



## Mr. Junius Reid Smith Jr.

February 19, 1937 - April 11, 2026

Junius Reid Smith, Jr. Pickens, SC

Junius Reid Smith, Jr., 89, went to be with his Lord and savior on April 11, 2026, at the Rainey Hospice House in Anderson, SC.

Born in Greenville, Junius was the son of the late Junius and Pauline Smith. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Management from Clemson in 1959. While at Clemson, he was a member of the basketball team from 1955 to 1957. After graduation, Junius served in the United States Army from 1960 to 1962. He worked in various management positions in the textiles industry and taught quality control for more than 40 years. Junius enjoyed spending time with his sons and other youth in the community as a basketball coach. After retirement, he spent many hours working on the family blueberry farm with his son. He founded Blue Ridge Bible Church in 2000, and he was also a founding member of Conservatives of the Upstate.

Junius is survived by his loving wife of 38 years, Carol Smith; and his children, Junius R. "Trey" Smith, III (Robin), Gustavus B. "Buck" Smith (Karyn), and Philip J. "Rus" Smith (Brooke); his step-children, Susan E. Steiner and Pinckney A. Steiner (Aimee); and his grandchildren, Kristen Cochran (Kingston) and Reid Smith.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Inez S. Wells.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, April 18th, 2026 at 11:00am at Graceland Cemetery West.

The family would like to thank The Willows of Easley and Hospice of the Upstate for the wonderful and professional care they provided for Junius.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Samaritan's Purse, Hospice of the Upstate, or a charity of your choice.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.thehowzemortuary.com](http://www.thehowzemortuary.com).

The Howze Mortuary, Travelers Rest, is in charge of arrangements. (864) 834-8051.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

APR 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

Graceland West Cemetery  
4814 White Horse Road  
Greenville, SC 29610

# Tribute Wall



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Junius Reid Smith Jr..*



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“ *Your father and Carol's husband was such an inspiration to me! He encouraged me to get involved in making sure Pickens County remained the most conservative county in SC. His passion for conservative causes indeed made a difference in our county and his live of God, family and country never wavered. I will forever cherish his commitment to this nation and his words of wisdom to do all I can to make a difference in my county and to put God first in every decision made. I thank God he put Junius in my path of life. Prayers are going up for comfort in knowing he was loved and appreciated by many and now he's resting in sweet Jesus' home with no more worries.*

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