



## Joseph A. Smith

December 31, 1934 - October 18, 2020

Joseph Allen Smith was born on December 31, 1934, in Rockfield, Kentucky. Joseph was the seventh of twelve children born to the union of Reverly and Lavinia Smith.

Joseph joins his parents in their heavenly home preceded by all eleven of his siblings, including five brothers, Wayon Smith, Ronald South, Roger Smith, Dave Smith and Robert Smith; and six sisters, Annetta (Smith) Proctor, Sarah (Smith) Raglan, Dora (Smith) Stafford, Naomi (Smith) Potter, Nornta (Smith) Byrd, and Ida (Smith) King.

It is impressive enough that after attending and graduating from State Street High School in Bowling Green, Kentucky, Joseph retired from a decorated military career in which he honorably served his country for 26 years in both the Army and the Air National Guard; but, it doesn't fully capture his occupational life.

Joseph also received his bachelor's degree from DeVry Institute of Technology, he taught vocational courses in electronics, radio, and television, in both the college classroom, and the corporate training room, and worked behind the camera, and as a technical engineer for WBBM TV, and WGN TV, where he ultimately retired in 2004.

As a son, a brother, a soldier, a technician, a co-worker, a neighbor, and a friend, Joseph touched many lives, and, will be greatly missed by his wife of fourteen years, Lorraine.

Joseph also leaves to mourn, his two children, Andre Smith and Ingrid Smith, his sister-in-law, Zetlterine, and a host of nieces, nephews, neighbors, and friends.

Sincerely,

-Your friends at Burnam & Son

# Cemetery Details

## First Baptist Church - Rockfield Cemetery

428 Rockfield Church Road  
Rockfield, KY 42274

# Previous Events

## Private Visitation

OCT **29**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

A. A. Rayner & Sons Funeral Home  
318 East 71st Street  
Chicago , IL 60619  
1-773-846-6133  
<https://aaraynerandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

## Graveside Services

OCT **31**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church - Rockfield Cemetery  
428 Rockfield Church Road  
Rockfield, KY 42274

# Tribute Wall

EH

“ *Estella Hill lit a candle in memory of Joseph A. Smith*



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**Estella Hill** - November 11, 2020 at 07:55 AM

SL

“ *Sabrina Loving sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph A. Smith*



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**Sabrina Loving** - November 08, 2020 at 04:33 PM

WW

“ *William Walker lit a candle in memory of Joseph A. Smith*



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**William walker** - November 02, 2020 at 07:03 PM

TR

“ *My mom Helen Frances Becket was one of his classmates. She was so fond of Mr. Smith We lived in Chicago also. Although we live in Bowling Green now. Our hearts and prayers are with this family.*

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**Tara Richardson** - November 02, 2020 at 10:26 AM

PW

“ *Peggy Whitney lit a candle in memory of Joseph A. Smith*



Peggy Whitney - November 01, 2020 at 04:44 PM

LW

“ *Loretha Withrow lit a candle in memory of Joseph A. Smith*



Loretha Withrow - October 31, 2020 at 05:08 PM

MF

“ *Mrs. Hannah Whitney & Family lit a candle in memory of Joseph A. Smith*



Mrs. Hannah Whitney & Family - October 31, 2020 at 09:28 AM

GH

“ *Geneva Higgins lit a candle in memory of Joseph A. Smith*



Geneva Higgins - October 30, 2020 at 09:43 PM

BM

“ *Berona Massey lit a candle in memory of Joseph A. Smith*



**Berona Massey** - October 30, 2020 at 06:21 PM

JF

“ *Jackie Ray & Family lit a candle in memory of Joseph A. Smith*



**Jackie Ray & Family** - October 30, 2020 at 05:47 PM

WA

“ *Wanda Anthony lit a candle in memory of Joseph A. Smith*



**Wanda Anthony** - October 30, 2020 at 04:10 AM

WA

“ *Wanda Anthony lit a candle in memory of Joseph A. Smith*



**Wanda Anthony** - October 30, 2020 at 04:09 AM

CS

“ Carolyn Sydnor sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph A. Smith



Carolyn Sydnor - October 29, 2020 at 08:21 PM

MC

“ Mary Cole lit a candle in memory of Joseph A. Smith



Mary Cole - October 29, 2020 at 03:21 PM

CH

“ Cardine & Shawna Harrison sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph A. Smith



Cardine & Shawna Harrison - October 29, 2020 at 02:31 PM

CH

“ Cheryl Hewitt lit a candle in memory of Joseph A. Smith



cheryl hewitt - October 29, 2020 at 08:20 AM



“ Dear Smith Family,

*There are few things more difficult than dealing with the loss of a loved one. We, along with our staff, are honored and humbled that you have chosen our family to care for your family during this time. It is our hope that we have been able, in some small way, to lighten your burden and give proper reverence to a life lived. Please let us know if we can be of further service.*



*Respectfully,*

*Carmen, Cedric, Claudia and Kelly  
2nd Generation Owners*

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**Cedric Burnam** - October 28, 2020 at 10:18 PM