



## Mr. Gerald M. "Jerry" Smith

March 24, 1948 - December 26, 2023

Gerald Martin (Jerry) Smith died peacefully at his home in Bishopville, South Carolina, on Tuesday, December 26, 2023.

Born in Sumter, South Carolina, Jerry was one of two sons born to the late Robert (Bob) Smith and Juanita (Tag) Smith.

Jerry milked cows on the family dairy farm for many years growing up and then went into the car business with his father at Bob Smith Chevrolet GMC in Bishopville. Jerry was a national, award winning salesman during his career in the car business and many families in this area were lifelong customers. He retired from the car business in the early 2000's. Through the years, Jerry enjoyed building and racing cars with Smith Brothers Racing at Sumter Speedway, raising Devon cows at their Devonshire Farm in Ashwood, fishing anywhere and anytime he could, camping with his wife Lori all over the southeast and beyond, growing vegetables, cooking, and for many years, enjoying flying remote control airplanes.

If you knew Jerry or you met him at some point in his life, you probably saw a unique necklace he wore. It was a rustic nail hanging on a cord and when he was asked what it was, he said it was his key to heaven. When asked further, he said in response that it represented the blood of Jesus that was shed on the cross for his sins. This was a conversation Jerry had with countless

people over the years hoping to start further conversations about Jesus.

Jerry loved his years at Memorial Chapel in Ashwood where he served on the Governing Board, taught Sunday school, served as the Men's Ministries Director, worked with Prison Ministries, as well as many other ministries in the church.

Survivors include his spouse of 58 years, Lori Mohr Smith, his son Robbie H. Smith, sister-in-law Jewel S. Smith, grandson Robert M. Smith (Amanda), granddaughter Kaylan F. Smith, great-grandchildren Elliott H. Smith, Michael Seeby, Arabella Driggers, and Vera Capps. Jerry was preceded in death by his mother and father, Robert (Bob) and Juanita (Tag) Smith, his daughter Gerri Lynn S. Mackert, and his brother Robert Wayne Smith.

Visitation will be held at Memorial Chapel, 2509 Green Lane, Bishopville, South Carolina, on Thursday, December 28, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and a funeral service will be held at Memorial Chapel on Friday, December 29, at 4:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his honor to Memorial Chapel.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **28**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Memorial Chapel  
2509 Green Lane  
Bishopville, SC 29010

## Funeral Service

DEC **29**. 4:00 PM (ET)

Memorial Chapel  
2509 Green Lane  
Bishopville, SC 29010

# Tribute Wall

CB

“ Catherine Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald M. "Jerry" Smith



Catherine Brown - December 29, 2023 at 08:54 AM

CB

My love and prayers to the family for the loss of one of the best neighbors to have.....

Catherine Brown - December 29, 2023 at 08:55 AM

AB

“ Artie Broadway sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Gerald M. "Jerry" Smith



Artie Broadway - December 28, 2023 at 09:23 PM

SW

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. Sending Prayers and love to Lori and the family.



Susan Welch - December 28, 2023 at 06:12 PM

NB

*Many thoughts and prayers for you and your family. May God bless each of you.* Nell Beasley

Nell Beasley - December 29, 2023 at 06:17 PM

RW

“ *My deepest heartfelt condolences to the Family...Lori, you are in my prayers. Roxie*



Roxie Williamson - December 28, 2023 at 10:57 AM

GJ

“ *Jerry was a very special friend to me. I loved him dearly. So many fun memories growing up. He left a footprint on my heart that will never be forgotten. Rest easy my friend. See you down the road. Doll-Gwyn Jones*

Gwyn Jones - December 28, 2023 at 06:26 AM



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Tanya Jennings - December 28, 2023 at 06:08 AM



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Doll-GwynJones



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**Tanya Jennings** - December 28, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Fond memories of him driving the cheerleaders to football games, buying my first car, and coming back home from Charleston to buy my second car. His smile and laugh were so infectious! Prayers lifted for the family and their many many friends.

