



Charles "Randy" Smith

October 27, 1947 - June 3, 2026

Randy passed away early Wednesday morning, after a lengthy illness. He was 78 years old.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Carol; his children Amy (Brian) Cochran, Jeremy (Anna) Smith, and Kaydee Roden (Greg Burchell); his grandchildren Britton Cochran, Fischer Cochran, Jack Roden, Asher Burchell, Sylvia Roden, Holden Smith, and Harty Jane Smith; his brother, Michael (Lynda) Smith; his sister, Tweetie Babcock; and a brother in law Roy Hardin.

Randy is preceded in death by his parents Paul Edward and Marie Finley Smith.

Randy graduated from Albertville High School, Samford University, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. He worked for over forty years in the car business with his dad and brother at Paul Smith Chevrolet. He worked in almost every capacity of the shop.

At an early age, Randy answered the call to be a fisher of men. He worked in missions at Westside Courts, summers while in high school. He continued this work while in college and also visited with the boys at the Industrial School in Roebuck. His senior year of college, he was youth pastor for Edgewood Presbyterian Church in Homewood. In the summer of 1978, Randy served as

interim pastor at Union Grove Baptist in Crossville. While at seminary, Randy worked for the Indiana Baptist Mission Board. After moving back to Albertville, in 1972, he was Minister of Youth and Music at Southside Baptist Church and later Minister of Youth at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. In Oct. of 1980, Randy and Carol joined Albertville First Baptist Church so Randy could work at the Cahill Baptist Mission, which he did for many years. He taught Sunday School, Youth on Mission and RA's. In the summers, he worked for many years at the Baptist Retreat Center in the Royal Ambassador camps. Randy served also at New Heights Baptist with the youth and music. In later years, Randy worked as a chaplain for Alacare, the Albertville Police Department, and the Marshall County Jail. He also led Grief Share for many years.

Funeral services for Randy will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, June 5, 2026, at Albertville First Baptist Church. Visitation with the family will follow the service at the church.

His family wants to thank Enhabit Home Health and Hospice and his many caregivers for their care and devotion. We ask that in lieu of flowers, please give to the charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Memory Hill Cemetery

5975 US Highway 431
Albertville, AL 35950

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUN 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

Albertville First Baptist Church
309 East Main Street
Albertville
Albertville, AL 35950

Visitation

JUN 5. 3:00 PM (CT)

Albertville First Baptist Church
309 East Main Street
Albertville
Albertville, AL 35950

Burial

JUN 5 (CT)

Memory Hill Cemetery
5975 US Highway 431
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Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry for your loss. Randy was a great influence to many people. Your family will be in our prayers.
Galen and Becky Grace

becky grace - June 05 at 12:30 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Charles "Randy" Smith.



June 04 at 10:06 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles "Randy" Smith.



June 04 at 04:08 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charles Randy Smith.

June 04 at 04:08 PM

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“ *Mary Hudgins Baker lit a candle in memory of Charles "Randy" Smith*



Mary Hudgins Baker - June 04 at 10:35 AM

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“ *Shelby, Tiffany, Kaylee, & Taylor purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Charles "Randy" Smith.*



Shelby, Tiffany, Kaylee, & Taylor - June 04 at 10:11 AM