



## Larry Smith

April 10, 1945 - October 18, 2021

James "Larry" Smith, 76, of Taylors, passed away Monday, October 18, 2021 at St. Francis Hospital.

Born in Oconee County, he was a son of the late James Dan and Mildred Hopkins Smith. He was former owner of Larry's Wheel and Rim, known as the Corian Man installing counter tops, board member of Marys House, and a member of Spartanburg Seventh-day Adventist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years: Shirley Reese Smith; son: Bo Smith(Tina); daughter: Kristina Smith-Palmer(Len); grandchildren: Carolina Smith, Tre' Smith, Brandon Spears, Corey Spears; great-grandchildren: Jaxon Spears, Austin Spears; brother: Stanley Smith(Alane); sisters: Evelyn Gaines, Joyce Willoughby(John); and many loving nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends Friday, October 22, 2021 from 1pm until 2pm at The Howze Mortuary.

Funeral services will be Friday, October 22, 2021 at 2pm in The Howze Mortuary Chapel with burial to follow at Graceland West Cemetery.

The family will be at his home.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Marys House, P.O. Box 132 Pickens, SC 29671.

# Cemetery Details

## Graceland West Cemetery

4814 White Horse Road  
Greenville, SC 29610

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **22**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary  
6714 State Park Rd./P.O. Box 369  
Travelers Rest, SC

## Service

OCT **22**. 2:00 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary Chapel  
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# Tribute Wall

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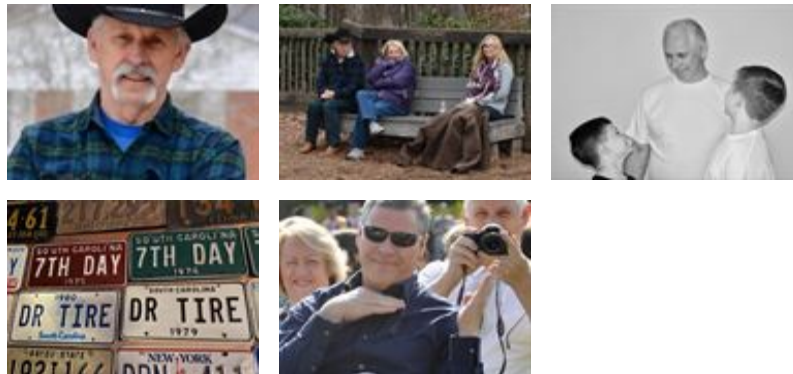
“ *Barbara Manley Wright lit a candle in memory of Larry Smith*



Barbara Manley Wright - October 22, 2021 at 06:36 PM



“ *170 files added to the album LifeTributes*



The Howze Mortuary - October 21, 2021 at 08:21 PM

ET

“ *Have been very down since hearing of Larry's passing! I know without a doubt we will meet again in heaven. Many of us myself included who are Christians, if you knew Larry he was our example of what a Christian truly is and should live life! Our community lost a bright spot for sure. Prayers for all of you PLEASE ASK IF I CAN HELP. Sadly out of town doing a roof cannot get away so unable to attend, but in my heart will be there!*

Edward Thompson - October 21, 2021 at 03:06 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Larry Smith.*



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October 21, 2021 at 02:58 PM



“ *Larry always gave me a warm smile and held his hand out for a handshake.....but then would pull his hands back and draw you in for a hug. I will miss seeing his smile at church. Can't wait for a reunion in the sky!*

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**Tracy Krout-Watson** - October 21, 2021 at 02:01 PM



“ *And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.... John 16:22*



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**Mandy Platt** - October 21, 2021 at 11:39 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Larry Smith.*



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October 21, 2021 at 11:15 AM



“ I just heard my friend is gone. My heart is shattered! Our love of 57 Fords, bound us together. I wrote this song for him in March, 2021. I was so happy that he liked it . See you soon, my friend. Larry Helms Best Friends March 28, 2021 © 2021 [https://youtu.be/eXscgf\\_h\\_gw](https://youtu.be/eXscgf_h_gw)

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**Larry Helms** - October 21, 2021 at 06:09 AM



“ Larry you will be missed by many. Sending love and prayers to you all. You are being welcomed by many at those Pearly Gates. "Go sing high on that mountain, your work on earth is done."



