



James "Billy" Smith

September 16, 1927 - October 26, 2025

James "Billy" Irving Smith, 98, of South Boston, VA was called home to be with the Lord on Sunday October 26, 2025.

He was born on September 16, 1927, to the late Obie Alpine Smith and Mattie Evelyn Edwards Smith. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 63 years, Lucille Pershing Jefferson Smith; sisters Gladys M. Bray, Mary E. Stowe, Dorothy W. Durham; and brother Obie B. Smith.

Billy was a tobacco farmer for most of his life on the same piece of land his parents purchased when he was a young man. He experienced the Great Depression, World War II, The Vietnam War, The Civil Rights Movement, the Moon Landing, the creation of the internet, the 9/11 attacks, and the Covid-19 Pandemic all from his quiet tobacco farm in Ringgold, VA. He was a man of few words, but many stories. He loved riddles, tending fires, farming, and his family.

He is survived by his daughter, Patricia Burton, of the home; sister Joann Stowe; grandchildren, Tammy Wilson (Sonny) and Kim Adkins; three great-grandchildren, Kristina Deal (Josh), Alisha Morrison (Jordan), and Amanda Adkins; and six great-great grandchildren (the seventh arriving March 2026) and one great-great-great grandchild.

Funeral services will be conducted on Wednesday, October 29, 2025 at 2:00 P.M. at the Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel with the Reverend Mike Hearp officiating. Interment will follow the service in Highland Burial Park.

The family will receive friends prior to the service on Wednesday from 12:30 PM to 1:45 PM at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to a charity of your choice in remembrance of Billy.

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel is respectfully serving the family.

Cemetery Details

Highland Burial Park

3049 North Main Street
Danville, VA

Previous Events

Receive Friends

OCT **29**. 12:30 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel
5858 Riverside Drive
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Tribute Wall



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“ *My late parents Berkley and Mamie Lindsey were good friends of Billy and his late wife. He and my dad were a hoot together, both soft spoken and quiet but were a hoot together. Many memories of Billy from my childhood and later life. Both of my parents thought the world of Billy. So sorry for your loss. Sending prayers for peace and comfort.*

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