



*David Allen Smith*

**Nov. 19, 1947 - May 7, 2025**

David Allen Smith, 77, of Morganton, NC, gained his heavenly home on Wednesday, May 7, 2025.

Born in Burke County, NC on November 19, 1947, he was the son of the late James D. Shook and Iona Smith.

David was a US Army veteran of 20 years, including two tours in the Vietnam War. He enjoyed traveling and had traveled statewide in Virginia and South Carolina. While overseas, he was also stationed in Germany and Panama.

David retired from the Army in 1986 and moved back home to Morganton. He was a member of VFW Post 5362 and served as quartermaster. He was also a member of the Cooties, a traveling group of veterans, and served as Santa for the childrens Christmas party for many years. He worked for and retired from the Western Carolina Youth Institute.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife of over 59 years, Kaye Branch Smith; son, Allen Smith (fianc, Nelda Sorrells); daughters, Chris Smith Curry and Ocyona Smith (Lanndan); grandchildren, Caleb Smith, Eric Smith (Amanda), Casey Smith, Marek Curry, Ashyn Hamby, Samantha Hamby, and Miranda Hamby; great-grandchildren, Riley, Zaiden, NovaLeigh, Juniper, Benjamin, Ozzy, and Daisy; aunts and uncle, Helen, Arlene, and Jim; good friends, Ray and Terry; canine companions, Daisy Mae and Tiny; and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family.

In addition to his parents, David was preceded in death by his adopted father, Lester Two Spot Mull; step father, Carl Snedgle; and brothers, Bennie Mull and Joe Snedgle.

step-father, Carl Speagle, and brothers, Ronnie Mull and Joe Speagle.

The family will receive friends from 12 to 1 p.m., Friday, May 16, 2025 at Sossoman Funeral Home. The funeral will be held at 1p.m. in the Colonial Chapel of the funeral home and burial will follow in Conley Road Pentecostal Holiness Church Cemetery. Honors will be provided by the NC National Guard and the NC Department of Corrections Honor Guard.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

#### Visitation

May 16, 2025

noon - 1 p.m.

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#### Service

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1 p.m.

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#### Committal

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Committal

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Committal Details

# Tribute Wall



To kay,allen n chris im just hearing abt David i am so sorry he was such a good hearted man I am so sorry sorry. Love youll,prayers lifted

—Betty frasher

Sending prayers to the family. I'm so sorry for your loss. I worked with him at Football Correctional for a while on 3rd . He was a great person to work with very kind hearted. Again sending my condolences to the family.

—Tracy Fredell

—Shirley Sanders Taylor



I am so saddened to hear this my prayers go out the family Dave was a good man

—Michael Taylor



Allen and Nelda Sending sympathy and prayers. May you find comfort in all the memories you shared over the years with David



with David.

—Connie Brendle



Chrissy and Alan my heart and prayers are with you and the family.

—Janie Halsey Miller



Fly high Paw Paw we love you

—Samantha Whisenant



Thank you for taking care of us when we was little. I will forever cherish those memories with you and granny and the cousins. Time and distance had got the best of me, wish I could've visited more. Love you lots Paw Paw fly high

—Miranda Hmaby