



William Earl Smith, Jr.

April 28, 1934 - April 29, 2025

William Earl Smith, Jr., born on April 28, 1934, in Eufaula, Alabama, passed away peacefully on April 29, 2025, at the age of 91. He was a devoted family man and a dedicated professional who served his country and community with honor.

Earl began his career by serving in the United States Air Force, where he developed a passion for aviation. Following his service, he worked for the Federal Aviation Administration for almost 35 years, contributing to the safety and advancement of air travel.

He was a faithful member of First Christian Church of Tyrone, (formerly First Christian Church of College Park), where he attended for over 50 years and served as a deacon, elder and chairman of the elders.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Barbara Anne Smith; his parents, William Earl Smith, Sr. and Gladys Adcock Smith; and his sister, Gail Ward (Bob).

Earl is survived by his loving children, Christopher Smith (Mimi), Kevin Smith (Carolyn), and Alice Ragsdale (Russell). He also leaves behind his cherished siblings, Carol Moss, Jeanine Devenney (Jimmy), and Tyson Smith (Annie, preceded in death). His legacy continues through his grandchildren, Tyler

Smith (Chelsea) and Cameron Ragsdale (Candice), as well as his great-grandchildren, Evan Ragsdale, Elena Ragsdale, and Hailey Smith.

A funeral service will be held on Monday, May 5, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at the Chapel of Parrott Funeral Home, with visitation one hour prior. Interment will follow at Sharon Memorial Gardens.

Earl will be remembered for his dedication to his family, his contributions to the field of aviation and faithfulness to his church. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

In lieu of flowers, and as a result of the care he received, the family request donations be made in Earl's name to Southwest Christian Care (<http://www.swchristiancare.org>) in order to continue their ministry to the community.

Cemetery Details

Sharon Memorial Gardens

Senoia Road
Tyrone, GA 30290

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Parrott Funeral Home & Crematory
8355 Senoia Road
Fairburn, GA 30213
(770) 964-4800
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Funeral Service

MAY 5. 11:00 AM.

Parrott Funeral Home Chapel

Tribute Wall



“ *Parrott Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of William Earl Smith, Jr.*



Parrott Funeral Home - May 05, 2025 at 08:32 AM

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“ *I met Earl while working for the FAA. He was an outstanding employee and technician well known for his excellent skills maintaining and restoring failed systems on the Atlanta Airport and other airports for many years. He was a leader and helped, supported, and shared his skills with others.*

My prayers are for his family and friends.

Ray Pinkerton

Ray Pinkerton - May 05, 2025 at 02:44 PM

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“ *Marcie Huntington purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of William Earl Smith, Jr..*



Marcie Huntington - May 02, 2025 at 10:48 PM



“ *Southwest Christian Care lit a candle in memory of William Earl Smith, Jr.*



Southwest Christian Care - May 01, 2025 at 09:41 AM