



Howard Lee Smith

June 12, 1943 - Aug. 3, 2026

Howard Lee Smith, 83, of Morganton, NC, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, August 3, 2026.

Born in Burke County, NC on June 12, 1943, he was the son of Annie Beatrice Taylor Smith and the late Claudius Amos Smith.

Howard was a veteran of the US Army and a member of Hopewell Baptist Church. He loved to travel, especially to the mountains.

In addition to his mother, those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Donna Charlene Poe Smith; sons, Robbie Smith (Brooke) and Tammy Price; step-son, Neil Pearson (Jennifer); grandson, William Smith, III (Dakota); great-granddaughter, Ava Smith; great-grandson, Brantley Smith; and a brother, Ernest Smith (Margaret).

The family will receive friends from 12 to 1 p.m., Saturday, August 8, 2026 at Hopewell Baptist Church. The funeral will follow at 1 p.m. in the church with Pastor Braden Martin officiating. The graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. at Solid Rock Mission Church Cemetery in Marion with military honors provided by the NC National Guard and the Caldwell County Veterans Honor Guard.

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

arrangements.

Tribute Wall

We are sorry for your loss, we have lost a friend indeed may God bless you in your grief.

—Herb & Toni Dills

From all of us at Burke Storage, we are sorry to hear about your loss. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help during this difficult time.

—Melanie Reynolds

I am so sorry for your loss. I will forever remember Howard with fond memories. He loved to chase me around daddy's house(Earl Walker) and made sure I got wet in a creek or mud hole. I will miss seeing him around the stores also Love, Judy Walker.

—Judy Walker Carrers