



## Ronald "Ron" Smith

January 16, 1948 - February 1, 2025

North Augusta, SC- Celebration of Life Services for Ronald "Ron" Bruce Smith, 77, who passed away peacefully at home with his loving family by his side on February 1, 2025, will be conducted on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Posey Funeral Chapel. Rev. Kurt Bacon officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the services at the funeral home. The service will be streamed live at the following link:

<http://www.poseyfuneraldirectors.com/obituaries/permalink/11689013/LTWebcast>

Ronald was born in San Antonio, TX, on January 16, 1948, to the late Cecil Kelso and Carolynn Eppright Smith. In 1966, he graduated from Stark High School in Orange, TX and then furthered his education at Texas A&M. While attending Texas A&M he was a member of the C2 and K1 Company Corp of Cadets and graduated in 1970, receiving a degree in Mechanical Engineering. After graduation, he joined the United States Army where he served in Germany for three years with the Corp of Army Engineers and then served in the Army Reserves. Following his military service, he returned to Texas A&M to receive his Master's degree in Business Management. He later made North Augusta, SC his home and worked for Savannah River Plant until retirement. Ronald was a member of the American Legion Post 71 in North Augusta, SC.

Ronald was considered by all who knew as a true blessing, a gentle giant with

a kind soul and he loved his family dearly. He had a zest for life and never met a stranger, especially when traveling all over the world. Ronald will be greatly missed by all who loved him.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his cousin, Richard Eppright of Fredericksburg, TX. Surviving members of his family left to cherish his memory include his wife of 14 years, Sheila Kaufman Smith; daughters, Kathryn Messick (Finis) of Grovetown, GA and Allison Smith of Ladson, SC; grandchildren, Abigail Christensen of Raleigh, NC, Samuel Christensen of Wilson Mills, NC, Finis and Carter Messick of Grovetown, GA and Karson and Jaxxon Banks of Ladson, SC.

The family would like to express their appreciation for the compassionate care of Gentiva Hospice and a special employee for her amazing care of Ronald, Ida.

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta, SC is in charge of arrangements (803) 278-1181.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 5. 1:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Directors  
1307 Georgia Avenue  
North Augusta, SC

## Celebration of Life

FEB 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Chapel  
1307 Georgia Avenue  
North Augusta, SC 29841

# Tribute Wall



“ Posey Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Ronald "Ron" Smith



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**Posey Funeral Directors** - February 03, 2025 at 12:33 PM



“ Posey Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Ronald "Ron" Smith



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**Posey Funeral Directors** - February 03, 2025 at 10:42 AM

CM

*Sheila and family, My heartfelt prayers are with you and will remain with you as I have experienced what you are going through when I lost my dear husband John Ryan Martyn a year ago. But I know he and Ron will be so happy to be reunited in Heavenly friendship. John cherished all of his Aggie buddies and their families. Love and prayers, Cheryl Martyn*

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**Cheryl Martyn** - February 04, 2025 at 07:59 PM

DC

“ I had the privilege of working with Ron for nearly 30 years, including during his time as President of the American Glovebox Society in 1997–98. He was always well-organized, willing to lend a hand, and approached every challenge with a positive attitude and a great sense of humor. His leadership and dedication left a lasting impact on those who worked with him, and his kindness and camaraderie made every project more enjoyable. Ron will be deeply missed, but his legacy and the memories we shared will always be cherished. My heartfelt condolences to his family and loved ones.  
*Dorothy Calegari*

Dorothy Calegari - February 21, 2025 at 01:11 PM

SC

“ Wonderful service and remembrance of Ron's life. Our hearts are with you in this time of grief.

Sherry and Frank Closner - February 05, 2025 at 03:03 PM

PK

“ Sheila I am sorry to hear of Ronald's passing. Elaine told me that he had passed. God bless you and your family. Aunt Pat.

Pat King - February 05, 2025 at 09:34 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald "Ron" Smith.



February 05, 2025 at 07:50 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ronald "Ron" Smith.

