



## Ernest A. "Ernie" Smith

November 15, 1932 - June 12, 2021

Ernest A. "Ernie" Smith, a caring husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend, went home to rest with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Saturday, June 12, 2021. Ernie was born to the late Warren A. Smith and Vera Mae (Treece) Smith on November 15, 1932, in Clinton, Arkansas. He married the love of his life and best friend, Freda "Jean" McMullan in 1953. The two had three children: Patty, David, Jackie. Ernie worked in construction and traveled all over The United States living in 38 of the states. He knew his calling from the Lord was to lead people to Christ. Ernie dedicated his life to serving the Lord and being a prayer warrior. He retired from CDI Construction in Little Rock. The simplest pleasures in life brought him great joy that included gardening, refinishing furniture, woodwork, and fishing. Ernie was the Chaplain at Stewart Martin Equipment. He loved sharing his passion and love for the Lord with everyone. His life was a living example of one of his favorite Bible verses, Ephesians 2:8- "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,"

Ernie is survived by his beautiful wife, Jean Smith; daughters and their spouses, Patty Berley and Ken; Jackie Newton and Joey; son and spouse, David Smith and Nancy; grandchildren and their spouses, Stephanie Calkins and Brad, Michael Newton and Heather, Jonathan Newton and Amber, Anna Carpenter and Gavin, and Warren Smith and Quinlyn; great grandchildren, Haley Berley, Paige Newton, Andrew Newton, Noah Newton, Nathan Newton, Emmery Newton, Franko Newton, and Eva Newton; siblings and their

spouses, Doris Middleton and Doyle, Roy Smith and Judy; along with many nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Warren and Vera Smith, Elbert and Cena McMullan; siblings, Ermin Smith, Vivian Gillam, and Thurman Smith.

A funeral service will be held 11:00AM, Friday, June 18, 2021, at the Calvary Baptist Church with Pastor Bill Bowen and Pastor Richard Manning officiating.

Pallbearers will be Michael Newton, Jonathan Newton, Warren Smith, Brad Calkins, Gavin Carpenter, and Bryan Austin. Interment will be held Monday, June 21, 2021, in Alexander, Arkansas at the Pinecrest Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family ask that donations be made to the Calvary Baptist Children's Ministry, Happy Hands Education Center of Tulsa, or Clarehouse Hospice in Tulsa.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Okmulgee.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JUN 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

Calvary Baptist Church  
13th Street and Belmont  
Okmulgee, OK

## Graveside Service

JUN 21. 11:00 AM.

Pinecrest Cemetery  
Alexander, AR

# Tribute Wall



“ McClendon-Winters Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ernest A. "Ernie" Smith



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - June 17, 2021 at 01:00 PM

DH

David and Barbara Henderson fro living truth church . We at sorry to hear that Earnest has passed away .we valued his friendship very dearly and will miss him.

david and barbara henderson - June 22, 2021 at 07:30 PM



“ Ernest A. "Ernie" Smith

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM

RF

“ Brother Ernie was an example of what Christians should be. As soon as Jena and Ernie came to church, it seemed like we had known them both for years. The world will miss Ernie, but God needed him to go and prepare some mansions( ernie will build them right). Love and prayers go to the friends and family....love you Brother

rev. Glenn L. Fincher and wife, Barbara Fincher

rev glenn I fincher - July 08, 2021 at 09:18 PM

NN

“ I am sorry to hear about Mr. Ernie passing, although it's been years since I have had contact with y'all, I'll always remember what a good man Mr. Ernie was. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers. Nick Notias (Sardin)

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**Nick Notias** - July 04, 2021 at 11:30 PM

HB

“ Ms Jean, i am so very saddened by this news. I loved y'all so very much and i am so very grateful that i was able to have Ernie in my life, even just for a short while. My favorite lab patients ever! I so thankful i was able to hug his neck one last time during his last visit here. I will be praying for you always. Heaven gained one amazing man. I know we met through a professional setting but i will always hold you both near and dear to my heart. With all my love....Heather Blevins Saint Francis Glenpool



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**Heather Blevins** - June 25, 2021 at 03:48 PM

SC

“ I remember Ernie & Jean from Meadowcliff Bapt. &/or Living Truth in Little Rock. What lovely people! I am sorry for your loss, Jean & will be praying for you & the rest of Ernie's family & friends.