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**Vicki Crainshaw** - December 27, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ My condolences to the family, Jerry was good friend, went to school together.

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**Ronnie Stokes** - December 27, 2023 at 04:34 PM



“ We really loved camping with him and Lori. He made friends easily. Sorry.

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**Jesse & Edna Whitmer** - December 27, 2023 at 03:26 PM

SM

“ *Sandra O’Kelly Maddux lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald M. "Jerry" Smith*



Sandra O’Kelly Maddux - December 27, 2023 at 02:04 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Gerald M. "Jerry" Smith.*



December 27, 2023 at 01:45 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Gerald M. "Jerry" Smith.*



December 27, 2023 at 01:17 PM

DS

“ *Deedra Heriot Sons lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald M. "Jerry" Smith*



Deedra Heriot Sons - December 27, 2023 at 12:51 PM



“ Lori so sorry for your loss and it is a loss Jerry was always such a good friend to my family so thankful he is with the Lord cherish the memories we are praying for you and your family love Steve and carol ann

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**Carol Watts** - December 27, 2023 at 11:12 AM

MR

“ Jerry was always such a sweet man. Even though we didn't see each other often, he always made a point to speak. Condolences and prayers for Lori and the rest of the family.

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**Marcy Wheeler Reppenhagen** - December 27, 2023 at 11:03 AM

AA

“ Archie And Kay Amerson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald M. "Jerry" Smith



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**Archie and Kay Amerson** - December 27, 2023 at 10:52 AM

RM

“ Mrs Lori, so sorry for your loss. Mr Jerry was always so sweet to me. He'll be greatly missed. Prayers for peace and comfort.  
Ruth Myers



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**Ruth Myers** - December 27, 2023 at 09:01 AM

JE

“ Lori, from all I have read. the Welcome Jerry received was joyous. I am sorry for your loss.

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**Julia Edwards-Dake** - December 27, 2023 at 08:55 AM

MB

“ Matt And Betsy Bramlett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald M. "Jerry" Smith



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**Matt and Betsy Bramlett** - December 27, 2023 at 08:43 AM

CM

“ So I wonder what the reunion was like between my uncle Jerry and my daddy? Was there a secret handshake that nobody knew about but the two of them? Did they knuckles? Or maybe just a chest bump??!! Who knows! But I know they are glad to be together! A good brother is priceless and they were both that to each other!

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**Christy McCormack** - December 27, 2023 at 07:59 AM

KE

Lori, just got a message about Jerry. Sending lots of love and prayers to you and all of your family. Sorry I cannot see you. Just getting over flu and I think it is back again. I did not know that he hadn't been well.



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**Kay Elmore** - December 29, 2023 at 11:08 AM

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“ *Lisa Hancock Young (Granny) lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald M. "Jerry" Smith*



**Lisa Hancock Young (Granny)** - December 27, 2023 at 05:08 AM

LH

“ *How best to describe this incredible Christian man would be that Jerry was larger than life itself and had such a big, generous heart and could always make us laugh (and cooked a mean bbq hog). Steve and I will really miss him. Lori, keeping you and the family in our prayers. We are so very sorry!*

**Lisa & Steve Humphrey** - December 27, 2023 at 04:51 AM

CM

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**Christy McCormack** - December 27, 2023 at 07:42 AM

LH

“ *Lisa And Steve Humphrey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald M. "Jerry" Smith*



**Lisa and Steve Humphrey** - December 27, 2023 at 04:43 AM

AJ

“ Alan Kathy Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald M. "Jerry" Smith



Alan Kathy Jackson - December 26, 2023 at 10:34 PM

AH

“ Thoughts/prayers for family/friends.  
Such a caring/kind man and will be missed tremendously.  
Anita & Joe

Anita Hearon - December 26, 2023 at 09:46 PM

ST

“ Susan O Thrasher lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald M. "Jerry" Smith



Susan O Thrasher - December 26, 2023 at 09:36 PM

GH

“ Prayers for Mrs Lori and family. Going to miss you Jerry



Guy and April Howell - December 26, 2023 at 09:29 PM