



Lonnie Fleet Smith

January 24, 1940 - July 10, 2022

Lonnie Fleet Smith, Jr., age 82, passed from this life on Sunday, July 10, 2022, at his home with his family by his side. Lonnie was born in Maury Co., TN, on January 24, 1940 to his late parents, Lonnie Fleet Smith Sr. and Narvie Potts. Lonnie married his high school sweetheart, Carolyn Turner on August 5, 1961, and later they were sealed for time and all eternity in the Salt Lake City Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Lonnie was always active in a variety of sports beginning in high school resulting in all-state football and basketball honors which led to his recruitment and full scholarship to play football and basketball for the University of Tennessee in Knoxville and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree. Lonnie worked as an engineer for Sverdrup Technologies at Arnold's Engineering and Development Center in Tullahoma, TN and retired after a 40-year career primarily involved in turbine engine testing and analysis. Lonnie and his wife, Carolyn, have been active members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for over 48 years. In the Church, Lonnie served in many capacities including bishop, counselor in stake presidency, full time missionary with his wife in the Nauvoo Illinois Temple, and sealer in the Nashville Temple. Some of Lonnie's hobbies included hunting, fishing, genealogy, traveling, bicycling, and scouting. Some of his favorite places to visit included Daytona Beach, The Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Yellowstone National Park, and Alaska. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Ronald Smith. Lonnie is survived by his loving wife, Carolyn Smith; sons, William Scott Smith

(Brenda) and Lonnie Fleet Smith III (Sandy); daughter, Carol Lynne Tritapoe (Jeff); sisters, Shirley Hooper (Frank) and Barbara Mauss (Gene); grandchildren, Willie, Grace, Alexis, Olivia, Logan, Dallin, Gavin, Jessica, Fleet IV, and Millie; and 23 great grandchildren with the 24th under construction. Visitation with the family will be held Friday, July 15, 2022, from 4:00pm until 8:00pm at Central Funeral Home in Manchester, TN. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, July 16, 2022, at 11:00am at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Tullahoma, TN, with Bishop Jared Bryan officiating. Graveside services and burial will be conducted Saturday afternoon at 4:00pm at Memory Gardens, 3288 Highway 100, Centerville, TN, 37033. In lieu of flowers for those who want to honor Lonnie, please find someone in need and serve them with love. Central Funeral Home is honored to serve the Smith family, 931-723-7774, centralfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Memory Gardens

2833 Highway 100 E
Centerville, TN 37033

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL 16. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RM

“ Carolyn, I have such fond memories of you when we were before teenage. My belated husband, Ray McFarlin, used to ride to Nashville to work with Lonnie’s daddy. Ray enjoyed him so u much. Now, about Lonnie, I went to high school with him. He was also very considerate to people. Ray passed Oct 10, 2019. He was raised up going to Dorris and Pearl’s store. May God continue to bless you and yours. Reba



Reba McFarlin - July 15, 2022 at 10:04 PM

JW

“ Jeff/Janet Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of Lonnie Fleet Smith



Jeff/Janet Wright - July 15, 2022 at 09:08 PM

LG

“ Lonnie And Marilyn Gilliam lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Fleet Smith



Lonnie and Marilyn Gilliam - July 15, 2022 at 08:25 PM

SC

“ *Sheila Chance lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Fleet Smith*



Sheila Chance - July 15, 2022 at 08:19 PM

BJ

“ *My memories of Lonnie at HCHS are of a handsome, friendly, popular, athletic, intelligent, well-rounded young man who was respected by all. He seems to have lived his "Dash" exceedingly well. We are so sorry to hear of his death, but happy to know that he leaves such a legacy and many descendants. May God richly bless each of you.*

Neil and Beatrice (Boehms) Jobe

Beatrice Jobe - July 15, 2022 at 01:44 PM

MM

“ *So sorry to learn of Lonnie's death, I knew you missed the class reunion because of his health, our hearts & prayers are with you, sorry we can't attend his service at Memory Gardens. Much love to you Carolyn.*



Margaret & Norman Martin - July 15, 2022 at 09:22 AM

PA

“ *Phillip, Letitia & Mckenna Allen lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Fleet Smith*



Phillip, Letitia & Mckenna Allen - July 14, 2022 at 07:58 PM