



Mr. Vernon Wayne "Smitty" Smith Sr.

June 26, 2012

SMITH, Sr., Vernon Wayne "Smitty", 74, of Plant City, Florida, entered into eternal rest on June 26, 2012. He retired after 53+ years at Lykes-Smithfield. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, bird-watching, and his dog Duke, and making his ice-cream for family and friends. He is survived by his wife of 46 years Shirley Smith; children Wayne Smith, Jr., Bruce Smith, Elicia Wilson, Tammy Draper (Scott); mother Ivella Gillum; siblings Evelyn Smith, Marie Hutchinson, Charles Smith; 8 grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter. A Celebration of Life will be held on Monday, July 2, 2012 at 3:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 CR 39 S, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 2:00 P.M. Interment to follow at Hopewell Memorial Gardens, Plant City. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude and/or All Children's. Expressions of condolence at www.hopewellfuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Hopewell Memorial Gardens

6005 County Road 39 South
Plant City, FL 33567
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Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 2. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

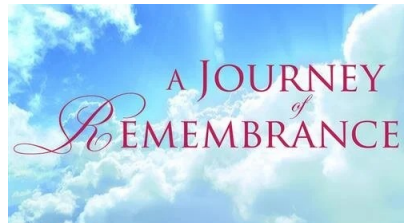
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Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Vernon Wayne "Smitty" Smith Sr.



Hopewell Funeral Home - June 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I miss you so much papa!! I love u and I hope you'd be proud of what I've done with my life since you've been gone. I cry Everytime I hear that cowboy take me away by Dixie chicks. I hate it I couldn't have been with u longer. I know u were my grandfather but you were more like a dad to me I love u pop!

Jordan wilson - March 28, 2025 at 01:33 PM



“ Wanda Rhoden lit a candle in memory of Mr. Vernon Wayne "Smitty" Smith Sr.



Wanda Rhoden - July 06, 2012 at 07:15 PM



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Tresa Berry - July 01, 2012 at 11:57 PM



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"Smitty" Smith Sr.



June 28, 2012 at 06:54 PM

TB

There are no words to express the loss of Vernon. I have lost a wonderful FRIEND & BROTHER. Vernon was a quiet & simple man that loved his family & friends. Vernon, was an honorable & righteous man with high standards & morals. My prayer for his beloved wife Shirley, I love you and wish I could be there with you. For his children & grandchildren I pray that you will Continue the HONARABLE LEGANCY HE HAS LEFT BEHIND. I know God had his arms opened wide to recieve Veron home. For now we say goodbye, but I promise you I will see you again where there will be no more tears, pain or seperation. I will miss you and will forever remember all the good times we went fishing.

Teresia Berry - June 29, 2012 at 12:27 AM

BM

Vernon was a great man and I know he will be missed by all. Ill always have the memories of him making his ice cream for us on Saturday nights as we watching the Grand Ole Opry to very recent when he would come in Lowe's and I would help him find what he needed or we'd just stand and talk. Goodbye Mr. Vernon I'll miss you.

Bobby Murray - June 29, 2012 at 08:55 AM

LH

*Dear Family, Rudy and I are so very sorry for your loss...we have many fond memories of Vernon and he will be much missed. To Shirley you have had a wonderful husband, friend and father to your children, you have been truly blessed remember the good times and the love you have for each other .. that will be such a comfort. To the Children you have a had a special father who showed you by example how to be a parent. To the grandchildren he will be a hero that will be there for you to live up to..and finally to the brother and sisters you have had a brother who loved and cared for you and those memories will get you through...May God hold you all in the palm of His hand and you find peace and finally joy in the sure knowledge that Vernon is in the Lord's arms of love now
Blessings to you all
Lorraine and Rudy Harrison*

Lorraine Harrison - June 29, 2012 at 10:45 AM

BI

So sorry to hear about the death of another family member. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family at this time.

Brenda Smith Inlow - June 29, 2012 at 02:38 PM



Shirley, Jerry & I are truly sorry for your loss We will be praying for you and your family that God will comfort you and your family in the days to come. Thoughts, love and prayers for you all....

Felicia Williams - July 01, 2012 at 05:21 PM

GK

*so sorry to hear of your loss. God Bless.
Greg King*

Greg King - July 02, 2012 at 10:47 PM

WR

Shirley and family,

We are so sorry for your loss, Vernon was a true gentlemen, he will be missed.

Please remember we are family, call anytime if you need anything.

Keep watching the birds and Vernon will be near.

We love you.

Donnie & Wanda Rhoden

Wanda Rhoden - July 06, 2012 at 07:14 PM