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**Karen Hopkins Killian** - October 21, 2021 at 12:53 AM



“ Larry was a great man and cousin. I'm glad we got to reconnect. Hopkins family forever. He is driving those cars with my brother Gene now.

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**Tracey knight** - October 20, 2021 at 10:42 PM



“ Your Dad is one of the sweetest kindest men I've ever met. He was one of the good guys- a man of integrity that made others feel safe and happy around him. I always remember as a little girl feeling perfectly at ease in his presence and admiring the way he would look at you as his very special Daughter Kristy. He's yours forever. You will see him again.

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**Valorie McElhene** - October 20, 2021 at 10:36 PM

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“ We are so sorry to learn of the passing of Larry. He was a very special person that had a heart of gold. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.



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**Dub & Dona Brown** - October 20, 2021 at 05:44 PM

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“ Renee Mullinax Atkins lit a candle in memory of Larry Smith



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**Renee Mullinax Atkins** - October 20, 2021 at 12:24 PM

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“ Larry and I both shared a common bond, our love for The Brandon Community where we both grew up in, attended the same schools, and shared friendships which has endured the test of time. At one time, after he and Shirley were married, we were next door neighbors. I moved to Fl. in the late 60's but Thanks to FB we reconnected and our friendship flourished. Our love for Family, Religion, The Brandon Community, and Vintage Vehicles are both of our passions.

*I am keeping Shirley and her family close to my heart as they face some trying times without Larry. Their memories were made for them to recall whenever they want. They will ease some of the pain as Memories bring laughter at sad times.*

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**Diane Williams Van Leer** - October 20, 2021 at 09:51 AM

JR

*This was such a shock to me. I am so sad over the loss of a great friend, Larry. Shirley, you have wonderful memories and such a love between you two. Praying for your family. I am so sorry. We will see our husbands again soon.*

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**Joyce Rimer** - October 21, 2021 at 12:56 AM

DB

*Amen*

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**Daniel Bagshaw** - October 22, 2021 at 01:51 PM

DB

“*Larry and his family were very close to our family when we lived in Greenville many years ago, many unforgettable times spent together. So sorry for his passing, but thankful his pain & suffering is over and he is at rest. Jesus will call him forth from the grave one day soon. Our love & prayers will continue to be with Shirley & family. May we all be ready for the soon return of our Redeemer Jesus Christ!*”

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**Dan Bagshaw** - October 19, 2021 at 10:33 PM

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*When I met Larry Smith, he was running Greenville When and Rim. When I was in my early teens, I had a job at a service station, fixing flats. I worked from 17 am until 7 pm and made \$5. There were always people coming by make sure I showed up, because hey wanted my job. Back then, every 'fixer; had a wedge or two, big hammers, some steer rods, and greed.*

*And every tjre had a tube. About half time time you started with a tire that had a nail hole, and in a short while you had a tire that had a tube with a wedge hole. I hated the job but needed the money and as soon as I found out that Larry Smith did t hat every thine all day, day in and out, I knew deep down that God had already struck him a medal. Then we went years and years without running into each other. As soon as we did, though, it was like no time had passed. I live on the road that Larry used to take to see his dentist, and tentative plans were made for him to drive his '57 Ford down to my house so we could go down together and visit the nice lady. Now that can't happen. I saw a photo not long ago where Larry was wearing his black cowboy hat. At a funeral just over a week ago, One of the family members was wearing a black cowboy hat. On the way home, I decided to drag out one of of mine. I headed for the basement, because Diane says she puts them there to keep me from wearing them. All I could find was the strew. I slapped it on and headed for a mirror. Instead of looking all neat like Larry and my friend, I looked like an old man coming in from the still, that had exploded. I thought it would be a good story that Larry would enjoy, but now I can't tell him. To Larry's family. I know I ramble, diving away from the main topic again and again, but that's just me. I want every one to know that Larry Smith was my friend and i really don't think he minded my rambling. I realize this is a terrible time for you all, and I want you to know that you are not alone in your mourning.*

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**Reese Fant** - October 22, 2021 at 07:02 PM