



William Charles Smith

June 26, 1931 - February 14, 2021

William Charles Smith, age 89 of Conyers, died Sunday, February 14, 2021. He is preceded in death by his parents, David Olin and Hattie Mae Duke Smith; sister, Marian Norton. He is survived by his daughter, Cheryl Smith; sons and daughters-in-law, Mark and Kerri Smith, Scott and Janelle Smith; daughter and son-in-law, Lita and David Parks; sons, Loren Smith, Lance Smith; grandchildren, Kaleb, Cameron, Corey, Keeli; great-grandchildren, Silas, Shep, Sully, Averly Jo; sisters and brother-in-law, Frances Cameron, Ann MacCarthy, Kathryn and Rev. James West. Charles was a life long resident of Rockdale County and was a member of the Rockdale Chamber of Commerce, President of Kiwanis Club, a member of Rockdale Baptist Church and the American Legion Post 77. He was a well-known business owner of Conyers Insurance Agency. Charles proudly served in the United States Army during the Korean War. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 2:00 PM at Rockdale Baptist Church with Rev. Billy Moss officiating; interment will follow at Green Meadow Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends Tuesday, February 16, 2021 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the funeral home and Wednesday, February 17, 2021 from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM at the church prior to the service. Condolences may be submitted online at www.scotward.com. Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Rd., Conyers, GA, 770-483-7216.

Cemetery Details

Green Meadow Memorial Gardens

677 American Legion Rd.
Conyers, GA 30012

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 16. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Scot Ward Funeral Services at Green Meadow Memorial Gardens
699 American Legion Road
Conyers, GA 30012

Visitation

FEB 17. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Rockdale Baptist Church
1295 Smyrna Rd SW
Conyers, GA 30094

Service

FEB 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Scot Ward Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of William Charles Smith*



Scot Ward Funeral Services - February 16, 2021 at 11:51 AM

MC

“ *Michael P. Cameron lit a candle in memory of William Charles Smith*



Michael P. Cameron - February 26, 2021 at 06:04 PM

“Uncle Charles” is what I grew up calling William Charles Smith of Conyers, Georgia. The only son born among five progeny to my beloved Grandparents, David Olin and Hattie Mae Smith, my Uncle Charles was a living, lifelong example of undying respect and gratitude for his Parents and the upbringing they bestowed upon him. He would sometimes share memories of the sacrifices they made while providing for him and guiding him through his youth on their Conyers family farm during the Great Depression. Charles deeply valued such remembrances, and his pictures of his Mom and Dad were among his most treasured possessions.

Formally known as W. Charles Smith, he did not want to be addressed as “William” or “Charlie.” He preferred “Charles.” So, that’s what we called him.

He was a profoundly successful entrepreneur. After gaining invaluable experience in the insurance industry while working for Life of Georgia in the 1960s, he mustered the courage to start his own company—a venture that always entails the risk of failure and broken dreams. He built Conyers Insurance Agency, which has remained a small-business fixture of Rockdale County for generations, into a family-owned-and-operated, multimillion-dollar success. You hear and read about people who are “pillars of the community.” Charles was one of them. A lifetime resident of Rockdale County, he pumped beaucoup money into the local economy. The business he created and maintained until his retirement has for decades provided and will continue to provide affordable insurance coverage for untold thousands of Rockdaliens.

He was an excellent provider for and faithful Father to his six children, all of whom he loved unendingly.

Uncle Charles was a steadfastly loyal supporter of his four sisters—my Aunt Ann, my Aunt Marian, my Aunt Kathryn, and my Mother, Frances Lucille Smith Cameron. Several years ago, I drove Mom on multiple trips from Conyers to an Atlanta medical facility while

enduring I-285 traffic. After numerous appointments, she finally had successful spine surgery to eradicate severe pain. Despite inconveniences to him and his business schedule, Charles upheld his family-first values and was hence in my car for every journey, spinning good-old-days yarns to help keep his sister's spirits up. On the day of the operation, he was with me in the waiting area for hours on end, never complaining about any discomfort but rather focusing his priorities on the well-being of his Sister.

As a young kid, he suffered a dramatic disappointment regarding one of his siblings. After surviving for years amidst a feminine-centric environment generated by the three daughters with whom his Dad and Mom had populated the household, Charles yearned mightily for a rough-and-tumble brother. But here came Kathryn. The grownups were gonna bring another girl into the house? No! Upon hearing this dreadful news, Charles ran across a field toward the front door yelling "Send her back!"

Alas, his wish was not granted. My Grandparents chose to keep my Aunt Kathryn, whom Charles grew to cherish as his baby sister.

