



Mr. Benjamin Hardy Smith

October 16, 1931 - February 23, 2019

Benjamin Hardy Smith, 87, of Plant City, Florida, born on October 16, 1931 in Broxton, Georgia, entered into eternal rest on February 23, 2019. He was a veteran of the United States Navy, having served during the Korean War on the USS Iowa. He was the owner of Smitty's Paint and Body Shop in Plant City, and was known for his quality work and craftsmanship. He enjoyed painting and entered some of his work in the Strawberry Festival Art Show, playing guitar, writing music, singing, whittling, and building model ships. He was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Rachel Ann Smith; daughter, Victoria Lynn Smith Lokey; parents, Robert and Lillie Bell Smith; and siblings, Johnny Smith, Jessie Smith, and W.L. Smith. He is survived by his children, Cynthia Butner (Richard), Benny Smith, and Lori Highsmith; grandchildren, Lynsey (Ron), Matthew, Candice, Sawyer, and Allie; siblings, Lorene Horne, Royce "Totsie" Smith, and Raymond Smith (Ethel); beloved dog, Cookie; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. The family will receive friends Wednesday, February 27 from 6-8:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 S County Rd 39, Plant City; where a celebration of life will be held on Thursday, February 28 at 11:00 A.M. Committal to follow at Bethlehem Cemetery, Dover. Expressions of condolence at HopewellFuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Bethlehem Cemetery

Bethlehem Rd
Dover, FL

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Hopewell Funeral Home
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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Benjamin Hardy Smith



Hopewell Funeral Home - February 26, 2019 at 10:26 AM



“ Sheila St.Clair lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benjamin Hardy Smith



Sheila St.Clair - February 28, 2019 at 07:26 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr. Benjamin Hardy Smith.



February 27, 2019 at 10:02 AM



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



February 27, 2019 at 09:23 AM



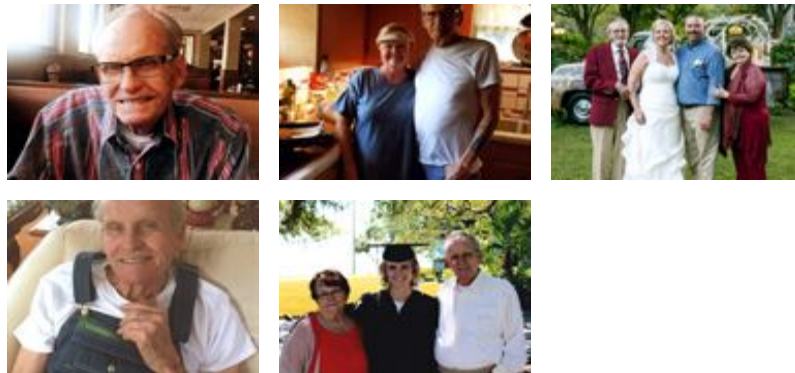
“ *Love, Chuck & Sheila Pearce purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Benjamin Hardy Smith.*



Love, Chuck & Sheila Pearce - February 27, 2019 at 06:31 AM



“ *45 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Hopewell Funeral Home - February 26, 2019 at 09:28 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Benjamin Hardy Smith.*



February 25, 2019 at 09:03 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Benjamin Hardy Smith.*



February 25, 2019 at 07:50 AM



“ *Walt, Cindy, Tyler and Ariel Otto, and Lee Parrish purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Benjamin Hardy Smith.*



Walt, Cindy, Tyler and Ariel Otto, and Lee Parrish - February 24, 2019 at 08:31 PM



“ *Papa, you were one of a kind. You will be missed by everyone whose lives you touched. We love you. Until we meet again, all my love.*

Candice Butner - February 24, 2019 at 07:24 PM