



Larry Smith

October 9, 1923 - March 23, 2012

Larry W. Smith, age 88 of Fayetteville, died Friday, March 23, 2012. He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Sally Smith, son, Larry R. Smith, 4 brothers and 3 sisters. Mr. Smith is survived by his wife, Thelma Smith, Fayetteville; grandchildren, Steve and Jennifer Smith, Stockbridge, Rhonda Butler, Arizona, Stuart Smith, Atlanta, Nichole Smith, Dunwoody; great-grandchildren, Robbie Steele, Stockbridge, Andrew Smith, Stockbridge, Dillion Smith, Dunwoody, Gage Smith, Dunwoody. Mr. Smith was retired from the Dekalb County Fire Department where he was Chief of Training, had been director of the Fayette County Fire Department and had finished his career with the Coweta County Fire Department as their Chief. Mr. Smith was a 50 year Mason with Clarkston Lodge 492 and had served in the U.S. Navy during WWII as a gunner. Funeral services will be held Monday, March 26, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at Scot Ward's Green Meadow Chapel with Rev. Chester Lett officiating; interment will follow at Floral Hills Memory Gardens, Tucker. The family will receive friends Sunday from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Road, Conyers, 30012, 770-483-7216.

Previous Events

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Tribute Wall

RW

“ Chief Smith always encouraged us and was a positive influence.

Robert Wesley - April 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WA

“ I'm so sorry for the lost of your dear loved one. I know they were loved and will be truly missed by their family. Have you ever wondered if it would be possible to see them again here on earth, the Bible makes the promise: "Your dead ones will live... They will rise up." And also, "The righteous themselves will possess the earth, and they will reside forever upon it." Taken from Isaiah 26:19 and Psalms 37:29, God promises so much more through the words of the Bible. I encourage you to look further, it will bring peace to your heart...

WALKER'S - March 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Thelma & family

I am so sorry for your loss. It was good to see you yesterday. I wish I could have stayed for the service. the Smith Family was like my family. I loved all of them. you are in our thoughts & prayers .

Sincerely Lyndon & Loretta

Lyndon Loretta Shaw. - March 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ I am sorry to hear about Mr. Smith. I did not know he well, but my mom and dad (Ken and Bev Mort) has mentioned him. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Tammy Craven - March 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Chief Smith will be missed by many. He touched many lives throughout his life. He was a special individual who was instrumental in developing many careers during his time in the Fire Service.*

Darrell Bingham - March 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ *Chief Smith was chief of training when I was a rookie. He taught me alot. Chief you will be missed. MY family will pray for his family to have comfort, knowing he has went to see the lord.*

Tom Kretschmar - March 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RV

“ *Larry Smith*

Ray Vincent - March 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *Was sorry to hear about Chief Smith. Our prayers are with the family at this time.*

Marshal Hughes - March 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ *I FIRST MET HIM IN 1968 RECRUIT CLASS. CHIEF SMITH WAS A INSPIRATION TO ME, A GREAT TEACHER AND VERY FRIENDLY PERSON. HE WILL BE MISSED!*

RICHARD TERRELL - March 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ I was sorry to hear of Chief Smith's Passing . My prayers are with his famly in this time of sorrow .

Phil Wilburn - March 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ God bless you and you family Chief Smith. One of the finest I had the honor to work with.

Steve Williams - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ HE WAS ONE OF THE BEST CHIEFS I WORKED WITH.

TOMMY BOOTH - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Chief Smith you were my first training instructor. You taught many firefighters over the years. Thank you for sharing your knowledge and experience. You will be missed.

Clint Miller - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Chief Larry Smith has left the Fire House and has been called home to God's House. He has answered his Last Call To Duty. I first met Larry in the mid 1970's when he was with Chief Martin in Dekalb County. I found him to be a dedicated and professional firefighter. Well done my Brother...well done.

Ray Mattison - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Chief Smith was one of the best , He has moved on to a better place , find strength in the Lord and know that You will see Him again one day rest in peace My brother

Jim Barron - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ Chief Smith was always calm and positive in training when I started in Sept. 1976, a good man who will be missed.

Ken Jones - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Chief Smith was one of the best that we had. If you got his approval, it meant something. The firefighting brotherhood will miss a good man.

Bobby Wade - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ I owe a huge debt of gratitude to Chief Smith. Thank You Chief, you will always be one of the Great Chiefs of the fire service. Rest in Peace

Bob Scott - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ MATTHEW 11:28 COME TO ME ALL YOU WHO ARE WEARY AND BURDENED , AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST.

Gary Kellman - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Chief Larry Walter Smith.....One of the best, an exceptional educational instruction officer to many who passed through his portal of Firefighter training. I'm proud to say he was a great mentor to me and something I will always cherish

J D Boozer Retired Chief DCFD - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NH

“ Chief Smith, one of the Best.

Norman Hightower - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Dear Thelma and Family,

We were so sorry to learn of Larry's passing. Our memories are so fond and plentiful of all the kindness you and Larry showed us on our first move to Georgia. We have been blessed by knowing you and Larry. May God Bless You.

Love, Jack and Joyce

Jack & Joyce McElfish - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Chief Smith was a special person. He was a strong leader and very professional in any thing he choose to do.

MICHAEL Whatley - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HD

“ Chief smith was a good man and admired by all who worked with him. He will be missed !!

Howard Day - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Chief Smith was one of the finest and fairest chief's in the department. He was a friend, teacher and confidant. Be at peace knowing he is with our LORD. We'll see him soon.

Terry Smith - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ One of the best has left us, but." I am sure the Lord is saying "Well done my good and faithful servant."

Barry Edington - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ I am grateful for having begun my career under Chief Smith in his recruit firefighter academy. He was always revered and respected. God bless you Larry, as you rest in peace with the Lord.

Daryl McDaniel - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ wondered why chief smith was never the chief. he was the utmost in professionalism. far direct firm and understanding with a quick wit and as we all know sometimes a quick temper. you were class
CHIEF SMITH

jake ridings - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Thelma, I'm so sorry. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. God holds you in His hands and will give you comfort in the days ahead. As a little girl growing up next door, you and Skeet were always special to me. He will never be forgotten.

Joyce Britt Ledbetter - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM