



Billy Jack "B. J." Smith

January 26, 1937 - October 20, 2015

Billy Jack "B. J." Smith, 78, passed away on Tuesday, October 20, 2015, at Hospice Ministries in Ridgeland, Mississippi. Visitation will be Thursday, October 22, 2015, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Nowell-Massey Funeral Home in Louisville, Mississippi. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, October 23, 2015, in the Nowell Massey Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Rob Faulk officiating. Interment will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery.

B. J. was born January 26, 1937, to Floyd and Mable Walsh Smith. He was the owner of B. J. Smith Construction Company for over 50 years and did pipeline distribution for gas, water and sewer. He contracted pipeline work from Mississippi Valley Gas and Atmos Energy during those years, as well as many other engineering firms, cities, and towns from the middle of Tennessee to the Gulf Coast. He was also a cattle farmer for over 60 years. B. J. loved his gardening and gave his fruits and vegetables to his family, friends, neighbors, and doctors. He was known for "giving you the shirt off of his back", but don't try to take it without asking! He always enjoyed getting his large family together at Christmas, where he enjoyed cooking for them; especially his homemade biscuits.

Mr. Smith is survived by five children: Mitch Smith and wife, Ann, of Tupelo, Mississippi; Hal Smith of Louisville; Penny Ascione and husband, Anthony, of Richland, Mississippi; Jeff Smith of Preston, Mississippi; and Toby Smith of

Macon, Mississippi. One of his greatest joys was being “Poppa Jack” to his 12 grandchildren and his 16 great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind to mourn his passing several nieces, nephews, and his border collie, Shep. The family would like to express special thanks to Dorothy Partridge, his friend and caregiver; and to Hospice Ministries, Inc. and their staff in Ridgeland, Mississippi. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Merle and Buford Smith; his sister, Ouida Joyce Johnson; two grandchildren, Melissa and Melinda Smith; and one great-grandchild, Jordan Smith.

Serving as pallbearers will be Austin Catt, Tim Henry, Adam King, Jeremy Kirk, Jacob Smith and Rodney Smith. Honorary pallbearers will be his friends that he drank coffee with at Hardee’s each morning.

Services are under the direction of Nowell-Massey Funeral Home, 724 North Columbus Avenue, Louisville, MS. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family by signing the guest register at www.nowellmasseyfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Louisville Memorial Cemetery

18075 East John C. Stennis Drive
Louisville, MS 39339

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Massey Funeral Home
724 N. Columbus Avenue
Louisville, MS 39339
(662) 773-3501
nowellfuneral@bellsouth.net
<https://www.masseyfuneralhome.net/>

Service

OCT **23**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Nowell-Massey Funeral Home Chapel
724 N Columbus Ave
Louisville, MS 39339
nowellfuneral@bellsouth.net
<http://www.nowellmasseyfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Billy Jack "B. J." Smith*

January 29, 2023 at 06:32 AM



“ *Very nice guy . Very serious when he needed to be. Always nice to me and my son Michael. Will be missed. See you in heaven. Mike, Mich, and Carol McAdory*

Mike McAdory - November 26, 2015 at 11:33 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about Billy Jack! I have known him for 20 something years and he was always a kind person to me and he spoke highly of me to my relatives (Harold Robertson) and that means a lot. The family will be in my thoughts and prayers!
Tammy Mann-Cline
Texas*

Tammy Cline - November 04, 2015 at 01:40 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers with you and your family during this time of sorrow.*

Lisa Blanset - October 23, 2015 at 02:46 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. Praying that our Lord will wrap each of you in His loving comfort now and in the days to come. Pam
Thomas Louisville, Ms.*

Pam Thomas - October 23, 2015 at 01:41 PM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Billy Jack "B. J." Smith.*



October 22, 2015 at 03:50 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Billy Jack "B. J." Smith.*



October 22, 2015 at 02:07 PM



“ *He was the hardest work in grandfather I know. I loved all the home made cooking from my grandpa. Nothing like eating home made meals from his fresh picked veggies. I loved it the most when we would fish together or bail hay. I learned how to drive my first tractor. Caught my first bass in his pond with him and my uncle kev. I'm going to miss you old man but this ain't good bye. It's see you soon papa. I love you from your grandson branson. Jacob. Smith*



Branson Smith - October 21, 2015 at 10:52 PM



“ *Bountiful European Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Billy Jack "B. J." Smith.*



October 21, 2015 at 08:58 PM