



## Donald "Droop" Lee Smith

October 29, 2021

Donald "Droop" Lee Smith, 82, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, passed away on Friday, October 29, 2021. He was born in Gaffney, South Carolina and has resided in Chattanooga for most of his life. Donald proudly served in the United States Army and retired from Chattanooga Fire Department, Station 14, in 1994 after 25 years of service. He was of the Christian faith and enjoyed fishing, motorcycles, cars, Nascar, and traveling. Donald loved cheering on Dale Earnhardt, the Atlanta Braves and the Tennessee Volunteers. His most cherished time was spent with family, especially his grandchildren. Donald is preceded in death by his father, Rush Shull Smith; mother, Edith Reeves; siblings, Barber "Dino" Smith and Johnie "Lucy" Hanson. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Loretta Campbell Smith; children, Jerry (Vicky) Smith, Kimberly (Mark) Ruffin; grandchildren, Tiffany (Cody) Hays, Jennifer (Tim) Cook, Marcus Ruffin, Maia Ruffin; great grandchildren, Kennedy and Jack Hays, Sawyer and Noah Cook; as well as several close friends. The family will receive friends from 12:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday and on Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. Funeral Services will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 4, 2021 in the funeral home chapel. Burial will follow in the Chattanooga National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider making donations to the American Parkinson Disease Association ([www.apdaparkinson.org](http://www.apdaparkinson.org)) or The Michael J. Fox Foundation (<https://www.michaeljfox.org>). Online guest book at [www.wilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com). Arrangements by W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral

Homes, Fort Oglethorpe, GA.