



## **Mr. Bryan McCain "Mac" Smith Jr.**

March 13, 1929 - April 29, 2019

Bryan McCain "Mac" Smith, Jr., 90, of Plant City, Florida, born March 13, 1929 in Jacksonville, entered into eternal rest on April 29, 2019. He attended Plant City High School and the University of Florida, and was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Plant City. He was a retired United States Navy Aviator earning the rank of Lieutenant Commander, and serving 24 years in the Navy and Navy Reserves. He was the former Chief Test Pilot for Aero Corporation, the former Owner and Chairman of B.M. Smith Motors, Inc, and the current Chairman of KDM Associates Real Estate Holding Company.

He was a selfless giver, who truly enjoyed serving his community. He especially enjoyed promoting Plant City and the Strawberry Festival, and never missed an opportunity to hand out strawberry stickers. His record of service includes, Founding Director and Board Member of Hillsboro Bank, Past President of the Florida Automobile Dealers Association, Director Emeritus and Past President of the Florida Strawberry Festival, former member of the Hall of Fame (Outback) Bowl Selection Committee, President of the Armed Forces Memorials Foundation, former Chairman of the Hillsborough County Aviation Authority, former Board Member of the Tampa Sports Authority, former Board Member of the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute, former Chairman of the Timucua District Nominating Committee for the Boy Scouts of America (he earned his Eagle Scout Award in 1943), Past President and Member of the Plant City Kiwanis Club, Past

Director and Member of the Plant City Chamber of Commerce, 1984 Recipient of the Plant City Citizen of the Year Award, 1991 Recipient of Time Magazine's Quality Dealer Award, 2004 Timucua District (Boy Scouts) Distinguished Citizen Award, the 2007 co-Recipient of the Plant City City Photo Archives Heritage Award, the 2011 Recipient of the YMCA Strong Leader Award, 2015 Recipient of the Boy Scouts of America Silver Beaver Award, and many other memberships and awards.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Marion "Cookie" Smith; daughters, Debbie Petrina (Jim) of Plant City, Kathy Wood (Rick) of Nashville, Tennessee, and Marion Smith of Plant City; grandchildren, J.P. Petrina (Kim), Vito Petrina (Laurie), Kaitlyn Arias (Pedro), Kelly McGaffigan (Josh), David Wood (Rachel), and Bryan Wood (Alexandria); 6 great-grandchildren; and many other loving family and friends. The family wishes to give a special thanks to Helping Hands for their passionate care.

The family will receive friends on Friday, May 3 from 5-7:00 P.M. at First United Methodist Church of Plant City, 303 N. Evers Street, Plant City, where a funeral service will be held on Saturday, May 4 at 11:00 A.M. Committal with military honors to follow at Oaklawn Cemetery, Plant City. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Florida United Methodist Children's Home at [fumch.org](http://fumch.org), Timucua District - Boy Scouts of America at [tampabayscouting.org/districts/timucua-district](http://tampabayscouting.org/districts/timucua-district), and/or Plant City Photo Archives and History Center at [plantcityphotoarchives.org](http://plantcityphotoarchives.org). Expressions of condolence at [www.HopewellFuneral.com](http://www.HopewellFuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Oaklawn Cemetery

N. Wheeler Road  
Plant City, FL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church of Plant City  
303 North Evers Street  
Plant City, FL 33563  
<http://www.firstchurchplantcity.com>

## Service

MAY 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Bryan McCain "Mac" Smith Jr.



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - May 03, 2019 at 09:28 AM

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“ Where to begin ? I first met Mac Smith many years ago when I was a Rookie Police Officer in Plant City and from the beginning he was obviously a caring individual with a great amount of knowledge. Many conversations and many years later after my retirement I again had many contacts with Mac when I was working with Maintenance at the Florida Strawberry Festival, and as before he was a Great Individual. Always a kind word, and quick with a thank you each and every time I saw him. I bumped into him a couple of times when staying at Ocean Gallery and he always had time for a personal conversation, and once even an opportunity to have Supper with him and Cookie. I will very much miss the conversations and to the Family I can only say, you can be very proud of being the family of A Great Man, that I always felt honored to know. Plant City is truly a Lessor place with out him, but I am sure Heaven is a better place with him.

