



Raiford Lee Smith

August 19, 1942 - January 9, 2024

Mr. Raiford Lee Smith, 81, passed away Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at his home in Newnan. He was born August 19, 1942, in Moreland, GA to the late Steve Alexander Smith and Ethel Wilson Smith.

Raiford grew up in Moreland, GA, and was a graduate of Newnan High School and Georgia State University. He honorably served in the Marines and remained an active member of the local Marine Corps League. Raiford was a car enthusiast which naturally led him to be in car sales for many years. For the last 10 years, he took great pride in driving a school bus and getting to know so many fellow drivers and children. Raiford was a member of Unity Baptist Church.

The funeral is 11 a.m. Friday, January 12, 2024, at Unity Baptist Church with Dr. Doug McCart and Dr. Andy Brown officiating. Interment, with military honors, will follow at Southview Cemetery in Moreland. The family will greet friends at the church beginning at 9:00 a.m. Friday until the start of the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Unity Baptist Church, 311 Smokey Rd, Newnan, GA 30263.

Condolences may be expressed online at www.mckoon.com

Survivors include children, Amy (Rob) Williams, Tracy (Michael) Frame, Matthew (Nia) Smith; grandchildren, Lauren Watkins, Dallas Cox, Phoebe Smith; brother, Ronald Smith; and extended family.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

Southview Cemetery

Harris Street (PO Box 201)
Moreland, GA 30259

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 12. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

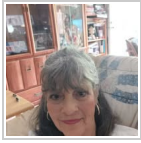
Unity Baptist Church
311 Smokey Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Funeral Service

JAN 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Unity Baptist Church
311 Smokey Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall



“ *Shirley Borders lit a candle in memory of Raiford Lee Smith*



Shirley Borders - January 12, 2024 at 05:07 PM



“ *Sincere condolences to the family.*

Bobby, Lori, Brianna and Tanner



Lori Woods - January 12, 2024 at 05:05 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. I knew Raiford, his Brother, Mother and Father. A great family. I graduated from NHS with Raiford. A SUPER guy!*

Kirby White - January 12, 2024 at 03:53 PM



“ *Koo*

Joe. Strickland - January 12, 2024 at 03:34 PM

BW

“ *Bonnie Walters lit a candle in memory of Raiford Lee Smith*



Bonnie Walters - January 12, 2024 at 03:34 PM

CP

“ *Raiford was a good man and an excellent friend to everyone. I was sure sad to hear of his passing! He loved his family. Rest now my friend, your work is done here on this Earth!*

Cindy Moore Powell - January 12, 2024 at 11:48 AM

MT

“ *I met Raiford many years ago through our job.....Always enjoyed our talks about this and that.....am sending prayers for his family and friends during this difficult time.....circumstances will not allow me to attend his service today - Rest In Peace my friend - Regards, Mike (Moose) Thompson*

Mike Thompson - January 12, 2024 at 10:28 AM

LS

“ *One of my best friends since high school. Have been gym buddies for many years. The man was not only a real thinker he understood people. He will be missed.*

Lamar Smith - January 11, 2024 at 07:40 PM

MG

“ Raiford was a good human being, a loyal Marine, champion of America. He will be missed by all who knew him and especially by those of us who grew up in Moreland. My sincere condolences to his family.

Martha Grant - January 11, 2024 at 10:05 AM

PW

“ Amy, Tracy, Matt & families,

We were so sorry to hear about your dad. We have so many good memories of great times with y'all & him. Sending love & prayers to all.

George & Peggy

Peggy Williams - January 11, 2024 at 09:40 AM

MB

“ Sorry to hear this! Raiford has been a great friend, to me and my family since Car Land of Newnan! Mike worked for him then and become a good salesman and my son, Michael is a good salesman and has his own business now! We have many memories thru the years. Prayers for all his family! Melba



Melba Bowie - January 11, 2024 at 09:27 AM

VW

“ I've known Raiford a long time. A man with a funny sense of humor. Went motorcycle riding with him many times. Loved warm springs, etc. My prayers to the family. Vicki



Vicki Wyatt - January 11, 2024 at 07:09 AM

JM

“ It was a honor to know Raiford. I had the pleasure to serve in the Marine Corps League with him. He was a dedicated Detachment member. My thoughts and prayers are with Raiford's Family. Semper Fi Raiford.

Jay Maxwell - January 11, 2024 at 01:02 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Raiford Lee Smith.

January 10, 2024 at 10:33 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Raiford Lee Smith.



January 10, 2024 at 07:55 PM

CA

“ I have known Raiford all of my life, I am sure that all of the Moreland men that have gone before him had a grand reunion at the Pearly Gates and that his old friend Jerry Evans was there to get him on their horses on the streets of gold. Rest in peace my friend, until we meet again.

Catherine Houston Adams - January 10, 2024 at 07:53 PM

CA

“ Catherine Houston Adams lit a candle in memory of Raiford Lee Smith



Catherine Houston Adams - January 10, 2024 at 07:47 PM

DE

“ I was so sad to hear of Raiford's passing. He was a wonderful man with a good sense of humor. I was honored to serve with him these last several years in the Marine Corps League. You will be sorely missed Raiford. Semper fi brother.

David Epps

David Epps - January 10, 2024 at 06:16 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raiford Lee Smith.



January 10, 2024 at 05:27 PM

AW

“ Raiford was a wonderful friend. I'll never forget him helping me move over to Wedowee Al. We had a good time in the move. He came over to see me for a while and we would go out and eat and go dancing and we always had a great time. He was a perfect gentleman. Prayers for his Family. ❤️🙏🙏

Ann. West - January 10, 2024 at 05:10 PM

JS

*Raiford was a good friend school days
Joe Strickland*

Joe. Strickland - January 12, 2024 at 03:38 PM

MM

raiford & I went to many motorcycle events over the years. He was a good friend. God Bless him & his family. semper fi . mike maurer

mike maurer - January 16, 2024 at 02:56 PM