



David H. Smith, Sr.

August 8, 1941 - July 7, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of David Hoke Smith, Sr., a beloved father, devoted grandfather, a respected member of the Newnan community, and a great man. David was born on August 8, 1941, in Newnan, Georgia, where he spent his life serving others and nurturing his family whom he loved with his whole heart. He departed this world peacefully on July 7, 2025, at the age of 83, leaving behind a legacy of love, honor, integrity, and dedication. David dedicated 36 years to the Newnan Police Department, retiring as a Lieutenant, where he earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues and the community he served. He was a proud member of Coweta Masonic Lodge #60 for over 62 years, having served as Worshipful Master three times and Secretary for 28 years, demonstrating his commitment to fellowship, dedication, service, and a profound love of the fraternity. David was also a dedicated employee at McKoon Funeral Home for over 50 years, where he was loved by many.

He was a proud graduate of the Western High School Class of 1960, where he played baseball and other sports. He always said that he enjoyed high school so much that he stayed an extra year! His love of baseball would stay with him his entire life. When his sons got old enough to play themselves, he began coaching with Coweta County Little League Baseball. He coached for many years and made a very positive impact on the lives of countless kids who would never forget the sacrifices he made to invest in them. He loved watching the Atlanta Braves all his life. He also enjoyed spending time at the

Grantville Senior Center playing games and fellowshiping with friends who will deeply miss his jovial presence. A lifelong member of Andrews Chapel United Methodist Church, David found strength and solace in his faith after accepting Jesus Christ as his Savior at a young age at Arngo Baptist Church under the ministry of the late Reverend Travis Eidson. His faith guided him throughout his life and he lived with an overflowing servant's heart. He was very well known for his compelling storytelling, with impeccable details, and an infectious sense of humor, which often included a little nonsense! He cherished the time spent with family and friends, creating countless memories that will forever linger in the hearts of those who loved him. David leaves behind three sons, David Hoke (Jill) Smith, Jr., Donny (Alison) Smith, and Danny (Mandy) Smith; a beloved sister, Margaret Shaddix; and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren who will miss him deeply. His grandchildren, Will (Nicole) Smith, Andrew (Riley) Smith, Eli (Shelby) Smith, Alyssa (Eric) Arrowood, Macy (Tyler) Steadham, Chase Brown, Kristin (Chris) Neely, Brett Smith, Austin (Autumn) Duncan, Griffin (Sara) Duncan, Katelyn Smith, Jackson Smith, and Kelsey Smith, along with eleven great-grandchildren, who will carry forward his spirit and stories for generations to come.

The family will welcome friends for visitation at McKoon Funeral Home on Thursday, July 10, 2025, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. A funeral service to celebrate David's life will be held at the McKoon Funeral Home chapel on Friday, July 11, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. with his three sons officiating. Interment will follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, 656 Roscoe Road, Newnan, GA. Masonic Rites and the Newnan Police Department Honor Guard will bestow honors. As we gather to honor the incredible life of David Hoke Smith, Sr., we remember a man whose life was a testament to service, integrity, and love. He will be profoundly missed, but his spirit will live on in the countless stories and memories he leaves behind. David was preceded in death by: father, James Hoke Smith; Mother, Irene Tarleton Smith; siblings, Jimmie Smith, Jane Dalton, and Billy Smith.

Rather than flowers, the family respectfully requests that memorial contributions be made to either the Georgia Masonic Children's Home, <https://masonichomeofgeorgia.com/> , or to his beloved Coweta Masonic Lodge #60, 60 Sewell Road, Newnan, GA 30263.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.mckoon.com

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 10. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Funeral Service

JUL 11. 4:00 PM - 4:40 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of David H. Smith, Sr.*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - July 11, 2025 at 09:05 AM



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of David H. Smith, Sr.*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - July 10, 2025 at 03:06 PM

TF

So sorry to hear about David's passing. He was a good person, always enjoyed talking to him. Prayers for all the family.

Tommy Ferrell

Tommy Ferrell - July 10, 2025 at 07:44 PM

FC

“ *I am very sad at the passing of David. I worked several years with David at McKoon. He will be missed by all who knew and worked with him. Fred Crow*

Fred A Crow - July 18, 2025 at 01:38 PM

MK

“ So very sorry for your loss. I did not hear in time to pay my respects in person and I am so sorry I could not be there to hug you all. David was very dear to me and he will be greatly missed. I was blessed to be able to spend some time with him this last year at Andrews Chapel. What a wonderful sweet man he was! My love and prayers are with all of you,
Melissa Key

Melissa Key - July 14, 2025 at 11:44 AM

TS

“ Tim Shoemake lit a candle in memory of David H. Smith, Sr.



Tim Shoemake - July 14, 2025 at 11:37 AM

BJ

“ Our thoughts and prayers to David's family. We have lots of fond memories of David, he was such a special person. His nickname for me was "Possum" and mine for him was "The Bro". May your memories of him be a source of comfort and peace in the days and months ahead. Much Love, The Jenkins Family (Billy, Cindy, Emily and Carter)

Billy Jenkins - July 11, 2025 at 01:32 PM

GA

“ Mr. David was quite a busy man in our community. Best of all, he was my friend. As well as a friend of my family. When I would see him, he would never fail to ask about my folks and how they were doing.
He was just a super person and an outstanding man to know. I can honestly say that I loved him. I know that I haven't seen him in quite some time, but if and when I saw one of his sons, I never failed to ask about him. R I P my friend

Guy Alexander - July 11, 2025 at 01:05 AM

SB

“ Shirley Borders lit a candle in memory of David H. Smith, Sr.



