



Mr. Norman J. Smith

July 9, 1939 - August 24, 2025

Norman J. Smith, Born July 9, 1939 in Adair County, KY to Charlie and Eula Smith was a beloved Father, Husband, Brother and Grandpa passed away peacefully Sunday, August 24, 2025 after a brief but aggressive bout with cancer. Norman married the love of his life Shirley Baute in 1962. They had two daughters, Debra and Anita, before The Lord took Shirley suddenly in 1971. Norman was determined to raise his daughters the best he could and managed a decent living as a Heavy Equipment Operator eventually joining the International Union of Operator Engineers which he was a good standing member of through his retirement and until his passing. Norman found love again later in life by marrying Gloria D. McIver in 1992. Norman and Gloria spent their retirement years between Kentucky and eventually settled back into the Inverness community in Florida until Gloria's passing in 2023. Norman spent the last 2 ½ years living close to his daughter, Anita and her family, in Valrico, FL in a beautiful independent living community, Osprey Heights. Norman loved bluegrass and country music, fishing, working in the yard and he loved his girl's and grandchildren. Norman accepted The Lord Jesus Christ as his personal savior shortly before his death and is Heaven Bound! Norman was preceded in death by his parents, his wives, his daughter Debra and several sisters and brothers. He is survived by his daughter Anita Cabrera (Lou) and Grandchildren Jonluke, Rachel, Travis, Danielle and Amber Cabrera. He is also survived by his sister Fannie Mae Jacobs (Homer) and brother Glen Smith who reside in Kentucky. Norman is also survived by two

nieces who continually visited him and stayed in constant contact with him literally up until his death, Lori and Jennifer Moss. Thank you to Jason's Place on Stonehill for Norman's excellent personal care in his last days. The funeral service will be held Thursday, August 28 at 11:00 A.M. at Bell Shoals Church (Chapel) 2102 Bell Shoals Rd. Brandon, FL 33511 with burial following later in Kentucky. The service will be live streamed at <https://bellshoals.com/>. In lieu of flowers or gifts of that nature, please make a donation to Bell Shoals Academy/Unrivaled Campaign for their efforts to further God's Kingdom through education at <https://pushpay.com/g/bellshoalsacademy>.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

AUG 28. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Bell Shoals Church - Brandon
2102 Bell Shoals Rd
Brandon, FL 33511
(813) 689-4229

Chapel; Live streamed at <https://bellshoals.com/>

Tribute Wall

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“ To Anita and Extended Family of Norman and Shirley Smith,

You have very little reason to remember me, but I am a cousin of yours you met only one time at least 50 years ago. Our mom, Norman's sister Ethel Phelps was providing your father a temporary haven from some potentially negative influences in Kentucky. I have only good things to say about Norman and the time he lived with us. I saw your mother Shirley only a few times at the Nazarene church in Edinburg, Indiana where she and your father first set eyes on each other and were soon married. Shirley and Norman made a beautiful couple and I was deeply saddened by her passing. I have seen Norman only a few times over the years but he was always the same. I felt the love he had for us, his curiosity about life, and his interest in music. I still remember his banjo hanging of the wall of his and Gloria's home in Kentucky and his love for country music. I saw Norman last about 5 or 6 years ago in a veteran's hospital in Florida where he visited my dying brother John to pay his last respects. John and Norman had become good friends when Norman lived with us. I could tell how upset Norman was on seeing John lying there. I have carried your father in my heart all these years. It was as if he would always be there like all of my now deceased aunts and uncles. When from time to time my mind wanders back to my youth, I think of your father, and it makes me smile. You have my deepest sympathy.

Your Cousin,

Jasper Phelps

Jasper - September 15, 2025 at 11:30 PM

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“ Sandra C. purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Mr. Norman J. Smith.



Sandra C. - August 27, 2025 at 10:10 AM

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“ Sandra C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Norman J. Smith.

Sandra C. - August 27, 2025 at 10:10 AM

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“ Jessica, Tammie & Jasons Place residents purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Mr. Norman J. Smith.



Jessica, Tammie & Jasons Place residents - August 27, 2025 at 09:02 AM