



Ervin Edward "Eddie" Smith Jr.

September 3, 1952 - April 1, 2023

Ervin Edward (Eddie) Smith Jr., of North Augusta died unexpectedly at his home Saturday, April 1, 2023, of medical complications.

Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Thursday, April 13, 2023, at Posey Funeral Directors' Chapel, 1307 Georgia Ave., North Augusta, with Eryn Eubanks officiating.

Visitation will begin at 1 p.m. prior to the service. Burial will be in Bellevue Memorial Gardens in Grovetown, Ga., in the Garden of Peace. Pallbearers will be Larry W. Sprowls, Jeremy Alva, Frank Sprowls and Charles Merritt III.

Eddie was born in the Old University Hospital in Augusta on Sept. 3, 1952, the son of Ervin Edward Smith Sr. and Ethel Dora Maddox Smith.

He attended Tubman and Butler schools in Richmond County before graduating from Washington High School in Pennsylvania.

He was a talented floral artist employed locally by Martina's Flowers; and with his childhood friend, Monty Pittman, at Monty's House of Flowers/Flowers By Monty; and briefly at Fat Man's Forest Costumes. He was known as a popular tribute performer in his early years and always loved music (especially Barbra Streisand, The Supremes and Celine Dion), fully worked crossword puzzles,

loved classic TV shows and movies and read two to three books a week.

Eddie and his life-long partner, Don Rhodes, were to celebrate their 40th anniversary in May. Eddie became a good friend of many music and political celebrities including Minnie Pearl, Barbara Mandrell, Brenda Lee, Zell Miller, Sharon Jones, Jeff Barnes, Carey Murdock, Flo Carter, Becky Hobbs, the Rev. Michael Guido and many more.

He staffed the Georgia Music Booth at Fan Fair in Nashville for four consecutive years, was backstage at the Grand Ole Opry House for many country music awards shows, was backstage at the Daytime Emmy Awards in Radio City Music Hall, saw Queen Elizabeth II in London and attended scores of concerts.

He was predeceased in death by his father and mother; brother, Charles Smith; sisters, Ann Arnold, Lois Sprowls and Jewel Laverne (Vernie)Thompson; and his beloved dogs Foxie, Rusty, Reba, Jasper, Will (Willard) and Jayme Brown.

He is survived by his sister, Catherine Smith Sprowls, Evans, Ga., Dale Smith Wiggins, Appling, Ga., and Deborah Smith Hurst, North Augusta.

Eddie would appreciate memorials made to any animal humane society or shelter.

Posey Funeral Directors is in charge, especially Walker and Stephen Posey and Ben Major. Call (803) 278-1181 or visit the registry and watch live streaming of the service at poseyfuneraldirectors.com.

Cemetery Details

Bellevue Memorial Gardens

4501 Wrightsboro Road
Augusta, GA

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 13. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Directors
1307 Georgia Avenue
North Augusta, SC

Funeral Service

APR 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Chapel
1307 Georgia Avenue
North Augusta, SC 29841

Tribute Wall



“ Posey Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Ervin Edward "Eddie" Smith Jr.



Posey Funeral Directors - April 13, 2023 at 07:56 AM



“ Posey Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Ervin Edward "Eddie" Smith Jr.



Posey Funeral Directors - April 07, 2023 at 09:51 AM

CC

Eddie your soul was so beautiful & you will be greatly missed ❤️

Caren Cardell - April 14, 2023 at 09:00 AM



“ Ervin Edward "Eddie" Smith Jr.

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM

MP

“ Words cannot express the shock & sorrow I felt when learning of Eddie's passing on April 1st. My Love, Sympathy and Prayers to Don, Cathy, Debbie, Dale and families. Eddie & I were in the third grade together at the old Evans Elementary/High School. We reunited back in the early 70's after so many years, partying, entertaining and working together. Many fond memories will remain in my heart forever and someday we'll reunite again, ""When We All Get To Heaven"". Monty

Monty Pittman - April 13, 2023 at 07:47 AM

BS

“ Becky Hobbs & Duane Sciacqua purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Ervin Edward "Eddie" Smith Jr..



Becky Hobbs & Duane Sciacqua - April 11, 2023 at 04:30 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ervin Edward "Eddie" Smith Jr..



April 10, 2023 at 04:11 PM



“ 105 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Posey Funeral Directors - April 07, 2023 at 09:49 AM

BH

“ *Eddie was always so much fun to be around. He had a great sense of humor, and great common sense. I have no doubt that he is more alive than ever, and is rockin' the wild blue yonder! We're sending our beloved Don prayers of strength and all of our love.*
Becky Hobbs & Duane Sciacqua

Becky Hobbs - April 06, 2023 at 11:25 AM

AJ

“ *Don, know you will miss your buddy, Eddie. I remember he really enjoyed music. Seems like he was gone just too soon. He could sure "cut up" sometime and make us all laugh. I pray the Lord will comfort you in this difficult time. God bless you, Don.*

Archie Jordan - April 06, 2023 at 09:22 AM

FC

“ You were a very dear friend of our family . We have many fond memories of times together and we loved you dearly you will be missed very much . Our thoughts and prayers are with you don at this time . The Carter family



Florence Carter - April 05, 2023 at 06:48 PM