While on duty in the U.S. Army in March of 1952, a telegram announcing the arrival of a newborn was delivered to him in the presence of a few of his fellow soldiers. They began to congratulate him. He informed them that this nascent addition to Earth was not birthed by his wife but by his sister. He was officially an uncle. The infant declared over the telegraph wire was me.

We weren't expecting Charles to leave us this soon, an event which transpired on Valentine's Day. His sudden departure serves to remind us that life is precious, the next moment is not guaranteed, and we should let our loved ones know we love them while we can.

May my Uncle Charles enjoy peace in Heaven while beginning his eternal reunion with his Mother and Father and his Sister, Marian, with more of us coming on board someday. I'm glad to have been and to remain his nephew. Rest well, Uncle Charles.

Michael P. Cameron - February 26, 2021 at 06:03 PM

KW

Beautiful, Mike. Thank you for this tribute to our only brother who we love dearly and miss him so very much. Until then.

Kathryn Smith West - March 31, 2021 at 10:24 PM

FC

Mike. You did a superb job of writing a heartfelt and meaningful Tribute to my Little Brother. Our third-born Sister, Marian Smith Norton, transitioned to her Heavenly Home on May 4, 2020, only ten months prior to when Charles joined her, Mother and Daddy and other loved ones awaiting us. He died of a sudden heart attack, which I would choose if God gave me a choice about how I would like to leave earth. On many nights about midnight when I hear a news story he would like to discuss I almost reach for a phone. Frances Smith Cameron - first-born sister and your Mom..

Frances Smith Cameron - April 01, 2021 at 02:49 AM

GE

“ *So Sad to hear of Charles' passing. Charles was our neighbor for several years, soon after we moved into Conyers. He and his family were great neighbors and friends to my wife, my two young daughters and me...He often kept a watchful eye out for us and could always be counted on to have a enjoyable chat with. We often talk of those times and always remember Charles fondly, we are thankful and were blessed to know him. He's been our trusted insurance agent for near as long. Rest in Peace Charles, you are in our prayers. Our condolences go out to family and loved ones. With our deepest sympathy Gordon and Patricia Evans.*

GORDON & PATRICIA EVANS - February 21, 2021 at 10:11 PM



“ Gloria, Lita, Loren and Lance. Ann, and Fran, my sincere prayers for God's comfort and peace at the loss of your dear one. I worked for Charles a few years. He was a good father and I know he tried to walk with the Lord as we all do. I am saddened by his leaving but praying for a good, loving and carefree life hereafter. Rest in Peace, Charles.

Annr White - February 19, 2021 at 12:01 PM



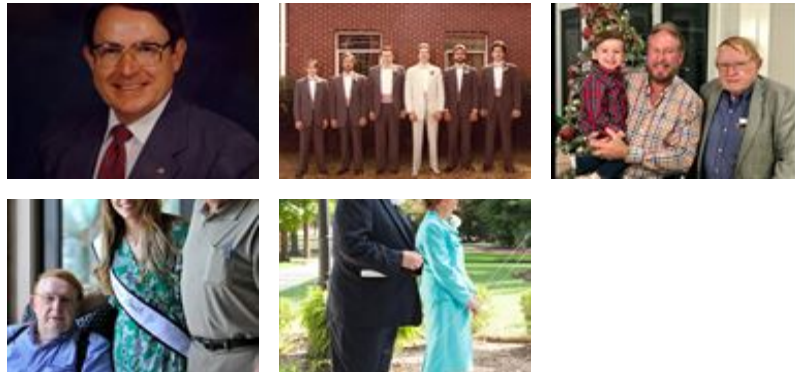
“ Conyers has lost one of the old school insurance agents who would fight for his customers against the big insurance companies and he will be missed.
RIP old buddy!

Tiny
Wilson's Body Shop

Tiny - February 16, 2021 at 03:36 PM



“ 46 files added to the album LifeTributes



Scot Ward Funeral Services - February 16, 2021 at 11:43 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Charles Smith.*



February 16, 2021 at 10:51 AM



“ *I enjoyed my many meetings and lunches with Charles at the Quick Chick. He was always kind and helpful and encouraging.*

Jim Warren CPA

Jim Warren - February 16, 2021 at 10:38 AM



“ *Pat & Coleman Ricks purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of William Charles Smith.*



Pat & Coleman Ricks - February 16, 2021 at 09:25 AM



“ *Charles was a special friend from Conyers High School, especially at the reunions. We shall all miss him. RIP, Charles....*
Bob & Jeanette Lackey

Jeanette J Lackey - February 15, 2021 at 08:16 PM

CS

“ I will miss Charles coming by the office and chatting prior to the Covid Days. He will be missed. Charles Staples.

Charles Staples - February 15, 2021 at 07:35 PM

RM

“ Randy Mason purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of William Charles Smith.



Randy Mason - February 15, 2021 at 05:57 PM