



Robert Larry Smith

July 15, 1945 - November 23, 2016

The writer Emerson stated “To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded.” For Robert Larry Smith, it would be an apt description of the way he chose to live his earthly journey. Larry was born July 15, 1945 in Newnan and was one of three children born to the late Harvey L. and Lavonia Thompson Smith. He became a part of a larger extended family that was well-known in Moreland where the family made their home. As a young man, he became a part of First Baptist Church of Moreland. He was a Boy Scout in Troop 48 and his life course was enriched by his involvement in scouting and his church. After graduating from Newnan High School in 1963, Larry attended The University of Georgia School of Pharmacy, graduating in 1968. After graduating, he married his high school sweetheart Phyllis Prince on June 22nd of that same year. Larry became a rich source of knowledge for all his pharmacy customers, for he was always eager to catch up on family news, or lend a caring moment for those who just needed someone in whom they could confide. He worked downtown at Connally’s Rexall Store, Hospital Discount Pharmacy and later at K-Mart until his own health issues forced him to retire. Although he could not continue his professional career, Larry had many interests that kept him occupied. He could probably be called a Renaissance man for all his artistic inclinations. He loved designing floral arrangements and was a frequent participant in Powers’ Crossroads and The Cotton Picking Fair for 30 years. He and his brother, Richard, owned Flowers by LaRich in downtown Newnan for two years. His

creative instincts were applied to his love for gardening and he took pleasure in the beauty he created on his property in Moreland. And, oh, his love for animals was something else! Yorkies and Westies were favorites. Rascal and Mattie took second billing to nobody. The wayward stray cat could become an instant favorite with him. Larry's faith was firmly grounded in his beloved First Baptist Church of Moreland. He served faithfully as a deacon and church treasurer, taught Sunday School with Phyllis, and shared his wonderful singing voice as long as he was physically able. Larry always felt that God would use the gifts given to him as long as he was able. He did that to pay forward as a testament to the faithfulness of the Lord and the great trust Larry placed in Him. He knew that his courage and strength to continue on in life under some very trying circumstances was a direct benefit of that faithfulness to the God who created him. Larry also knew that God placed a very special woman in his life in his wife Phyllis. For 48 years, she was his companion, constant aide and advocate, if need be. Larry was the exemplary father to his beloved daughters Kimberly Smith Pelletier and her husband Joe; Stacey Smith Henderson and her husband Kevin. He was brother and friend to his siblings Harvey Richard Smith and Gail Smith Carroll and her husband Len. He adored his grandchildren Josh Pelletier, Daniel Pelletier, Eric Henderson and Matthew Henderson. He is also survived by a nephew Jeff Carroll and his wife Leslie and their children Camille Carroll and Andrew Carroll. There are innumerable cousins and extended family in the Thompson and Smith families. Visitation with the family will be at McKoon Funeral Home on Saturday evening, November 26th between 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM. His life will be lovingly remembered in a service to be held on Sunday, November 27, 2016 at 2:00 PM in the McKoon Funeral Home chapel led by Dr. Daniel Ausbun and Reverend Searcy Jackson. Interment will follow at Southview Cemetery in Moreland. Larry was always soft spoken, but sincere. In remembrance of him always know, as he said so often, "I love you and God loves you, too." Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.mckoon.com. McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580.

Cemetery Details

Southview Cemetery

Harris Street (PO Box 201)
Moreland, GA 30259

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **26**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com

Service

NOV **27**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

FF

“ *Thoughts and prayers are with the family. Praying for you to be comforted during this difficult time*



Francis Futral - December 08, 2016 at 06:19 PM

TD

“ *Tammy Dean lit a candle in memory of Robert Larry Smith*



Tammy Dean - November 28, 2016 at 03:05 PM

TB

“ *We were sorry to hear of the passing of Larry. My family were down the road neighbors of Mr. Harvey and Lavonia Smith on Highway 27 in Moreland. Although Larry was already grown when I got up some size I remember seeing him in their yard but never really was acquainted. We all thought a lot of the Smith family however and many of their relatives who were also our neighbors. I did have the opportunity to teach his grandson Josh in school and was a fine young man much of which I'm sure he could attribute to his heritage.*

We pray for God's blessings on his family during this time.

Tom Barnett

Tom Barnett - November 28, 2016 at 07:07 AM

KA

“*Mrs. Smith, I am so sorry to read of Larry's passing. I had the pleasure of working with him at Kmart many years ago as a college student. He was always very kind and full of joy. Please know you and your family are being lifted to the Lord as you celebrate his life.*
Kelly Duffey Abercrombie

Kelly Abercrombie - November 27, 2016 at 02:43 PM

DS

“ To Phyllis and the all the rest of his family I feel so very sorry to hear of Larry's passing

I just found out about it a little over 24 hours ago!

