



Donald "Bruce" Smith

August 11, 1949 - January 29, 2017

Donald "Bruce" Smith, 67, passed away surrounded by his loving family on Sunday, January 29, 2017, at St. Dominic Hospital in Jackson, Mississippi. Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 2, 2017, in the Nowell Massey Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Tim Horton officiating. Visitation will be the day of the service from 9:30 a.m. until service time at Nowell Massey Funeral Home in Louisville, Mississippi. Interment will be in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Bruce was born August 11, 1949, in Winston County to Henry and Jean Culpepper Smith. He loved his family and friends dearly; and he was a fun-loving person who enjoyed hunting, fishing, and riding motorcycles and horses. For 20 years, he answered the call of his country by serving in the United States Army spending time in the Pentagon and as a recruiter.

Bruce is survived by his wife of 26 years, Laurie Smith of Florence, Mississippi; his mother, Jean Hurt of Byram, Mississippi; daughter, Shannon Smith of Raymond, Mississippi; his son, Donald Bruce Smith, Jr., and wife, Megan, of Atlanta, Georgia; and two brothers, Brent Smith and wife, Ashley, of Jackson; and Ron Smith and wife, Sandra, of Peachtree City, Georgia. He was "Big Daddy" or "Papaw" to three grandchildren: Nick Nations; Carmen Nations Luke and husband, Sebastian; and Aurora Smith; and his great-granddaughter, Lakenn Luke. Bruce was preceded in death by his father.

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

FEB 2. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Service

FEB 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

Nowell-Massey Funeral Home Chapel
724 N Columbus Ave
Louisville, MS 39339
nowellfuneral@bellsouth.net
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Tribute Wall



“ Donald "Bruce" Smith

January 29, 2023 at 06:32 AM



“ I was told as a child that we were related to Bruce's family. For years, we attended the same church in Louisville. I hated to hear of his passing. My prayers and sympathy to his family..

Debra Kitchens-Thrasher
Of Starkville, Ms

Debra Kitchens-Thrasher - February 09, 2017 at 06:00 PM



“ My name is Yulanda Prisock Allen. I was a classmate of Bruce at Louisville High School. He was a great guy and lots of fun. My condolences go out to his family. May God be with you as you move forward.

Yulanda Allen - February 01, 2017 at 07:53 PM



Ronald, so sorry to hear about Bruce's death. I always thought so much of both of you growing up in church together. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you. Janie Adcock Yarbrough

Janie Yarbrough - February 01, 2017 at 10:29 PM

CH

“ A true professional in every way, I had the honor of serving with SFC (R) Donald "Bruce" Smith on active duty as his Commander in 1983 where he served as the Nurse Recruiter for New Orleans recruiting Battalion, where his performance was impeccable, Bruce won every award that the Army had to offer in his field, my successes in Army Recruiting was largely attributed to his performance. Bruce had a special zeal about himself that made him admired by all he came in contact with. Approximately ten years later we were again working together, but this time as retired teaching JROTC at Wingfield high school, again I relied on his skills and knowledge which caused our program to excel in all areas. Bruce could always be counted on to make things happen, I place him in the top non commission officers that I ever served with. He was a Officer Trainer. He as a person and retired NCO will be truly missed. A true friend.

"HOOAH"

Carl Lanzing Holden
LTC (R) ARMOR
U.S.ARMY

Col Carl Holden - January 31, 2017 at 09:54 PM

PS

“ Hugs and prayers to Laurie and all family and friends. I have so many memories riding horses with B.J., Bruce, and sometimes Laurie. I remember one particular time riding down a very steep, muddy hill. We knew we couldn't get back up on the horses so Bruce got up to the top of the hill holding onto his horse's tail. We sent our horses up first and he caught everyone of them and tied them to a tree at the top. We then climbed up in the mud and everyone made it without getting hurt. He was awesome! What a great memory!!! Happy trails Bruce. I know you and B.J. will be riding horses and motorcycles again!

Patty Seifert - January 31, 2017 at 07:46 PM

KS

“ Lori, i dont think i ever met you but my name is Kent Snare and Bruce and I were in the reserve unit in Greenwood back in the 70's, i'm so sorry to here about Bruce, my prayers and condolences go out to you and your family, he will be in my prayers every night for now on.

Kent Snare - January 31, 2017 at 05:31 PM

CW

“ Connie Winstead-Sebren lit a candle in memory of Donald "Bruce" Smith



Connie Winstead-Sebren - January 31, 2017 at 10:57 AM

CW

“ A lot of great memories were made in the Antioch home on Gaddis Myers! I feel sure my Daddy (JJ) was standing there by those pearly gates with a pair of reins in his hands, just waiting to give them to Bruce, so that He could now "work those Mules" getting ready for that Dixie National Wagon Train Ride!

Laurie, Peanut, Shannon, Brent: Bruce never met a stranger therefore he will be missed by many!! We, The JJ Winstead Family, will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers through the upcoming days! May the good Lord above give you peace and comfort!

*Much Love,
Norma Faye, Ken, Connie, And Victoria*

Connie Winstead-Sebren - January 31, 2017 at 10:56 AM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Donald "Bruce" Smith.



January 31, 2017 at 10:17 AM

LW

“ Our deepest sympathy of the passing of Bruce. Please know that all of the Smith Family is in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

Ben and Lynn Williams

Lynn Williams - January 31, 2017 at 09:09 AM

DM

“ So sorry Brent and family. Am thinking of you. God bless.

Dawn Moore - January 30, 2017 at 10:20 PM

CR

“ To the Smith Family,

Please accept my sincere sympathy for the loss of your husband, father, and grandfather, Mr. Donald Bruce Smith. I will keep you all in my prayers during this very difficult time.

Cathy Ratelle (Megan's aunt).

Cathy Ratelle - January 30, 2017 at 08:25 PM



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Nowell Massey Funeral Home - January 30, 2017 at 02:07 PM