



James Lofton Smith

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James Lofton Smith “Smutt”, aged 82, of Pell City, AL, passed away on Thursday, April 2, 2026, at UAB St. Vincent’s East in Trussville, AL.

James graduated from Talladega High School in 1961 and attended Jacksonville State University. He owned Smith Insurance Agency for 45 year

He was an active member of St. Peter’s Episcopal Church in Talladega, AL and Masonic Lodge 261. He was a former member of the Talladega Rotary Club and formerly served as Jr. Warden for St. Peter’s Episcopal Church.

James enjoyed restoring antique cars, attending antique car shows and driving his 1966 convertible Mustang in parades and special events. He always had a project he was working on. He was also a devoted Alabama football fan who loved watching games and hanging out with friends on the deck he built.

He is survived by Beverly Smith, his loving wife of 59 years and his daughter Kim Blanton (Jeff). He is also survived by his four grandchildren, Austin Blanton, Griffin Smith (Kinley), Bailey Elkins (Gabe), and Garrett Smith, four great-grandchildren, Judson & Jase Smith and Hadley & Hayden Elkins, his sister Alice Challenger, brother Tommy Smith (Delores), sister-in-law Marilyn McCrary, and many cherished nieces and nephews.

James was preceded in death by his parents, Lofton and Viola Smith, his son Jason Stuart Smith “Newt”, and his brothers-in-law Tommy Challenger and Barry McCrary.

A Memorial Service will be held on April 9, 2026, at 3:00 PM at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church in Talladega, AL, with visitation beginning at 2:00 PM in St. Peter’s Parish Hall. The Reverend John Carlisto will officiate.



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In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 208 North Street E., Talladega, AL 35160.




Events


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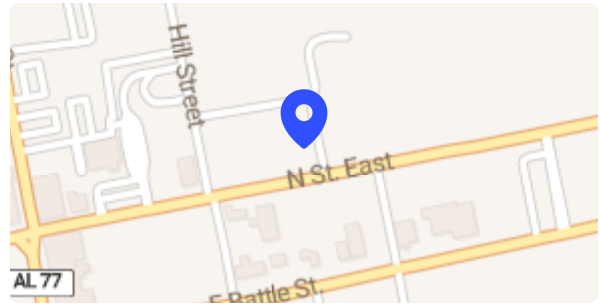
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Visitation

 **Thursday**, April 9, 2026


 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM CT


 **St. Peter's Episcopal Church Parish Hall**
208 North Street E., Talladega AL 35160

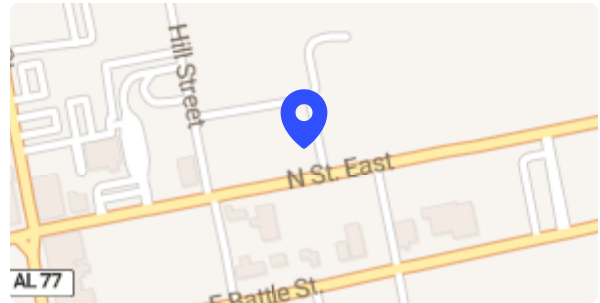


Memorial Service

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 3:00 PM CT

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Patsy Lagen posted:

Smut was the friend who always showed up before you asked for help because he always seemed to know what was needed! We Shaddix/Hamilton road neighbors will all miss him! Love, Patsy, Nancy and Kermit!

April 9 at 11:47 AM



Patsy Lagen posted:

The Shaddix Lane residents will greatly miss our friend "Smut". We always knew if we needed any help with ANY issue, all we had to do was call Smut! If he couldn't fix it, he knew someone who could. We ALL loved SMUT!! Love to Beverly and family! Nancy Kermit, Patsy and families!!

April 9 at 11:44 AM



Your Highline Family sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Smith family.



April 8 at 4:12 PM



Your Highline Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of James.



April 8 at 4:12 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Smith family.



April 7 at 8:34 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of James.



April 7 at 8:34 AM



Tribute Wall

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Anonymous planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of James.



April 6 at 3:27 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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