I have know Larry from as far back as I could remember as a child, he was a gentle and nice guy, do not ever remember him ever getting in any kind of trouble like I did! I

I could pick him out of any of the wonderful pictures that were shown. Even the ones when he was just 6 or 7 years old!

I am now so sorry I did not stop and talk when I would go by your house and see him out on the lawn mower and wondered how in the world he could stay on it without falling off! Being disabled myself I know that just being able to get out and do something what ever it might be makes you feel good for when you are sick you feel useless and a burden on everyone around you!

It is a Crying Shame that such a Great Guy had to live most of his life (over 30 years of it) in such a painful disabled way!

This has sure been a terrible month for some of our old Moreland Class Mates!

First Bobby Entrekin died on I think the 5th then Clyde Elrod passed a week later and then Larry about a week later after Clyde!

Remember back when we were young and thought anyone in their 30's were old and ancient and now we are all over twice that age!

I do hope and Pray I will see everyone again in the next world but there is a very good chance I might just be sent in the other direction! Maybe they will give me a week end pass for good behavior to visit with my old friends for a little time at least once a year!

The only good thing I can think of is that you don't hurt anymore Larry for I know how bad continuous pain is for I to have suffered unbearable pain for over 20 years now! In addition to the pain it makes you feel useless and a burden on your loved ones!

I thought the World of your Mother, Father, Richard and that Wonderful Young Girl Phillis you married! Don't think you could ever have chosen anyone better as your partner for life!

She has certainly taken good care of you over these very difficult

*years and I know it has not been an easy task at all!
Rest in Peace my Friend!
I will be coming along the same path in a short time and will be
proud and honored to see you once again!*

Dudley Stamps

ph 770-251-7420 email dstamps1@charter.net

Dudley Stamps - November 27, 2016 at 12:35 AM

CB

“ *Phyllis,*

*You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I am so sorry
that I did not know sooner. He was such a special person and will
be missed.*

Carla Brown

Carla Brown - November 26, 2016 at 08:18 PM

YD

“ *Stacey and family, i so sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. I
know how much you loved him. You and your family are in my
prayers. Our sincere condolences.*

Yolanda, Henry and Myles Dowell

Yolanda Dowell - November 26, 2016 at 03:25 PM

JS

“ *Prayers to Ms. Phyllis and family. He was a great man, deeply
respected and will greatly missed by everyone who knew him.*

Jimmy Shadix - November 26, 2016 at 02:13 PM



“ 36 files added to the album Life Tributes



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - November 26, 2016 at 01:49 PM



“ RONDA DUFFEY lit a candle in memory of Robert Larry Smith



RONDA DUFFEY - November 26, 2016 at 09:06 AM



Dear Smith family,
Larry was such a dear, sweet and kind man who will be greatly missed, His example of living life and your lives are his legacy, His wonderful legacy. What a tribute to the person that many of us were blessed to have known. I am so very sorry for your loss. Prayers for your comfort and healing.

RONDA DUFFEY - November 26, 2016 at 09:10 AM

GW

“ Please accept our sincerest condolences on Larry's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in your loss of this fine man who led a long, fruitful life in spite of his health issues. He will surely be missed by those who were touched by his exemplary life.



Geraldine and Bobby Welch - November 26, 2016 at 03:03 AM

JH

“ The Smith Family,
We are so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.
Chris, Jennifer, Madison and Jacob Harmon

Jennifer Eiland Harmon - November 25, 2016 at 09:32 PM

SF

“ Dear Ms. Phyllis, Kim, Stacey, and the Smith Family,
Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time. Mr. Larry's infectious smile and incredibly positive attitude has blessed so many people - including myself. He was one of the first people who welcomed me into the FBCM family when I arrived in Moreland years ago, and I always admired his kindness and sweet spirit. I love you and am so very sorry for your loss. I know that the entire community is lifting you up in prayer....you are all very loved!

Sheila Farr - November 25, 2016 at 05:12 PM

KS

“ *Phyllis, Kim and Stacey,*

My heart just breaks for you. We know that he is in a much better place. It is very hard and I know what each one is going through. Just turn to the lord to give you strength, day by day. You never get over. You never forget. The lord just gives you the strength to cope with the new situation. I'm here if you need someone to talk to, or cry with. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time and after. He was the most loving, thoughtful, and caring person anyone could ever meet. He will greatly be missed.

With Love,

Kathi Sumner

Kathi Sumner - November 25, 2016 at 01:57 PM