



Luther "Luke" Smith

April 6, 1941 - July 22, 2013

Luther Leslie "Luke" Smith, age 72, of Niota, passed away on Monday, July 22, 2013. He was a member of Union McMinn Baptist Church, retired from the McMinn County Highway Department, and a veteran of the U.S. Army. Preceded in death by his wife: Jennette Stephens Smith, parents: James "Jim" and Lucille Smith, 2 infant brothers and a brother: James Ray Smith, sister: Gladys Hughes. Survivors include his son: Kevin L. Smith, of Rhea County, sisters: Callie Jean Hearn, of Niota, Louise Oliver, of Maryville, Frances Lones, of Sweetwater, brother: Horace " Buck" Smith, of Niota, sisters and brothers-in-law: Alene and Norman Lones, of Sweetwater, Irene Lee, of Madisonville, Pryor and Myrtle Stephens, of Athens, special friends: Peggy Smith, of Niota, and Bill Owenby, of Athens, and a host of nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends on Thursday July 25, 2013, from 5:00P.M. until 7:00P.M. at Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater, with the funeral service to follow at 7:00P.M. in Kyker's Chapel with Rev. Doug Alexander and Brian Coffee, officiating. Interment 10:00A.M. Friday in the Sweetwater Memorial Park with full military honors provide by the Sweetwater Gold Star V.F.W. Post 5156 and members of the Monroe County DAV Chapter 93. Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater, in charge of arrangements. www.kykerfuneralhomes.com

Tribute Wall

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“ *I'm sure you will be missed by all how knew you and GOD HAS A SPECIAL PLACE FOR YOU prayers go out for your family & friends*

vanetta stevens [roberson] - redford , MI - aunt - July 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Our deepest sympathies and may your wonderful memories comfort you. A memory we will treasure is our visit with Luke last May.*

Kenny and Sue Smith - Greensboro, NC - Nephew (son of James R. Smith - July 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Our deepest sympathy.*

Martin & Sherry Sewell - Niota, TN - Friend of the family - July 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *We are sorry to hear about Luke'passing. Joe and I were both very fond of him. Always enjoyed talking to him when we would meet up. We would like to offer our sympathy to the family!*

Joe and Boots Snyder - Niota, TN - July 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM