



David Franklin Smith

May 15, 1961 - November 28, 2025

David Franklin Smith, age 64, of Kingston, TN, passed away Friday, November 28, 2025, at his home. Born in Anderson, South Carolina, and raised in Columbia, SC, he was of the Baptist faith. David lived in Tennessee for 35 years, where he built his career with Goody's Family Clothing and an even bigger legacy of laughter, kindness, and unforgettable stories.

Though he had a huge love for Clemson football, David loved his family even more. He was a bright light who could make anyone laugh—or shake their head—with his boisterous spirit and perfectly timed silliness. He made an impact everywhere he went, whether it was creating his infamous, unsanctioned Gamecock Soup or proudly continuing family traditions like gathering everyone at the beach.

People often say someone was “a giant among men,” but David truly was—both in stature and heart. His joyful, generous spirit lives on through his family, who will carry forward his stories, his traditions, and the love he shared so freely.

Preceded in death by his father, John Baylus Smith, Jr.

Survived by his wife of 41 years, Joni (Jones) Smith,

3 sons and daughters-in-love,

Joshua Franklin and Kelsie Jo Smith, Brian Zachary “Zack” Smith and Lauren Yount, Luke Baylus and Fiona Smith,

Sisters, Jacqueline “Jackie” Anita Smith Allen and David Allen,

Brother, John Bradford "Brad" and Bonnie Smith,
Mother, Judy Eidam Cooper Smith,
Grandchildren, Calliope Jo and Jack Kingsley,
Beloved dog, Tank.
Many nephews, nieces, and extended family.

The family will receive friends from 1:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. Sunday, December 7, 2025 at Kyker Funeral Home of Kingston. Memorial Service to follow with Dr. Dale Darley officiating. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to Roane County Animal Shelter (296 Manufacturers Rd, Rockwood, TN 37854) or shelter of your choice or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, (501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105). Kyker Funeral Home of Kingston is serving the Smith Family.

Previous Events

Vistiation

DEC 7. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kyker Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of David Franklin Smith*



Kyker Funeral Home - December 04, 2025 at 11:01 AM



“ *T A A Friends purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of David Franklin Smith.*



T A A Friends - December 06, 2025 at 01:46 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of David Franklin Smith.*



December 06, 2025 at 10:35 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Franklin Smith.*



December 05, 2025 at 03:57 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David Franklin Smith.*



December 05, 2025 at 10:23 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Franklin Smith.*



December 05, 2025 at 10:04 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of David Franklin Smith.*



December 04, 2025 at 08:15 PM



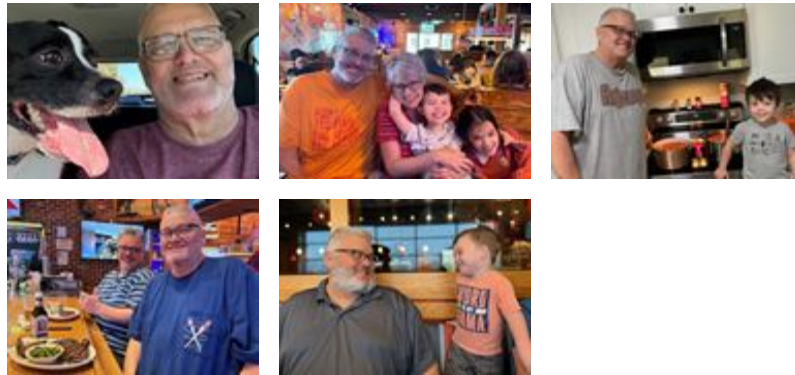
“ *Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Franklin Smith.*



December 04, 2025 at 10:55 AM



“ *51 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Kyker Funeral Home - December 04, 2025 at 10:48 AM



“ *Your Friends & Colleagues at Sakata Seed purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of David Franklin Smith.*



Your Friends & Colleagues at Sakata Seed - December 03, 2025 at 02:19 PM

JS

“ 20 files added to the album *The Best of David*



Joni Smith - December 02, 2025 at 08:13 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet* was purchased for the family of David Franklin Smith.



December 02, 2025 at 07:36 PM

CT

“ *Coach Joseph and Irmo soccer team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Franklin Smith.*

Coach Joseph and Irmo soccer team - December 02, 2025 at 04:20 PM

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“ Coach Joseph and Irmo soccer team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of David Franklin Smith.



Coach Joseph and Irmo soccer team - December 02, 2025 at 04:20 PM

TL

“ The Lloyd’s planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Franklin Smith.

The Lloyd’s - December 02, 2025 at 04:13 PM

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“ The Lloyd’s purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of David Franklin Smith.



The Lloyd’s - December 02, 2025 at 04:13 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of David Franklin Smith.



December 02, 2025 at 12:53 PM