



Paul "L. P." Smith, Jr.

April 11, 1973 - September 20, 2025

William "LP" Paul Smith, Jr., 52, of Noxapater, Mississippi, passed away on September 20, 2025. A memorial service will be held Wednesday, September 24 at 2 p.m. in the Massey Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Chris Vowell and Bro. Chris Nowell officiating. Visitation will be the day of the service from 11 a.m. until service time at Massey Funeral Home in Louisville, Mississippi.

LP was born on April 11, 1973, to William Paul, Sr. and Addy Howard Smith. With his outgoing personality, he was a man who never met a stranger and was loved by everyone who had the privilege of knowing him. Known for his great sense of humor, his hardworking spirit, and his willingness to lend a hand, he lived his life with kindness and generosity. He enjoyed riding horses, farming, working on anything mechanical, and spending time outdoors. Above all, his greatest happiness came from being with his family, especially his grandchildren who lovingly called him "Pops." LP proudly served for more than 30 years in the Army National Guard where he attained the rank of CW4.

He is survived by his loving wife, Shelba Smith; his children, Tracy Waddell and husband Austin of Philadelphia, Mississippi, Macie Barrett of Noxapater, Mississippi, and Austin Barrett and wife Gayden of Philadelphia, Mississippi; his mother, Addy Howard Smith; his sister, Lisa Smith of Noxapater, Mississippi; and his brother, Bobby Smith of Louisville, Mississippi. He also leaves behind seven beloved grandchildren: Jaxon Franklin, Braxton Waddell,

Riley Barrett, Cross Barrett, Arleigh Waddell, Wrenlee Barrett, and Bowen Barrett, along with his niece Haley Smith and nephew Haden Smith. LP was preceded in death by his father, William Paul Smith, Sr.

LP will be remembered as a devoted husband, father, brother, "Pops," and friend. His love for his family, his ability to bring joy and laughter to those around him, and his generous heart will be deeply missed and forever cherished.

In lieu of flowers memorials in honor of LP may be given to Purple Heart Foundation online at <https://purpleheartfoundation.org/ways-to-give/>.

Services are under the direction of 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.masseyfuneralhome.net.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **24.** 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Massey Funeral Home Chapel
724 N Columbus Ave
Louisville
Louisville, MS 39339

Memorial Service

SEP **24.** 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JC

“ May God be with you all at this difficult time. Lill Paul shall be missed. He was an outstanding person. 🙏🙏🙏❤️❤️❤�

johanna Coward and Billy w. coward - September 24, 2025 at 08:15 PM

IH

“ My deepest sympathy and prayers for the family and friends ❤️ God bless you all .



Iris Hoskins - September 24, 2025 at 01:48 PM



“ Prayers for the family 🙏 Paul was a good guy



Morgan Hope Smith - September 24, 2025 at 12:22 PM

GM

“ I enjoyed working with Paul at Walmart. He was always so hardworking and polite. My thoughts and prayers are with the Family and Friends of Paul. 🙏🙏🙏

Gwenita Mays - September 24, 2025 at 12:14 PM

MT

“ I also worked with Paul at Entergy Attala Plant in Sallis. He was only at Attala for a short time maybe since January. He was very kind and he loved his family. He was a good trainer and cared a lot about others. We have all been praying for Paul and his family. God rest his soul.

Mary Ellen James Thomas - September 23, 2025 at 08:39 PM

MC

“ Spending 12 yrs in the Guard with Paul showed all sides of him and honestly I never saw one I didn't like. He was fiery about things he was passionate about but so tender about others. He was an all around good guy that will surely be missed.

Mia Trussell Colston - September 23, 2025 at 03:22 PM

LC

“ Louisiana Bushnell Training Center planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul "L. P." Smith, Jr..

Louisiana Bushnell Training Center - September 23, 2025 at 03:04 PM

LC

“ Louisiana Bushnell Training Center purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Paul "L. P." Smith, Jr..



Louisiana Bushnell Training Center - September 23, 2025 at 03:04 PM

SH

“ skeens and jones and howard purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Paul "L. P." Smith, Jr..



skeens and jones and howard - September 23, 2025 at 11:54 AM

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skeens and jones and howard - September 23, 2025 at 11:54 AM

LJ

“ Steve and I would like to extend our condolences to Little Paul's entire family, especially to Shelba and his immediate family. He was a great friend to many and such a genuine and kind guy. Always had a smile, a joke, or just a kind word to say.....an all around great guy. May God hold you all close and comfort you during this difficult time as only He can. I'm so sorry that we are not able to make the visitation or service due to work commitments. Sending love, hugs, and prayers.

