



## Dr. Levi Walter Smith, III

November 19, 1945 - May 29, 2019

North Augusta, SC – A Celebration of Life for Dr. Levi Walter Smith, III, 73, who entered into rest May 29, 2019, will be conducted Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Grace United Methodist Church with Veterans Honors. Rev. Susan Galasso and Rev. Jerry Garvin officiating. The family will receive friends following the service in the Ramsey Hall of the American Legion Post 71, 333 East Spring Grove Avenue, North Augusta, SC 29841. Interment will take place at a later date.

Dr. Smith was born in San Diego, CA to the late Levi Walter Smith, Jr. and Sarah Jane Darnall Smith and was reared in Atlanta, GA. He excelled in his education, graduating from Northside High School, Atlanta, Georgia; attending the University of Georgia and receiving his Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine in 1969. Dr. Smith moved to North Augusta and was the owner and single practitioner of Martintown Animal Hospital for 42 years. He loved his client's animals, dogs, cats and strange pets of many species. Dr. Smith had great compassion for his clients when their pets passed away, often sharing conversation and coffee with them in their time of need.

Dr. Smith was always the giver in any group or organization contributing his time and talents. He was a former member of the Downtown Augusta Lions Club where he served in all capacities from Tail Twister to President. His favorite position was Tail Twister where he relished making the meeting a

lively event and was also a former member of the North Augusta Lions Club where he served in officer capacities and as Santa Claus. Additionally, he was a member of Georgia Carolina Veterinary Medical Association, American Veterinary Association, C.S.R.A. Veterinary Association, North Augusta Chamber of Commerce, Sons of Confederate Veterans-Sgt. Berry Benson Camp and North Augusta Jaycees.

Dr. Smith proudly served as Captain in the United States Army as Post Veterinarian at Ft. Monmouth, NJ from 1970-1973. He actively served in the Jessie C. Lynch Memorial American Legion Post #71 in officer capacities and worked his favorite skill and talent of preparation for the 24-hour task of making hash for the Fourth of July celebration and fundraiser. Dr. Smith also had the prestigious honor in being invited as a member of The Forty and Eight, an honor society of American veterans and service members. Dr. Smith loved hunting and fishing with his sons and many friends over the years. The preparation for the adventures was always a methodical undertaking. Spending his time and talents with friends brought him great pleasure. The great outdoors gave him solace and peace. He believed in serving as a true servant of the Lord as he served others. He was a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA, Gilgal Baptist Church, Edgefield, SC, and attended Grace United Methodist Church, North Augusta, SC. Dr. Smith also enjoyed his time serving and helping to host the Lutheran Men's Fishing Rodeo for a number of years.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Mary Eleanor Wood Smith; two sons who were loved without boundaries, Levi W. Smith, IV and Darrel L. (Amber) Smith; a sister, Janet Greene; a brother, Robert (Louetta) Smith; nieces and nephews, Kevin Smith, Laura (Robert) Patton, Susan (Eric) Treanor, Jeffrey Greene; great-nieces and nephews, Christopher Patton, Andrew Patton, Brendan Patton, Vincent Treanor, Josiah Treanor, Cecilia Treanor, Anna Treanor; special cousins James Aiken, Lynanne Darnall and her son Josh

Darnall.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Gilgal Baptist Church, P.O. Box 42, Edgefield, SC 29824 or the Jessie C. Lynch Memorial American Legion Post #71, 333 East Spring Grove Avenue, North Augusta, SC 29841.

