



John Edward Smith

November 2, 1951 - July 17, 2025

John E. Smith was born on November 2, 1951 in Atlanta, Georgia, at Grady Hospital to John and Ethel Smith. He was the fourth child of their union. He accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Antioch Baptist Church North. He matriculated through the Atlanta Public School System and graduated from Murphy High School in 1970. While in high school he met the love of his life, Janice Smith and began dating at the beginning of their junior year, in October 1968.

John and Janice married on February 14, 1972 and welcomed their first daughter Tresha in 1973 and their second daughter Tiffany in 1975. In the summer of 1982 they bought their first and only home in Decatur, Georgia. John worked as a printer for over 35 years for companies like Stein Printing and Prographics, a profession in which he took pride in. After retiring from printing he also worked at Arabia Mountain High School and Briggs & Stratton. In his free time John loved to spend time with his family and friends traveling the state and country. They frequently went on vacations to Myrtle Beach and the U.S. Virgin Islands. In the city he enjoyed going to various restaurants and was often known on a first name basis by the staff. He also enjoyed deep sea fishing and loved to spend time on the water. Later in life, at almost 70 years old, he went on one of the biggest adventures of his life, skydiving. John also was an avid Georgia Tech fan and even named a room in his house in their honor called The Beehive.

John was preceded in death by his parents John Smith and Ethel Smith;

siblings Joan Parks, Beverly Usher, Gregory Smith, and Torrence Smith. He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife Janice Smith; daughters Tresha (Maurice) Howard, Tiffany (Gabriel) Jefferson; grandchildren Chadwick Smith, Javier Smith, Joya Smith, and Anjanese Thomas; great-grandson Aaron Smith; sister Terri Smith and a host of bonus children & grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, 4347 Flat Shoals Parkway, Decatur, GA 30034

Previous Events

Family Hours

JUL **24.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Rainbow Park Baptist Church
2941 Columbia Dr
Decatur, GA 30034-4146
(404) 288-1910

Visitation

JUL **24.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life Service

JUL **25.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH
540 Cameron Madison Alexander Boulevard Northwest
Atlanta, GA 30318-7034

Tribute Wall

WC

“ My most sincere, heartfelt condolences and prayers for the family and friends of John, he was a bright light in dark places. John was loved by all who knew him. He was a beautiful soul, a good friend, protective, loyal and very funny! I worked with him from Stein Printing company to Prographics. He was so genuine, he was smart and loved his family immensely. He will never be forgotten ❤️. My respect to you Sir, you will truly be missed.

Wanda Chaney - July 25, 2025 at 11:03 AM

LJ

“ Lisa Curinton, Tabitha, Milli & Jeanni planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Edward Smith.

Lisa Curinton, Tabitha, Milli & Jeanni - July 23, 2025 at 07:28 PM

LJ

“ Lisa Curinton, Tabitha, Milli & Jeanni purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of John Edward Smith.



Lisa Curinton, Tabitha, Milli & Jeanni - July 23, 2025 at 07:28 PM

TC

“ *The Mighty Conyers purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of John Edward Smith.*



The Mighty Conyers - July 23, 2025 at 05:44 PM

JR

“ *The Murphy High School class of 1970 will not be the same without John!!! He was a person that always wore a smile and was a gentle soul and always wore that smile!!! We miss him already but we know he has gone to that better place and we will see him again. May God continue to bless Janice and all of his family. If there is anything you need from the class, please do not hesitate to call. The class of Murphy High School.*

Jennifer Rocker - July 22, 2025 at 10:28 PM

CB

“ *Contessa Brown purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of John Edward Smith.*



Contessa Brown - July 21, 2025 at 09:45 PM

RP

“ *Sending hugs and prayers to the family. Deepest condolences. John, you will be missed.*
Loving,
Rosa Smith Page

Rosa Page - July 21, 2025 at 03:29 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of John Edward Smith.



July 20, 2025 at 09:43 PM



“ Annie Mitchell and Family purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of John Edward Smith.



Annie Mitchell and Family - July 20, 2025 at 06:25 PM



“ From the Boday family purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of John Edward Smith.



From the Boday family - July 20, 2025 at 09:48 AM



“ Jonathan Daniel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Edward Smith.

Jonathan Daniel - July 19, 2025 at 08:38 PM

JD

“ Jonathan Daniel purchased the White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of John Edward Smith.



Jonathan Daniel - July 19, 2025 at 08:38 PM

FL

“ The world has lost a sweet and loving man. From my first day at Briggs, Pop always made me feel welcomed and that I had a friend in him. Janice, I will pray for you and your family. May God wrap his loving arms around you all.
Love, Faye LeVee

Faye LeVee - July 19, 2025 at 05:24 PM

AA

“ My FB buddy, you will truly be missed. While this breaks my heart I take comfort in knowing in your words, you lived your life! Rest well my friend and thank you for your love and support. Thank you God for allowing me to know Mr. John "Johnnie" Smith.~Audrey Ash

Audrey Ash - July 19, 2025 at 03:16 PM