and Dad were so crazy about him, that I knew when I lost them, he was the only one who could do their service and what a wonderful job he did. He was one of those who brought so many lost souls to God! He was a true man of the Lord! Paul, I loved you from day 1 and will always love and miss you. We just need to see more men like you with the world the way it's now!! I also want Trudine, The brothers and sisters, children and grandchildren, cousins and Marybeth to know how much I appreciate all you have done for Paul in all the years you have shared with him. I know he loved you all and times will be hard not to be able to look and see that special smile or that special hug! We all know he's out of pain and with other loved ones but we all will always love him dearly!!



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Janey Savage - October 07, 2021 at 01:07 PM



“ 3 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Parrott Funeral Home** - October 07, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Pamela Jenkins-Co-worker purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Paul Smith.*



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**Pamela Jenkins-Co-worker** - October 07, 2021 at 09:55 AM

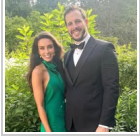


“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Paul Smith.*

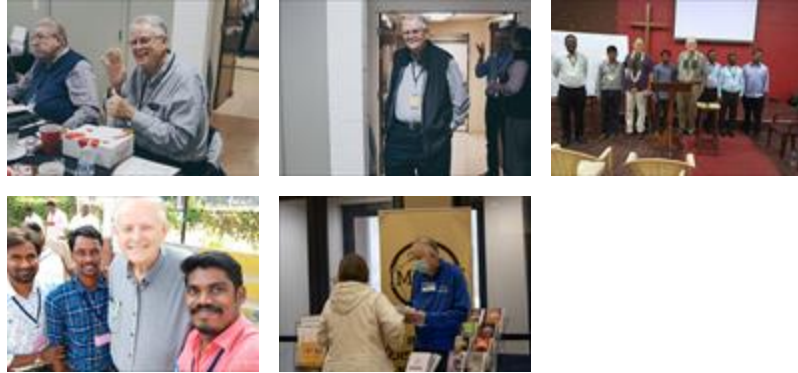


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October 07, 2021 at 09:23 AM



“ 16 files added to the album Paul Smith with Impact Discipleship Ministries



Grace Asnip - October 07, 2021 at 09:15 AM



“ 45 files added to the album Life Tributes



Parrott Funeral Home - October 07, 2021 at 08:36 AM



“ Brother Paul was such a loving friend. He showed Gods true love to all he meet. Was so honored to have known him here for a season. Will see him again.

Lis Craft - October 07, 2021 at 07:10 AM

SH

“ My deepest sympathy and condolences to you dear Trudine and all of your families. May you receive God’s comfort, strength, love and peace in this sad time. Knowing that Paul is now with his beloved Saviour, rejoicing and without any pain is comforting and gives hope. Sending much love in gratitude for the life of a faithful, God serving man, Mr Paul Smith.



Susanna Hopkins-Walther - October 07, 2021 at 03:06 AM

LW

“ Trudine, I am so sorry to hear of Paul’s passing. He fought long and hard.  
I had the pleasure of taking classes with Paul. He was always sharing his knowledge.  
I will be praying for you and your family.  
So thankful for the promise of eternal life. Love and blessings. Linda Wallace

Linda Wallace - October 06, 2021 at 10:01 PM

JB

“ Trudine and family, John and I were saddened to learn of Paul’s passing. We “grew up” with Paul and David at the FAA and we shared a lot of good memories. Praying that God wraps his loving arms around your family and comforts you during this sad time.  
Love, John and Teresa Burkett

John and Teresa Burkett - October 06, 2021 at 08:36 PM



“ Our deepest condolences to Trudine Smith and all family. Paul's kindered spirit has been layed to rest with the good Lord. He will be missed dearly. God bless

Brenda Davis Rodriguez - October 06, 2021 at 07:26 PM

CS

“ Just a few of the Great moments we had together you be missed by everyone an was loved by everyone. Love you both Paul an Trudine your brother Chris



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**Chris Smith** - October 06, 2021 at 04:49 PM

JW

“ Mr. Paul will surely be missed here on earth by his friends and family. But oh what a time in heaven he is having today. The experience he is having now is what Mr. Paul lived for and looked forward to. We are so fortunate to have known this man if God!

*God Bless his family!*

*June and Roger Woodard*

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**june woodard** - October 06, 2021 at 04:03 PM

DG

“ Trudine, we are so sorry to hear of Paul's passing but thankful he is now whole with our Lord! Sending thoughts and prayers for you and your family for comfort and peace.



*Dan and Joan Griffin*

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**Dan and Joan Griffin** - October 06, 2021 at 02:34 PM

MB

“ Trudine, I'm so sorry to hear about Paul. Heaven has surely received another Angel.

*With love and prayers, Martha Burnett*

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**Martha Burnett** - October 06, 2021 at 12:13 PM

RT

“ Paul was a solid faithful and kind man. He is at peace now with the Lord. It is those left behind that grieve and suffer. Paul would say stay focused on the cross of Christ and trust our loving God. Rev. Gary Taber

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**Rev. Gary Taber** - October 06, 2021 at 11:25 AM

NI

“ Trudine and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I cherish the time our family got to spend with you at the lakehouse. We felt so welcome and supported. I loved working with Paul at Impact and talking with him about his passion for India. His love for Christ and for others was evident in everything he said and did and his impact in this life is simply immeasurable. His support of us as a family carried us to Bangladesh and back. We are more thankful than words can say. We love you - Nicole with Lee, Nadia, and Aidan Walters



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**Nicole** - October 06, 2021 at 10:16 AM