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta is in charge of arrangements (803.278.1181). Visit the registry at [www.PoseyCares.com](http://www.PoseyCares.com)

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Service

JUN 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

Grace United Methodist Church  
639 Georgia Ave  
North Augusta, SC

### Visitation following service

JUN 3 (ET)

Jesse C. Lynch Memorial American Legion Post #71  
333 East Spring Grove Avenue  
North Augusta, SC 29841

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Levi Walter Smith, III*

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ *Dr. Levi Walter Smith, III*

September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ *Levi was a special friend....the kind that you can count on to always make you feel better regardless of circumstances. I knew him best when he was a young Veterinarian and worked with Dr Gradous and me. He brought talent and a wonderful sense of humor into the practice. Through the years of sharing time his love of family and the great outdoors were obvious to all who knew him. God Bless you, Mary Eleanor and family...we will miss him, but keep the many good memories. David Tribby*

**David Tribby** - June 14, 2019 at 10:08 AM



“ *Karen and Scoutmaster Johnson purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Dr. Levi Walter Smith, III.*



**Karen and Scoutmaster Johnson** - June 02, 2019 at 11:27 AM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Dr. Levi Walter Smith, III.*



June 02, 2019 at 10:17 AM



“ *Dr. Smith was extraordinarily man, and a true animal lover and a great vet. All of our pets loved him. We had great conversations. He will truly be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.*



**Connie Barnhill** - June 01, 2019 at 09:57 PM



“ *4 files added to the album Walt*



**Cindy Miller McNeill** - June 01, 2019 at 08:34 PM



“ *Rest In Peace old friend. I never met a more compassionate man.*

**Ray VanMeter** - June 01, 2019 at 06:21 PM

EH

“ *Rest in peace Dr Smith! Thank you for your service to our community and country!*

Ernest Hooks - June 01, 2019 at 10:57 AM

EP

“ *Condolences to the Family of Dr. Smith. He was the most caring veterinarian there ever was. My dogs and I will miss him. E Joe Holt, PhD*

E Holt, PhD - June 01, 2019 at 09:51 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Levi Walter Smith, III.*



May 31, 2019 at 06:11 PM

NS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time. With much love, Nancy Smith.*

Nancy Kimball Smith - May 31, 2019 at 04:26 PM



“ *Mary Eleanor...words cannot begin to express what Doc meant to me and my family over the past years. I can remember going with daddy when he would take Shasta to see him. I do however think those trips were more for Doc and daddy then for Shasta! I loved their banter and conversations. He was always so gentle and caring with his "patients" and friends. He has taken good care of all my pets (and me) and we will miss him greatly!! I am sure there is lots of fishing and conversations taking place in heaven! Love and prayers to you, Levi, Darrel, and family.*

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**Cyndi Warren** - May 31, 2019 at 11:40 AM

CS

*Mary Ellen, Levi and Darrell, Walt was a giver and a friend. He is healed now. Celeste Spence*

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**Celeste Spence** - June 02, 2019 at 10:13 AM

RC

“ *Condolences to the Family of Dr. Smith. He was the most caring veterinarian there ever was. We will miss him, as will my kitties! Lee and Rose Cawley*

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**Rose Cawley** - May 31, 2019 at 11:26 AM

JB

“ *Mary Eleanor and sons may you feel God's presence even closer during this time of such deep sorrow. He will surely be missed by all those families whose adorable pets he cared for during his practice. The Supper Club will also not be the same without his being there. We pray The Lord give you peace and comfort.*




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**Janice and Jimmy Bell** - May 31, 2019 at 10:55 AM

RW

“ *May God bless this family in this time of sorrow!! Robert Whatley*

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**Robert Whatley** - May 31, 2019 at 05:09 AM

 Jason  
Goings

“ *Dr. Walt Smith is one of Michelle's and my heroes. A true Southern gentleman he saved our four legged family members lives on many occasions and was there with us in those very hard times when there was nothing that could be done. Serving our country during the Vietnam War, it was my honor presenting him with the SCV War Service Medal some years ago. He was a dedicated member of the SCV and fulfilled The Charge in defending the Confederate Soldiers good name. He always had great stories and one of my favorite was about his father's service in WWII. His friendship will be sorely missed. God Blessed our community with Walt Smith.*

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**Jason Goings** - May 30, 2019 at 06:44 PM

MG

“ *Our family will fondly remember Dr. Smith and all he did for our babies. Prayers for his beloved family.*

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**Michelle Goings** - May 30, 2019 at 06:37 PM