



## Mr. Benjamin Hardy Smith Jr.

October 27, 1961 - April 21, 2023

Benjamin Hardy Smith, Jr., 61, of Plant City, Florida, born October 27, 1961, entered into eternal rest on April 21, 2023. He was a talented paint and body technician, and artist. He loved fishing, hanging out in his man cave - "The Shed", and listening to rock and roll. He was kind, funny, and would do anything he could to help his friends and family. He is survived by his siblings, Cynthia Butner (Richard), and Lori Highsmith. He was preceded in death by his parents, Benjamin and Rachel Smith; and sibling, Victoria Lynn Smith Lokey. A funeral service will be held on Sunday, April 30 at 3:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 South County Road 39, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 2:00 P.M. Interment to follow at Bethlehem Cemetery, Dover. Expressions of condolences at [www.HopewellFuneral.com](http://www.HopewellFuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Bethlehem Cemetery

Bethlehem Rd  
Dover, FL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **30**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Hopewell Funeral Home  
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## Funeral Service

APR **30**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



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



Hopewell Funeral Home - April 25, 2023 at 12:05 PM

LI

*My sister loved him so much in her teenage yrs she's devastated of his passing RIP Benny*

Liz - August 10, 2024 at 04:40 PM

LO

*Omg, I just realized it was you.. it never ended, we just took different paths. But in the end we knew our feelings were mutual. God allowed us that. I will love you until the end of time Benny. You to Liz.*

Lori - April 09 at 09:57 PM

LL

“ Hi Benny,

*Its been 1 year and 0 hours since you went away. You will always be loved and missed. I will never forget the 26 years of memories you left me. I am so grateful to have spent them with you ❤️ Your were a good man Benny ❤️ I will see you up in the sky, you know that stairway to Heaven. Until then 🙏*

Laura Lee-Smith - April 21, 2024 at 04:17 PM

LL

“ *Laura Lee sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Benjamin Hardy Smith Jr.*



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**Laura Lee** - September 07, 2023 at 09:19 PM

LL

“ *Laura Lee sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Benjamin Hardy Smith Jr.*



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**Laura Lee** - September 07, 2023 at 09:17 PM

LA

“ *Laura sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Benjamin Hardy Smith Jr.*



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**Laura** - August 06, 2023 at 05:48 PM

LA

*I love you Benny* ❤️

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**Laura** - August 06, 2023 at 05:48 PM

LL

“ *Laura Lee sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Benjamin Hardy Smith Jr.*



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**Laura Lee** - May 30, 2023 at 08:52 PM

LL

“ *I LOVE YOU BENNY* 🥰



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**Laura Lee** - May 21, 2023 at 05:52 PM

LA

“ *This candle will stay lit for eternity* 🙌👼❤️



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**Laura** - May 01, 2023 at 04:15 AM

LL

“ *Good bye for now*



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**Laura Lee** - April 30, 2023 at 04:22 PM

LA

“ I MISS YOU BENNY, WISH I COULD OF SEEN YOU BEFORE YOUR DEPARTURE. REST IN PEACE MY LOVE 💕”



Laura - April 30, 2023 at 02:26 PM

TS

“ The Garza Family at Lindas Crab Shack purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mr. Benjamin Hardy Smith Jr..”



The Garza Family at Lindas Crab Shack - April 28, 2023 at 01:11 PM

LW

“ Bennie, I'll never forget all the great times with had, Way back when you worked at Bell Chevrolet. Hanging out at Casey's, going to Tampa to race your car, beach days. Your bumper sticker " Disco Sucks Rock & Roll #1" . I'll never forget what you told me the last time I seen you. Love Always. Rest in Peace.”

Lori W. - April 26, 2023 at 11:26 PM

LL

Sound very familiar 🤔

Laura Lee - May 30, 2023 at 08:50 PM

LB

They were great times, We always stayed friends. Great memories. He will be missed.

Lori A Balai - May 31, 2023 at 08:14 PM

LA

*FOREVER* ❤️

Laura - August 06, 2023 at 05:45 PM

LO

*So sad to know you're gone, I'll cherish all the great times til the end. At least we knew our feelings were mutual.*

Lori - October 04, 2023 at 04:58 PM

LA

*Shedding tears cause Im missing you, still can't believe you're gone. Wish I would have picked you up the day you asked me. You will always be loved and deeply missed.*

Lori A - June 02, 2024 at 08:18 PM

LO

*Know in life and death, my love for you will never end.*

Lori - November 13, 2024 at 07:17 PM

DN

“ *R.I.P. Benny we will miss you we had some good times partying and fishing The Crab Shack staff*



Doris Nipper - April 26, 2023 at 04:45 PM

GC

“ *Thinking of you! Much love!*



Gail Cundall - April 26, 2023 at 01:13 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Benjamin Hardy Smith Jr..*



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April 25, 2023 at 10:37 PM



“ *Laura lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benjamin Hardy Smith Jr.*



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**Laura** - April 25, 2023 at 08:43 PM



*I just wanted to let everyone know, if you didn't know already, Benny was the BEST Paint and Body man EVER!!*

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**Laura** - April 25, 2023 at 08:51 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Marriage*



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**Laura** - April 25, 2023 at 07:53 PM

LA

“ *Benny, I fell in love with you when we were young, I can say you were my first Love and the one that stole my heart. We had so many precious memories that I will cherish forever!!! You will be sadly missed here on earth, but I know where you are. You are in Heaven with your family and friends. No more pain REST IN PEACE my love, until we meet again. Love you forever Laura Lee-Smith*



Laura - April 25, 2023 at 07:41 PM

LG

*You guys made a great team .we had many good times together .May he rest in peace. The crab shack family.*

Linda G Garza - April 28, 2023 at 12:47 PM

LL

*I really miss Benny and all the good times with all 🥺❤️*

Laura Lee - April 29, 2023 at 07:44 PM

LL

“ *Love Always, Laura Lee-Smith purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Mr. Benjamin Hardy Smith Jr..*



Love Always, Laura Lee-Smith - April 25, 2023 at 07:03 PM



“ *Benny, I'll always remember how your smile lit up a room. Your adorable baby face was enchanting. Your laugh was like music. Your love for Laura was so beautiful. I am blessed to have known you. Rest in peace my dear brother in law*  
*Love you from Gail Lee Cundall*



Gail Cundall - April 25, 2023 at 06:37 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mr. Benjamin Hardy Smith Jr..*



April 25, 2023 at 06:21 PM



“ *26 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Hopewell Funeral Home - April 25, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Benjamin Hardy Smith Jr..



April 24, 2023 at 07:20 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Benjamin Hardy Smith Jr..



April 24, 2023 at 06:09 PM



“ So sorry to here about Bennie passing I got to know him. He paint my 78 ford truck 🚚 we have the family in our prayers God bless

**Mike and kathy kruger** - April 24, 2023 at 05:49 PM



*I only met you a handful of times but I can't remember once when you were not making someone laugh. I pray for peace and healing hearts for your family and friends as they grieve your loss. We were all blessed to have known you. Fly high my friend.*

**Mandy** - April 26, 2023 at 04:26 PM