



## Mr. Gary D. Smith

February 6, 2015

Gary Daugherty Smith, 76, of Ringgold, Georgia passed away Friday February 6, 2015.

A lifelong resident of the Catoosa County area, he was a 1957 graduate of Ringgold High School where he later taught for over 20 years. He was an active member of the Ringgold United Methodist Church, where he volunteered with NCIC (Nourishing Children in Catoosa). Gary was a Veteran of the U.S. Navy where he served on the fast attack nuclear submarine U.S.S. Scamp. He was an active member of American Legion Post #40, the VFW and volunteered at the V.A. Clinic.

Gary is preceded in death by his parents, Clifford Powell and Juanita Daugherty Smith and sister, Patricia Temple.

He is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Jane Emberson Smith of Ringgold, GA.; two daughters, Laura (Tai) Smith Federico of Chattanooga, TN. and Rebecca Daugherty Smith of Chattanooga, TN., six grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 P.M. Monday February 9, 2015 at the Ringgold United Methodist Church with Pastor Ben Cathey officiating. He will lie-in-state Monday at the church from 1-2 P.M. Interment will be held 11:30 A.M. Wednesday at Chattanooga National Cemetery. The family will receive

friends Sunday from 2-5 P.M. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Jude's Childrens Research Hospital or to NCIC through the Ringgold United Methodist Church.

Arrangements are by Wilson Funeral Home Wallis-Stewart Chapel Ringgold, Georgia.

An online register book may be signed at [www.wilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sailor, rest your oar. Well done, you are relieved. Your shipmates have the watch.*

*Kenneth Ward  
Crew member  
USS Scamp (SSN 588)*

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**Kenneth C. Ward** - September 26, 2015 at 04:57 PM

JS

“ *Mr. Smith had a huge impact on my life. When my father passed away in high school I took it hard and actually quit school soon afterwards. Mr. Smith got in contact with me and talked me in to coming back. He went with me in front of the school's hardship committee and helped get my credit hours back and I went on to graduate from there. I think he saw something in me that I didn't see in myself at the time. We had a great relationship as a student/teacher. I went with him and a group of students twice to St. Simons Island. It was the first time I ever saw the beach. I got a chance to personally thank him again a few years ago after running in to him in Ringgold. He was a great man. My thoughts are with his family during this tough time.*

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**John Smith - Ringgold, GA - former student** - February 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *We send our sincerest condolences as we treasure our memories from wonderful times at the American Legion. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Stephanie Roberts and Heidi Niles - Ringgold, GA - friends** - February 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ Thinking of your family. Sending prayer.

Vicki Ray Yates (Ralph Ray Sr) - Milledgeville , GA - Family friend - February 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Great man and teacher. Even after school ended I still learned from Gary

Bob Kaveshan - ringgold, GA - past student and friend of his. - February 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Some of my earliest memories are of playing with my bigger cousins, Pat and Gary. They were always willing to make time for me and are remembered with great love. Gary had such a great sense of humor; when I was older and saw him he always told stories in such a funny way that I would have tears in my eyes from laughter. All of our lives were busy and we had years go by when we didn't see each other but I remember him, his sister and parents with love. Our sympathy to Jane, Laura and Becky.

Dan and Martha (Lillard) Hulsey - Lilburn, GA - Cousin - February 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Jane, I'm so sorry for your loss . I always thought the world of Gary when I worked at RHS.

Trish White - Ringgold, GA - Friend - February 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ I served with Gary on the USS Scamp (SSN-588). Gary, help my through my qualifications, I doubt if I could have made it without him. He and I became the best of friends, during and after the service. He has always been a man of utmost honesty, character and integrity. May God Bless him on his Eternal Patrol.

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**Lew Ros - Salt Lake City, UT - Shipmate** - February 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Dear Jane and Family,  
...I speak for the surviving Shipmates of the Commissioning Crew of USS Scamp, SSN588, who may not get the chance to express their sadness and condolences to you. (Forgive me for taking the liberty, Lads...for I was not privileged to be counted among your ranks in 1961, but came along later, in 1963).  
...All I can say, which will come as no news to you, Dear Lady, is that Gary's Shipmates loved him to a man! He was special in many ways to us. He left us with many wonderful memories in the early '60s, as he now leaves us all with sad hearts at his passing.  
...We know that Gary loved you, his God and Country, with fervor. He was a man of great spirit and full of life. We are so thankful (many of us) got to see you and Gary in Branson in 2013.  
...God Bless You and Your Family. Lou Minor, USS Scamp, 1963-65

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**Lou Minor - Sierra Vista, AZ - Shipmate from USS Scamp** - February 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ We have such fond memories of Gary from childhood through the present. He was truly a one-of-a-kind individual. Gary was always seeing the humor in life and never took himself too seriously, except in the things that mattered...God, family, friends, and his country. We will miss him so very much at our Ringgold High School Class of 1957 gatherings and the Wally's Lunch Bunch. Everyone looked so forward to his stories and funny comments. Our prayers are with you, Jane, girls and ALL of the family.

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**Bryan and Wanda McAllister - ringgold, GA - Friends** - February 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ YOU WILL BE MISSED THANKS FOR BEING A GREAT TEACHER AND A WONDERFUL FRIEND,MAY YOU REST IN PEACE

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**DONNA GUFFEY - RINGGOLD, GA - FRIEND** - February 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ May the Lord bless and keep your family, as Gary you will always be remember for all the good deeds you did in life plus being able to look a the bright side no mater what. Rest in peace my friend and classmate.

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**Barbara Riley - Orlando, FL - 1957 Glassmate** - February 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Gary was a great friend, full of humor and wonderful tales. He will be missed very much, especially at the Wally's Lunch bunch. Rest in peace dear friend.

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**R C Holmes - Fayetteville, TN - Friend and school classmate** - February 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Hi!!!! Your family are in me and my family prayers!!!! They announce it tonight in Bingo and we are so sorry for your lost!!!! He was a nice man when I saw him in bingo!!!!

Tacoa simpson - Chattanooga, TN - Friend - February 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ Mr Smith , You were not only a Great Teacher ,but a good Friend Thanks for all you did for children and the community class of 78

Jeff shields - Ringgold , GA - Student veteran - February 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Jane, I was so sorry to learn of Gary's passing. Sandy had been keeping me updated on Gary's health. I always enjoyed talking to Gary when he came in to sign checks for the Legion. He had many stories to tell. I will miss him very much. My prayers are with you and your family.

Carolyn Hoover - Flintstone, GA - February 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ GARY WAS A FRIEND , HE WILL BE MISSED. HIS WIT AND HUMOR WAS UPLIFTING TO ALL OF HIS FRIENDS AND CLASSMATES OF RINGGOLD CLASS OF 57.

FRED AND SHARON SIMMONS - SUMMERVILLE, GA - FRIENDS - February 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

A7

“ Thank you Mr. Smith for being a great teacher to me and so many more. You'll be greatly missed. My prayers are with your family and friends.

Angelia Williams - East Ridge , TN - Student Class of 77 - February 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Gary was like a brother to my husband James, and was never without a good joke or anecdote. I loved his tell-it-like it is, no-nonsense approach to life. He was a great son to his mom, Juanita, visiting her frequently and taking care of anything she needed while she was living.

*News of Gary's passing was a shock; he will be missed. May our Father's peace be with Jane, Laura, Becky, and all the grandkids.*

*With much love,  
Amy Creamer (on behalf of the entire Creamer family)*

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**Amy Creamer - Tunnel Hill, GA - friend** - February 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Jane and all,  
George and I just learned of Gary's passing. What a shock!  
Always enjoyed Gary's humor and sorry we didn't see more of him after we all retired. I had been missing him at church and was looking forward to when he could return. You are surely in our thoughts and prayers.  
George and Jan

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**Jan D.Hendrix - Ringgold, GA - friend** - February 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Our shipmate, Gary, will be missed. He was friend to us all.  
Sailor Rest Your Oar

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**Alan Syler - East Ridge, TN - Shipmate** - February 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ We'll all have such fond memories of a Gary. He was such a positive person and so much fun to be around. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

*Charlotte and Clint Greer*

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**Charlotte and Clint Greer - Ringgold, GA - Friends** - February 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JA

*I met Gary and his lovely wife Jane while a student at West Georgia College. He was a Navy submarine vet which initially formed a connection between us. I had just come out of the Army (paratroops) and most of our coffee mates before morning classes tended to be former military vets. Gary had a wonderful upbeat sense of humor and it was always fun sharing our funny service experiences. Gary was a fine decent sort of fellow- the best type. Sometimes he and Jane had a supper at my nearby apartment near campus (though I'm a terrible cook). We both drove motorcycles at the college- we were probably the first to do this at WGC. After college we lost contact for many years. and some years ago I drove to Ringold .*

*looking for my old buddy. I found him running a Bingo game (VFW) and we had a great chin wag catching up. I was so sorry to see his declining health but am so glad we made that late life connection as we were. both old men at this time. I will always remember Gary as one of the finest men I ever had the luck and friendship of in my life. My love and great memories will always follow Gary and Jane. May God bless you both. Your friend John A. Morrow*

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**John A. Morrow** - February 16, 2025 at 03:05 PM