

## Billy C. Smith

June 6, 1943 - February 6, 2026

Billy Charles Smith, 82, of Nesbit, Mississippi, passed away on February 6, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of faith, love, service, and song that will continue to echo in the hearts of all who knew him.

Born on June 6, 1943, in Vicksburg, Mississippi, Billy lived a life anchored in purpose.

From the very beginning, his life was marked by devotion — devotion to God, to his family, and to serving others with humility and conviction.

Billy was a loving husband, a devoted father, and a steadfast provider whose family was always his first ministry. His love for his wife, Jean Smith, and his pride in his children and grandchildren were evident in the way he spoke, the way he prayed, and the way he showed up — consistently, faithfully, and selflessly.

Billy proudly served his country in the United States Navy, carrying that same sense of

duty and honor into every chapter of his life. More importantly, he answered a higher calling — serving the Lord for over 40 years as an ordained Bishop in the Church of God of Prophecy. His ministry was not confined to the pulpit; it lived in his actions, his counsel, his leadership, and the countless lives he shepherded with wisdom, truth, and love.

One of Billy's greatest joys was worship. He had a deep love for music and a passion for singing for the glory of God — whether with his family, his church family, or anyone who loved the Lord. His voice was more than melody; it was testimony. Through song, Billy praised, encouraged, and reminded others of God's faithfulness.

Known for his quick wit and confident leadership, Billy never hesitated to step forward when called upon. He led with strength, clarity, and compassion, always grounded in faith. He also loved the game of golf — fiercely competitive, yet always willing to teach, encourage, and pass along the game to those eager to learn. Whether on the course or in life, Billy believed in mentoring, guiding, and lifting others up.

Billy is survived by his beloved wife, Jean Smith; his three sons, Donnie Smith and his wife Deborah Smith, Lee Smith and his wife Audrey Smith, and Jody Smith

and his wife

Zoe Smith; and his cherished grandchildren, Taylor Smith (wife Olive Smith),

Aaron

Smith (wife Anna Smith), Kelsey O'Neal (husband Dalton O'Neal), Caitlyn

Smith (fiance

David Gross), and Desirea Thurman (husband Chaz Thurman). He was also

blessed

with seven great-grandchildren, who brought him immeasurable joy.

He is survived by his brothers, Tommy Smith and Ronnie Smith, and his sister,

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Herring. Billy was preceded in death by his parents, Charlie Smith and Juanita

Smith,

whom he now joins in eternal rest.

A memorial service to celebrate Billy's life will be held at 2:00pm Friday,

February 13,

2026, at The Summit Church, 2701 Highway 51 N, Nesbit, MS 38651.

Visitation with the

family will be prior to the service from 12:00-2:00pm. Interment will follow the

memorial

service at Coleman Funeral Home, 626 Star Landing Rd E, Southaven, MS

38672.

Floral tributes to commemorate Mr. Smith may be sent to The Summit Church,

2701 Highway 51 N, Nesbit, MS 38651.

As we remember Billy Charles Smith, we celebrate a life well lived — a life of

faith

unwavering, love abundant, leadership bold, and worship sincere. He ran his

race with  
integrity, served his Lord faithfully, loved his family deeply, and left this world  
better than  
he found it.

“Well done, good and faithful servant.”

# Cemetery Details

## Desoto Memorial Gardens

630 Star Landing Road East  
Southaven, MS 38672

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 13. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Summit Church  
2701 HWY 51 N  
Nesbit, MS 38651

## Funeral Service

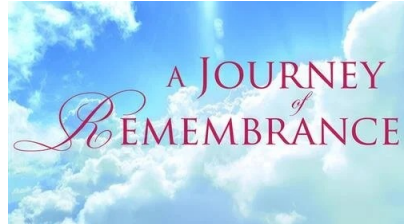
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# Tribute Wall



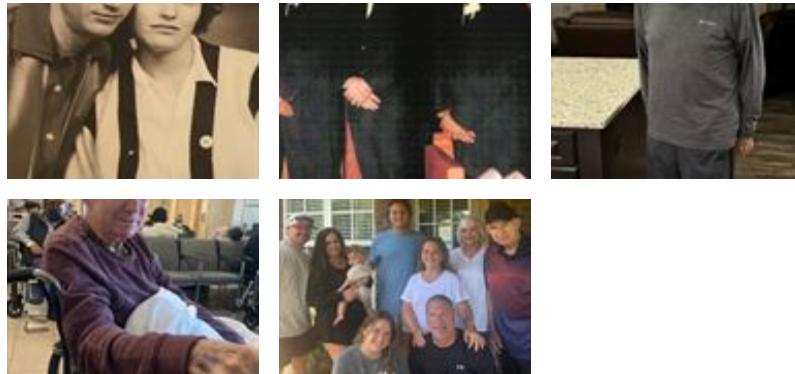
“ Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven created a Tribute Video in memory of Billy C. Smith



Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven - February 12 at 12:57 PM



“ 78 files added to the album Life Tributes



Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven - February 12 at 12:12 PM



“ Bill and Wanda Moore purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Billy C. Smith.



Bill and Wanda Moore - February 12 at 10:46 AM



“ 33 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven** - February 12 at 10:34 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Billy C. Smith.



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February 11 at 03:33 PM



“ *James and Sheryl Parrish* purchased the *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet* for the family of Billy C. Smith.



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**James and Sheryl Parrish** - February 11 at 09:47 AM

JM

“ Jerry and Patricia Morrow purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Billy C. Smith.



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**Jerry and Patricia Morrow** - February 11 at 02:03 AM

YF

“ Your Oldest Son Donnie Smith and family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Billy C. Smith.



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**Your Oldest Son Donnie Smith and family** - February 10 at 09:16 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Billy C. Smith.



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February 10 at 03:20 PM