Steve & Lisa Jones

Lisa Jones - September 23, 2025 at 10:42 AM

RW

“ Addy Jean and family I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers for you now and the days to come!

Randy Woods - September 23, 2025 at 10:22 AM

MH

“ Mary H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul "L. P." Smith, Jr..

Mary H. - September 22, 2025 at 10:26 PM



“ Blue & White Funeral Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Paul "L. P." Smith, Jr..



September 22, 2025 at 09:19 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Paul "L. P." Smith, Jr..

September 22, 2025 at 09:19 PM

WB

“ *Paul's Family,*
I had the privilege of working alongside Paul at Entergy, and in that time, I came to know him as not only a dedicated professional, but also a genuine and stand up individual. Paul carried himself with integrity, humility, and a willingness to lend a hand whenever it was needed. He was the kind of teammate you could always count on, and his presence made our workplace stronger and more supportive. Beyond his work, it was the kindness and respect he showed others that left a lasting impact. Paul valued people, and those of us who were fortunate enough to know him will carry that with us. He will be greatly missed, both as a colleague and as a friend. Please accept my heartfelt condolences during this difficult time. May you find comfort in the many lives Paul touched.

Willy Barnhart - September 22, 2025 at 09:13 PM

FE

“ *I'm so sorry for the loss of this precious man!*

Freida Clark Estes - September 22, 2025 at 07:30 PM

RM

“ *In honor of CW4 Paul Smith, the 223rd Engineer Battalion Officers Association gratefully recognizes his life, service, and sacrifice. A memorial gift has been made to the Purple Heart Foundation to honor his legacy and the freedoms he defended. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and all who served alongside him.*

Russell Munroe - September 22, 2025 at 07:20 PM

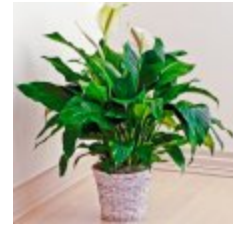
TT

“ The Enterprise Safety Training Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul "L. P." Smith, Jr..

The Enterprise Safety Training Team - September 22, 2025 at 06:05 PM

TT

“ The Enterprise Safety Training Team purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Paul "L. P." Smith, Jr..



The Enterprise Safety Training Team - September 22, 2025 at 06:05 PM



“ I worked with Paul at Walmart years ago. He was always fun to work with and a great worker. Paul was a great guy. I have not seen him in years. Sorry to hear about his accident.

Brent Walton - September 22, 2025 at 06:03 PM

CL

“ Lil Paul was a constant friend! No matter how long it had been since I saw him last... he was always talkative and wanted to know how you been doing. We need more people on this earth like him! He was a constant friend and consistently the same every time I saw him! They don't make them like that anymore!!



candi luke - September 22, 2025 at 04:56 PM

ET

“ *Entergy Ops Training purchased the White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Paul "L. P." Smith, Jr..*



Entergy Ops Training - September 22, 2025 at 03:53 PM



“ *Heartfelt Sympathies Blue & White Funeral Standing Basket was purchased for the family of Paul "L. P." Smith, Jr..*



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CE

“ *My deepest condolences. Mrs. Addy and Shelba, you and all your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May God's loving arms wrap around you today and the days to come.*

Carol Ann Edwards - September 22, 2025 at 03:10 PM

TF

“ LP was such a great Pops to his grands and would help anyone who needed it. I remember when my dad passed away he came to the funeral to help us with our shared grandson. He sat quietly in the back and told me he was there if we needed him and wouldn't leave until our grandson was ready. He didn't rush away after the funeral but stayed there and waited. I encouraged him to fix himself a plate at the repast. He has always been so so good to my daughter and grandson. It was a privilege to know him. I pray for peace for Shelba and all of his kids and grandkids and extended family. He will be greatly missed.

Tisha Frazier - September 21, 2025 at 08:06 PM

DK

“ I know that Paul will be missed. I want to thank him for all time that he spent with Dustin. God bless each of you and give you the peace that only he can.. Praying for each of you.



Debra Kitchens-Thrasher - September 21, 2025 at 07:39 PM

PT

“ So very sorry for your loss. Praying for all of you.

Pam Thomas - September 21, 2025 at 02:46 PM