Shirley Borders - July 10, 2025 at 04:23 PM

PG

“ He watched over all of us kids at the Burger Chef like we were his own. He was a very special person ☐☐



Pamela Yeager Gentry - July 10, 2025 at 04:19 PM

GP

He sure did watch over us and he always drove the ambulance when we had the car accident in 1969 with me telling him how to drive. He was a good man !

Gaylene Yeager Pronevitch - July 11, 2025 at 12:01 PM

BB

“ David was my husband's fraternal masonic brother. Both of us cared about him. He was such a wonderful man. I met him when I moved to Newnan in 1972. We wish his family peaceful rest knowing how much he was loved in this community. Bonnie(Crosby) and Greg Burgess

Bonnie Burgess - July 10, 2025 at 02:39 PM



“ Sweet & Savory Snacks Gift Basket was purchased for the family of David H. Smith, Sr..



July 10, 2025 at 11:08 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David H. Smith, Sr..

July 10, 2025 at 11:08 AM

CM

“ Fond memories of all the fun and good food at Mamaw's house on Sundays. He was especially fond of that good cooking!

Cliff and Mot - July 10, 2025 at 11:05 AM

MY

“ Sorry to hear of (Ret) Lt. David Smith’s passing. A longtime friend, we served together for many years in the law enforcement arena in Newnan and Coweta County. I took to calling him “Uncle D” (always got that laugh out of him) but that was only in recent years as he was always Lieutenant during our working days! Prayers to the Family during this time. May God’s peace and comfort be with you in the days ahead. Retired Sheriff Mike and Bev Yeager

Mike&Bev Yeager - July 10, 2025 at 09:50 AM

GD

“ Griffin and Sara Duncan purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of David H. Smith, Sr..



Griffin and Sara Duncan - July 10, 2025 at 07:05 AM

PG

“ Pike Group planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David H. Smith, Sr..

Pike Group - July 09, 2025 at 10:03 PM

PG

“ Pike Group purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of David H. Smith, Sr..



Pike Group - July 09, 2025 at 10:03 PM

DD

“ *Dianne Dutton lit a candle in memory of David H. Smith, Sr.*



Dianne Dutton - July 09, 2025 at 10:00 PM

GW

“ *Please accept my sincere condolences on David's passing. May he rest in eternal peace.*



Geraldine Welch - July 09, 2025 at 03:42 PM

DT

“ *Our hearts are broken we will no longer see David across the aisle at Andrew's Chapel. He always had a smile and a good story. He was generous with his hugs and service. It is comforting to know he is with his Lord Jesus, parents brothers and sister. We miss you already!*
Tom and Debra Tarleton

Debra Tarleton - July 09, 2025 at 03:33 PM

JC

“ *Jessica Cochran lit a candle in memory of David H. Smith, Sr.*



Jessica Cochran - July 09, 2025 at 01:53 PM

JG

“ Joseph, Jacqueline & the girls purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of David H. Smith, Sr..



Joseph, Jacqueline & the girls - July 09, 2025 at 01:51 PM

AC

“ I am so sorry to hear about Mr. David's passing. I didn't know him well, but when I would see him he was always very nice. George knew him a little better than I did. Danny, I'm pretty sure you understand what I mean. Prayers for you all. God is with you.

Alice Coggin - July 09, 2025 at 11:07 AM

JW

“ Joy Williams lit a candle in memory of David H. Smith, Sr.



Joy Williams - July 08, 2025 at 11:56 PM

RB

“ David was truly one of a kind. A good supportive friend. He was a true friend to Andy before he passed in 2001. He would call atleast once a month simply to check on my children until Drew (my youngest) married in 2024.
Praying for your family.



Rev BettyJean Bowers - July 08, 2025 at 09:58 PM

RH

“ Vicki and I are grieved that David will no longer grace Andrews Chapel UMC with his presence, smile, and compassionate heart. We rejoice knowing that he is with our Savior and God now. Prayers for peace and comfort for David's family and friends. - Pastor Tommy and Vicki Holder



Rev. Tommy Holder - July 08, 2025 at 09:55 PM

DT

“ Don And Leigh Trisler lit a candle in memory of David H. Smith, Sr.



Don and Leigh Trisler - July 08, 2025 at 08:15 PM

KW

“ Kathi And Tim Wilson lit a candle in memory of David H. Smith, Sr.



Kathi and Tim Wilson - July 08, 2025 at 06:30 PM

CA

“ Cathy Houston Adams lit a candle in memory of David H. Smith, Sr.



Cathy Houston Adams - July 08, 2025 at 06:23 PM

CA

“ I met David when I was 14 at the Burger Chef, he worked security there on Friday and Saturday nights. Needless to say he watched over the Burger Chef gang with a watchful eye until we were all grown. He was such a pleasure to know may he soar high with the angels.

Cathy Houston Adams - July 08, 2025 at 06:23 PM