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**Carl Rupp** - May 06, 2019 at 09:49 AM



“ Dear Smith family...you are in our thoughts and prayers. I have many sweet memories of all of you...neighbors, schoolmates, co-workers and friends. In recent years I would see Mr. Mac every day at the post office. I knew he didn't remember me but he ALWAYS spoke and asked how I was doing! Please accept condolences from my family ... the Reeser's. Donna (McDonald), Kathleen (Hill), Melody (Cundiff), Yvonne (Cast) and Amy (Milam)

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**Kathleen Reeser-Hill** - May 04, 2019 at 09:58 AM

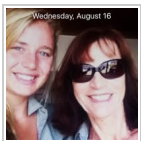


“ My condolences to Mac's family. I had the pleasure of meeting Mac in 2016 through the Plant City Chamber Of Commerce when I was running for Circuit Court Judge. He invited me to breakfast, and to his office where he freely shared advice and stories about his business career, involvement in the community, and his family. Breakfast turned into a whole morning conversation, and I will always be grateful for his kindness. What a legacy he has left- a wonderful family and a life of service to his community. He will be missed by so many. May his memory be a blessing.

*Gary Dolgin*

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**Gary Dolgin** - May 03, 2019 at 08:33 PM



“ Mac was always such a vibrant loving man. I so enjoyed the times we got to share with him and Cookie at Ocean Gallery! Prayers and love to his family!

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**Ann Steen** - May 03, 2019 at 06:14 PM



“ So sorry for your loss, Prayers are sent from the Ocean Gallery Staff.

ocean gallery - May 03, 2019 at 03:48 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mr. Bryan McCain "Mac" Smith Jr..



May 03, 2019 at 09:40 AM



“ 48 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hopewell Funeral Home - May 03, 2019 at 08:24 AM



“ Joan & Mackenzie Jones purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mr. Bryan McCain "Mac" Smith Jr..



Joan & Mackenzie Jones - May 03, 2019 at 07:51 AM

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“ GOD'S BLESSINGS TO ALL THE FAMILY AND GOD'S COMFORT BE WITH YOU.

'MAC' AND I WERE CLASS MATES [1946 GRAD'S]AT PLANT CITY HIGH SCHOOL AND LIVED IN THE SAME NEIGHBORHOOD[I ON TEVER STREET, 2 BLK'S APART. WE WALKED TO SCHOOL ,WITH OTHER SCHOOL MATES. WE HAD GOOD TIMES ENJOYING EACH OTHER'S COMPANY. PRECIOUS ARE MEMORIES GONE-BY. .PEACE AND GOD'S LOVE .

LLOYD AND PAT CUNNINGHAM

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LLOYD CUNNINGHAM - May 02, 2019 at 03:58 PM

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“ MAC was a wonderful partner in support of maintaining a family property in Maine, now in its 122nd year. His Strawberry Festival pins will memorialize his presence there.

He was warm, considerate, thoughtful and generous, and no one could have been a better host during our visit to his beloved Plant City.

The Cook-Greenough Family

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Allen Greenough - May 02, 2019 at 01:19 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Bryan McCain "Mac" Smith Jr..



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May 01, 2019 at 02:30 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Bryan McCain "Mac" Smith Jr..



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May 01, 2019 at 11:59 AM



“ I worked for Mac for several years at the dealership. He treated me as if I was his own.he was generous to a fault!! He always worried that I could give my daughter a good Christmas so he made sure.

One of my favorite memories was , I was dating this man that had longish hair. I made sure that Mac didn't meet him and then Lo and behold, Mac was at Buddy Freddys and when he ran into me and my boyfriend, I introduced them and they shook hands and Mac said ' Boy, if you're going to date her, you need to cut that hair.'"

RIP Mac, I am blessed to have known you.

Love,

Gina Caldwell

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gina caldwell - May 01, 2019 at 09:51 AM



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