



Gerald Smith

January 12, 1942 - March 15, 2019

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Jennings: Gerald was born in Jennings, LA on January 12, 1942 to Lawrence Smith and Hazel Istre Smith. He was called from this earthly life by his Heavenly Father on March 15, 2019. Gerald served our country honorably in the Navy, as a petty officer, 3rd class machinist's mate. After the Navy Gerald went on to be a Draftsman for Davidson Sash & Door for over twenty years, he was also a member of the Jennings Fire Department, and was an assistant Fire Chief. He loved the outdoors, duck hunting, making duck calls, fishing, and gardening. Gerald also enjoyed wood turning and doing carpentry. Most of all Gerald loved spending time with his family. He was a kind and loving man who was loved by many and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Gerald is survived by his beloved wife, Elizabeth "Sue" Smith of Jennings, LA; his two daughters, Christine Simpson (Robert) of Lake Arthur, LA, Shera Materne (Roger) of Jennings, LA; his two brothers, Sonny Smith of England; Manny Smith (Betty Ruth) of Louisiana; his two sisters, Evelyn O'Quinn (Owen) of Texas, Gladys "Dee Dee" Collins (Robert) of Lake Charles, LA; his eight grandchildren, Michael, Thomas, Joshua, Ashley, Trisha "Nikki", Roger "D.J.", Aaron, Alexander "Alec"; his ten great grandchildren; as well as his three great-great grandsons.

Gerald was preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence and Hazel Smith; his sister, Rena Crader.

Funeral Services for Gerald Smith, 77 of Jennings, LA will be held at Matthews & Son Funeral Home in Jennings, LA on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 10:00 AM with Father Charles McMillin officiating. Burial will follow Greenwood Cemetery. A gathering of family and friends will be held Matthews & Son Funeral Home in Jennings, LA beginning on Monday, March 18, 2019 at 3:00 PM with a Rosary recited at 6:00 PM and continuing until 9:00 PM. Visitation will resume on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 8:00 AM until the time of his Service at 10:00 AM. Carrying Gerald to his final resting place will be his brothers in the Fire Service, Marcus Peterson, Johnny Navarre, Cedric Gary, Walter Trahan, Cody Courville, Ashley Navarre, Shawn O'Quinn, Mark Courville, and Carl Trahan.

To extend online condolences, please visit our website at www.matthewsandsfuneralhome.net

Arrangements have been entrusted to Matthews & Son Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

Evangeline Rd.
Jennings, LA 70546

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Matthews Funeral Home - JENNINGS
511 N. Cutting Avenue
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Rosary

MAR 18. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gerald Smith*

January 28, 2023 at 04:12 PM



“ *My father considered Mr. Smithy to be one of his best friends and that friendship lasted until my father passed away in 2012. Their friendship wasn't just a friendship it was a brotherhood. In fact, my siblings and I would call him Uncle Smithy. My oldest brother, Terry Leopold Sr., and Uncle Smithy were close also. I am so sorry to know that such a loving, kind-hearted person has left to go on to Glory. He will truly be missed by Walter and Betty Leopold, Jr. family. Thank you to Uncle Smithy's family for sharing him with my father and my father's family. I pray that God comforts you in this time of loss.*



Lydia Leopold - March 20, 2019 at 02:59 PM



“ *66 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Matthews Funeral Home - March 18, 2019 at 02:14 PM

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“ What can I say, Smitty was our favorite fire department visitor over these many years. That man always had a smile on his face no matter what he was going through. And his sense of humor was special, to say the least. He will certainly be missed by all of us who loved him. Sue a very big thank you for your love and excellent care of Smitty, which he could always depend on. So sorry for your loss, sending prayers for you and the family.

Pam Vincent - March 18, 2019 at 01:16 PM

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“ Sue: So sorry to hear about Gerald. I have missed seeing him on my walks. For so many years you and Gerald had a beautiful garden and pretty flowers. May God comfort you as you begin your life without your husband. Praying for you.

Carolyn C Delahoussaye - March 17, 2019 at 07:15 AM