*Susan (Suzy Hardcastle) Conley*

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**Susan Conley** - June 22, 2021 at 08:57 PM

MD

“ Jean, I am so sorry to hear of Ernie's passing. Thank you for sharing on FB. I would have loved to come see you at the cemetery. My prayers are with you. Please know that I will keep you in prayer for a long time. If you are in Little Rock and would like to visit, I am at the same place. Sending much love and hugs. I know Ernie and Arlis are celebrating and praising the Lord. If only we could see how happy they are, but by faith we know!

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**Mary Downs** - June 22, 2021 at 06:54 PM

MI

“ I always enjoyed talking with your dad when i was in the office working. Sorry for your lose.

*Mike*

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**Mike** - June 22, 2021 at 08:55 AM

AY

“ Jeannie, while our hearts grieve with you now, we now that one day, soon, we will all be rejoicing when we meet Ernie and our Lord in Heaven. Lots of love and prayers.  
*Bob and Ardi Yoo*

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**Ardi Yoo** - June 18, 2021 at 07:18 PM

NS

“ NewStep Clinic Staff lit a candle in memory of Ernest A. "Ernie" Smith



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**NewStep Clinic Staff** - June 17, 2021 at 05:51 PM

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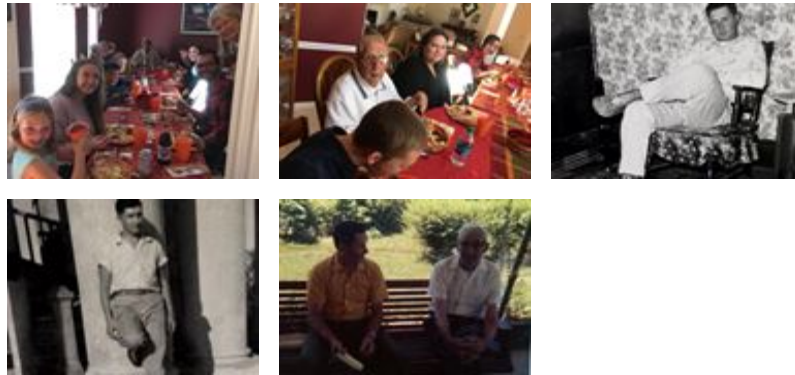
“ I will miss my prayer worrier. He is a true gift of GOD.



sonya c wesson - June 17, 2021 at 08:07 AM



“ 143 files added to the album LifeTributes



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - June 16, 2021 at 06:18 PM

LJ

“ We are praying for Jackie and Joey and your family during this time of loss! Our church family is praying for God's comfort during this difficult time!

LifeChurch Jenks - June 16, 2021 at 05:15 PM

GK

“ Gail Kelly lit a candle in memory of Ernest A. "Ernie" Smith



Gail Kelly - June 15, 2021 at 06:08 PM

LC

“ Our hearts are saddened by this loss. I have such fond memories of visiting the home that Earnest was raised in Bradford Arkansas. His mother my Aunt Vera was the sister to the grandmother I never saw or had on my mothers side of the family. Though Earnest was older than me I do remember he and my dad working together on Construction jobs and seeing them having conversations about Jesus. I could see them now maybe even having conversations of joy in Heaven. My wife Cosondra and I (Gene Crawford) send our love and prayers to the Jean and the entire family.

Loyal Crawford - June 15, 2021 at 04:15 PM

LM

“ I have known Mr. Smith for a long time through his daughter Jackie. He was a very kind, sweet and Christian man! I know Mrs. Jean and his children will miss him dearly, but glad to know he is walking the streets of gold right now!

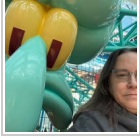
Lanora Manning - June 15, 2021 at 11:02 AM

SA

“ miss jean li love you but i will miss mr. ernie he always called me sunshine  
love sarah

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sarah - June 15, 2021 at 09:20 AM



“ *A man with a heart of gold. I didn't know him as long as others, but he was the nicest man ever. He loved his family; he also treated the employees of his daughter and son-in-law as family. I used to be one of those employees. He would always ask me how my family was doing. He will truly be missed. We'll see each other again one day, Mr. Smith.*



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**Pam Knight-Grafton** - June 14, 2021 at 11:08 PM