



*James Edward Smith*

**Dec. 26, 1940 - Feb. 27, 2025**

James Edward Smith, 84, of Morganton, NC, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, February 27, 2025.

Born in Burke County, NC, he was the son of the late Jess Smith and Rhoda Huffman Smith.

James was a member of First Baptist Church in Glen Alpine. He was an avid outdoorsman, and his hobbies included bear hunting, fishing, and carpentry. James was also an accomplished gardener with a huge garden; he loved sharing what he grew.

A loving husband, father, and grandfather, Mr. Smith is survived by his wife of 54 years, Brenda Kincaid Smith; sons, Stephen Smith (Stephanie) and Bryan Smith; and grandchildren, Hunter Smith (Lillianna) and Katelyn Smith (Aaron).

In addition to his parents, James was preceded in death by seven sisters, Eula, Norma, Ollie, Bertha, Mildred, Katie, and Nancy.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 3 p.m., Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at Sossoman Funeral Home. The graveside service will follow at 3:30 p.m. at Burke Memorial Park with Rev. Michael Brown officiating. Military honors will be provided by the NC National Guard.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Amorem Hospice ([amoremsupport.org/donate](https://amoremsupport.org/donate)) or to Zion Baptist Church ([zionbaptistchurchnc.com/give](https://zionbaptistchurchnc.com/give)).

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

#### Visitation

March 4, 2025

2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center

#### Service

N/A

Committal

March 4, 2025

3:30 p.m.

Burke Memorial Park

# Tribute Wall

Brenda and family, my prayers during this time of loss to you and your family.

—Lisa cutts



I would look across the road and say to myself , "When i grow up I want a yard like Uncle Ed's" The grass so soft a green. The kindness in his face is the what will miss the most. Loving prayers to Aunt Brenda Stven and Bryon. I'm so sorry I could not be there. I love you all

—Jacqueline Waldroop



—Kenneth & Loretta Bivens



—Anonymous

Ed was a friend for a long time. He help me learn the construction trade and on a personal side was always showing me better ways in the garden in which he was a master. We both loved to hunt and have many great memories. My deepest condolences to Brenda, Stephen , Brian and their families

—David Miller



—Sue & Hubert Howard



—Anonymous