



## Donald Carl Smith

October 24, 1951 - December 26, 2024

Donald "Don" Carl Smith, 73, of Wilsonville, Alabama, passed away on December 26, 2024. A visitation will be held on Monday, December 30, 2024, at 10:00 AM at Wilsonville Baptist Church, with a funeral service following at 11:00 AM. Burial will follow at Old Chapel Cemetery. Pastor Steve Thomas will be presiding.

He is preceded in death by his parents: Zela Mae Dennis and Lester Donald Smith; and his sister: Sue Carol Smith.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years: Cheryl Smith; his son: Donnie Smith (Krista); his granddaughters: Madeline, McKinley, and Morgan Smith; and his church family at Wilsonville Baptist Church.

Don was born in 1951 in Jackson, Mississippi, where he grew up. He loved hunting, fishing, football, and baseball. He graduated from Mississippi College on a baseball scholarship.

His career with AT&T began in Montgomery, Alabama, and spread to Pineville, Louisiana. In 1979, Donnie-Donald Carl Smith II was born in Alexandria, Louisiana. Don was constantly transferred between Louisiana, Mississippi, and Missouri, until he was able to settle in Wilsonville, AL. His life was an amazing journey with his wife, Cheryl Cook Smith, celebrating the 50 years they spent together.

Don will be remembered as a great son, husband, grandfather, and father. He loved his family and The Lord Jesus Christ. He will be missed by everyone that knew and loved him.

Praise God for the life of Don Smith.

Please sign online condolences at [www.boltonfuneralhome.com](http://www.boltonfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Wilsonville Baptist Church  
9851 N Main St  
Wilsonville, AL 35186

## Funeral Service

DEC 30. 11:00 AM (CT)

Wilsonville Baptist Church  
9851 N Main St  
Wilsonville, AL 35186

## Burial

DEC 30 (CT)

Old Chapel Cemetery  
1912 County Road 9  
Wilsonville, AL 35186

# Tribute Wall

SB

“ Don’s parents knew my father from their high school days in Philadelphia, MS. Our mothers worked together and were travel buddies after retiring. Our fathers’ were our first baseball coaches, Barranco Life Ins., Jackson, MS. Don and I shared a desk in the 2nd grade. Don was our QB in high school and I think SS on the baseball team.

Our junior year of high school, Don met his bride to be, a cute blonde, a sophomore, Cheryl. Far as I recall she may have been the first date he ever had! I also helped plan his bachelor party...

Don was blessed with a great life, to the Glory of God. I was blessed with a great close friend growing up.

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**Shelton Bowie** - December 29, 2024 at 09:28 PM

CS

Love you Shelton Thank you so much Just got home from funeral hardest thing I'll ever do Please keep me in your prayers as I follow God's next stage for me I truly feel lost without my soulmate

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**Cheryl Smith** - December 30, 2024 at 04:37 PM

GD

I had worked for Lucent Technologies with Don for several years after he moved to Jackson, MS. He was one of those people, that never met a stranger. Cheryl and Don were just the perfect couple.

I remember Don always had a funny story about all his experiences. All of us were better people for knowing Donald Carl Smith. Rest in Peace old friend.

George Dunlap

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**George Dunlap** - January 04, 2025 at 03:07 PM

SB

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Shelton Bowie - December 29, 2024 at 08:57 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Carl Smith.



December 29, 2024 at 08:13 PM

JK

“ Johnny K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Carl Smith.

Johnny K. - December 29, 2024 at 06:49 PM

KS

“ Cheryl I am so sorry to hear that my cousin Don has passed away. He and I were very close as children. We spent some very good times together with Aunt Dennie and Uncle Lester and Sue Carol and my family. Please know that I am praying for comfort for you and your family.

Kaye Bridges Smith - December 29, 2024 at 04:47 PM

MC

“ Lowery and I are praying for you and your family. Don was a great guy and Lowery mentioned what a good baseball player he was at Callaway.

Mary Collins - December 29, 2024 at 01:29 PM

CM

“ Donnie, I just heard about your Dad's passing. I know how much he meant to you based on our conversations we had about him the last few weeks. I am so sorry for your loss and will be remembering you and your family in our prayers.

Chris Murphy - December 28, 2024 at 09:39 PM

SV

“ Scott, Emily, Jackson and Eli Vansant purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donald Carl Smith.



Scott, Emily, Jackson and Eli Vansant - December 27, 2024 at 02:45 PM

BR

“ Brook Roland planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Carl Smith.

Brook Roland - December 27, 2024 at 02:21 PM

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“ *Brook Roland purchased the Simply Elegant Spat  
hiphyllum for the family of Donald Carl Smith.*



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**Brook Roland** - December 27, 2024 at 02:21 PM