

IN LOVING MEMORY

JOHN M. SMITH

MARCH 24, 1955 - MARCH 2, 2025



FUNERAL SERVICE

11 a.m., Thursday, March 6, 2025

St. James United Methodist Church, Newport, NC

Officiated by Rev. Joseph Park

Greeting Rev. Joseph Park

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn "Amazing Grace" UMH 378

Scripture Reading Rev. Tom Supplee

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

2 Corinthians 4:16-5:2

2 Timothy 4:7,8

Special Music "Mary Did You Know" by Clay Aiken

Message Rev. Joseph Park

Eulogy & Witness

Pastoral Prayer

Closing Hymn "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" UMH 348

Dismissal

THE SERVICE WILL CONCLUDE AT CEDAR GROVE CEMETERY.

Please turn on bright lights and hazards in procession to the Cemetery.

PALLBEARERS

Bobby Bousman

Jim Bristle

Patrick Higgins

Cameron Lilly

Jim Lilly

Sam Pollard

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John M. Smith, 69, of Newport, North Carolina, passed away on Sunday, March 2, 2025, at Carteret Health Care.

John was born on March 24, 1955, in Lynchburg, Virginia, to the late Richard and Juanita Smith. He dedicated his life to faith, service, and education. A devoted member of St. James United Methodist Church, he served as the Sunday School Superintendent and Chair of the Education Ministry, guiding and inspiring many in their spiritual journeys.

John had a passion for community service which shined in his extensive volunteer work. He contributed his time to the American Red Cross and Newport Fire Department. His leadership extended to organizations such as the Rotary Club of Morehead City, as well as the Toastmasters of Morehead City. Committed to education, he was an active member of the North Carolina Community College Adult Education Association and was honored as Staff Person of the Year at Carteret Community College.

In addition to his professional and volunteer work, John provided business mentoring for SCORE, helped with Newport Prison Community Resource Counseling, and worked tirelessly to improve the lives of others. His dedication to service was recognized with The Order of the Long Leaf Pine, one of North Carolina's highest civilian honors, awarded to him by the Governor. He also received the Joseph T. Barwick Civic Award which honored individuals for their community service. John will be deeply missed by his family, friends, church community, and all those whose lives he touched.

Those remaining to cherish his memory are his loving wife, Susan Smith; daughter, Jamie Smith Higgins (Pat) of Newport, NC; son, Adam Clifton Smith (Jeannie) of Newport, NC; brother, Richard S. Smith Jr. (Janeen) of Tallahassee, FL; and grandchildren, Ava Marie Smith, Samantha Paige Higgins, Lily Mae Smith, and Kyle Patrick Higgins.

Family and friends are welcome to submit online condolences at www.mundenfuneralhome.net.

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I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.
I'm following the path God has laid you see.
I took His hand when I heard Him call.
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief.
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee.
God wanted me now; He set me free!



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