



James "Buddy" Smith

September 5, 1961 - January 5, 2025

James "Buddy" Smith, age 63, of Albertville, Alabama, passed away on January 5, 2025. Born on September 5, 1961, to the late Oscar and Sybil Smith, Buddy was a beloved member of the Albertville community who touched countless lives through his selflessness and dedication.

Buddy spent many years working for Albertville Park and Recreation Center and at Sand Mountain Park and Amphitheatre, where he formed lifelong friendships and left an indelible mark on his coworkers and community members. Known for his kindness and unwavering commitment, Buddy was more than an employee; he was a mentor, a friend, and a role model who always put others before himself.

As a coach, Buddy shared his love of sports with generations of young athletes. In addition to coaching, he also umpired for years, further showcasing his dedication to fostering a love of sports and fair play in his community. His guidance extended beyond the field, as he played an essential role in shaping the lives and futures of many. Those who knew him cherished his infectious spirit, his generous heart, and his deep dedication to others.

Buddy was an avid University of Alabama sports enthusiast and never missed an opportunity to cheer on the Crimson Tide. He also enjoyed visiting Cracker Barrel, where he loved the warm atmosphere and sharing meals with friends and family.

Buddy is survived by his sister, Peggy Massey; brothers, Roy Michael Smith (Louise) and Kenneth Brad Smith (Teresa); and 15 beloved nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters, Patsy and Bobbie; as well as his brother, Robert Smith.

Funeral services to celebrate Buddy's life will be held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at Adams Brown Service Funeral Home. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, from 4:30 to 7:00 PM. David Crim will officiate the services. Pallbearers, Cody Mayes, John Morton, Brian Holmes, J.D. Schall, Brandon Smith, and Jeff Terrell will assist in laying Buddy to rest at Brashers Chapel Cemetery.

Buddy Smith will be remembered for his extraordinary dedication to his community, his unwavering love for his family and friends, and the countless lives he impacted with his generosity and kindness. He will be dearly missed but never forgotten.

Cemetery Details

Brashers Chapel Cemetery

1631 Brashers Chapel Rd
Albertville, AL

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 7. 4:30 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Adams Brown Service Funeral Home
6906 US Highway 431 South
P.O. Box 488
Albertville, AL 35950
(256) 878-0231

Funeral Service

JAN 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James "Buddy" Smith.*



January 07, 2025 at 11:37 PM



“ *Such a nice guy.He came to Walmart a lot & checked in my line..Thoughts & prayers for the family..Sincerely,Judy Broadstreet..*

Judy Broadstreet - January 07, 2025 at 08:46 PM



“ *Sherry, Melissa, & Mikey purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James "Buddy" Smith.*



Sherry, Melissa, & Mikey - January 07, 2025 at 02:16 PM



“ *Wonda (Smith)family purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of James "Buddy" Smith.*



Wonda (Smith)family - January 07, 2025 at 01:13 PM

DC

“ Buddy and Arab Centers coached T-Ball and also umpired ball together for years. Few people can touch your life in special ways as Buddy did Arab's and Diane's. He always had a smile any time you saw him; we were blessed to have known him. He will be greatly missed.

Diane Centers - January 07, 2025 at 11:00 AM

DP

Buddy you was a shining Star Treated Everyone you met like Family. Was always so Proud of you for taking such great care of your sweet momma when she was still alive. Go Rest High on that Mountain You will surely be Missed ❤️👍

Donna Pearson - January 07, 2025 at 02:44 PM

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“ Cd C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Buddy" Smith.

Cd C. - January 07, 2025 at 10:50 AM



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

January 07, 2025 at 07:52 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James "Buddy" Smith.



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

January 06, 2025 at 06:57 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James "Buddy" Smith.



January 06, 2025 at 06:57 PM



“ While working with the t ballers and other young baseball players, I've seen this man be so patient and kind to the kids. He umpired lots of games I was at, and always had a smile, like he really enjoyed his job. He will be so missed.

lesa prater - January 06, 2025 at 06:29 PM