February 05, 2025 at 07:50 AM



“ Rick Widner and family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ronald "Ron" Smith.



Rick Widner and family - February 04, 2025 at 07:56 PM



“ Nancy B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald "Ron" Smith.

Nancy B. - February 04, 2025 at 07:33 PM



“ My warm condolences are with Shelia, the woman behind the man. She shared with Ron a life of purpose and love. Each day she helped him grow with humor and fun. His dad jokes were many and renowned. Shelia made of him a man to be remembered and respected. He will be missed by many.

LaVerne Mayock - February 04, 2025 at 04:51 PM

AH

“ Anthony H. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ronald "Ron" Smith.



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**Anthony H.** - February 04, 2025 at 01:45 PM

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“ Anthony H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald "Ron" Smith.

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**Anthony H.** - February 04, 2025 at 01:45 PM

BS

“ Bob & Lucy Stanzel purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ronald "Ron" Smith.



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**Bob & Lucy Stanzel** - February 04, 2025 at 12:35 PM

BB

“ Ronald was a very special person, and I count it a blessing to have known him since 1979 when he came to North Augusta. He will be missed. Betty Beard

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**Betty G Beard** - February 04, 2025 at 09:35 AM

LM

You brought back many good memories of Chalet North and Ron at softball practice.

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**LaVerne Mayock** - February 05, 2025 at 01:43 PM

EH

“ I am thankful for Mr. Smith’s service for our nation by serving in the United States Army and Army Reserve. I am glad that someone with his background gave dedicated service to Savannah River Site. Prayers for family, friends and those whose lives were touched by Mr. Smith.

Erma Hiott-Ellis - February 03, 2025 at 11:23 PM

DB

“ When Joe and I met Sheila and Ronald we immediately had a warm and inviting friendship. Ronald was always smiling even in the rough days. He was a true gentleman and will be missed by so many. I am thankful we had the pleasure of meeting him on our life’s journey.



Debby Barrs - February 03, 2025 at 02:28 PM



“ 74 files added to the album Life Tributes



Posey Funeral Directors - February 03, 2025 at 12:31 PM

JH

“ I am thankful for Mr. Smith’s service to our nation in the United States Army and Army Reserve and his career service at the Savannah River Site. It is patriots like Mr. Smith that served to safeguard our freedom and liberty. I offer my sincere condolences to his family, may he rest in peace.

Jeff Hoefs - February 03, 2025 at 12:06 PM

LM

“ Laverne M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald "Ron" Smith.

Laverne M. - February 03, 2025 at 04:09 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Ronald "Ron" Smith.



February 02, 2025 at 09:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ronald "Ron" Smith.

February 02, 2025 at 09:56 PM

LN

“ God bless and keep you in his care 🙏🙏🙏



Loretta Nichols - February 02, 2025 at 07:58 PM

RB

“ Richard and Kerry Bolander. IOWA Bsfv purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ronald "Ron" Smith.



Richard and Kerry Bolander. IOWA Bsfv - February 02, 2025 at 07:30 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald "Ron" Smith.



February 02, 2025 at 07:27 PM

CF

“ Chip & Ann Miller, Gerald & Barbara Faul purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ronald "Ron" Smith.



Chip & Ann Miller, Gerald & Barbara Faul - February 02, 2025 at 06:43 PM

CF

“ Chip & Ann Miller, Gerald & Barbara Faul planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald "Ron" Smith.

Chip & Ann Miller, Gerald & Barbara Faul - February 02, 2025 at 06:43 PM

CS

“ Carol Eppright and Lou Ann Simons. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Ronald "Ron" Smith.



Carol Eppright and Lou Ann Simons. - February 02, 2025 at 06:19 PM

CS

“ Carol Eppright and Lou Ann Simons. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald "Ron" Smith.

Carol Eppright and Lou Ann Simons. - February 02, 2025 at 06:19 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald "Ron" Smith.



February 02, 2025 at 04:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ronald "Ron" Smith.

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February 02, 2025 at 04:32 PM