



Franklin Smith

April 22, 1932 - December 29, 2022

Franklin Smith, age 90 of Ringgold, went to be with his Lord on Thursday, December 29, 2022. Before moving to Ringgold in 2019, Mr. Smith resided for many years in Cary, NC where he was an active member of Greenwood Forest Baptist Church. He retired from Research Triangle Institute and was a long-time member and officer of the Cary Kiwanis Club. He will be remembered for being a loving husband, father and grandfather, love of country music and an enthusiastic golfer. Mr. Smith proudly served his country in United States Air Force during the Korean Conflict.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 59 years, Shirlene Smith.

Those left to cherish his memory include his daughters, Teresa Dodd and Pam Capps; grandchildren, Justin Dodd, Paige Dodd, Katie Whittenburg (Noah) and Emily Capps; brothers, Bob Smith and Bud Smith; several nieces, nephews, extended family and many friends.

No services have been announced at this time.

The family asks that any contributions be made to Greenwood Forest Baptist Church, 110 SE Maynard Road, Cary, North Carolina 27511 in Honor of Mr. Smith. Arrangements entrusted to Wilson Funeral Home Ringgold Chapel, 443 Boynton Drive Ringgold, GA 30736. 706-935-2331. Online condolences at www.wilsonfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

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“ Grandpa was the gentlest man I ever knew; just an absolute sweetheart without a single mean bone in his body. I always loved listening to him play his guitar and sing to us. We love you, Grandpa!

Katie Whittenburg - January 17, 2023 at 10:08 PM

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“ Uncle Franklin was a true gentleman. He was soft spoken, easy to laugh and loved to play his guitar and sing. I am not sure he was very professional; but as a young child in the 1950's, I loved his enthusiasm. From his humble beginnings in Arkansas, he created a beautiful life.

I will always remember Uncle Franklin with a smile, even when he tried to teach me algebra (I finally got it) or when he stole two of Aunt Shirlene's cookies and swore me to secrecy.

My love and thoughts are with Pam and the family. You were there for this wonderful man and gave so much to him, God bless, Love, Mary Naimo.

mary naimo - January 03, 2023 at 12:28 AM