



Steven Lee Smith

October 8, 1952 - August 28, 2021

Steven Lee Smith, 68, husband of Jo Tucker Smith, passed away at his residence in Wauchula, on Saturday, August 28, 2021. Steve was born in Wauchula, Florida on October 8, 1952, the son of Harold “King Kong” and Trieste Clemons Smith, a fourth-generation native Floridian. He was a resident of Hardee County most of his life.

Steve grew up on the Buckhorn Ranch, the fourth generation to do so. He graduated from Largo Senior High School and retired after thirty-nine years of service with Embarq Florida. He was the General Manager of the Buckhorn Ranch and Groves. Steve was a member of New Hope Baptist Church and served on numerous church committees. He was a member of the Hardee County Cattleman’s Association.

Like his father, Steve had the gift of friendship. He never met a stranger and had the gift of making you feel like the most important person in the world. He was happiest in a room full of the family telling stories of the past and good times shared. He was passionate about his family’s ranch. Steve was always ready to go to a gun show, loved firearms, and enjoyed hunting. He cheered for the Florida Gators all his life.

Steve loved his family. He was fiercely loyal to those he loved. His generous spirit and laughter will be missed by all.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harold “King Kong” and Trieste Clemons Smith, his stepfather, Robert Lawrence Prescott, and his sister, Clemie Jo Lamb.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughters Kelly Jo and Katelyn (Katie) Lee; brothers William Clay Smith (Gina) of Sumter, SC; Robert Lawrence Prescott Jr. (Jan) of Birmingham, Al; sister, Sandra McCorkle (Larry) of Casselberry, Fl; several nieces and nephews; and more cousins than can be counted.

Funeral services will be held at New Hope Baptist Church, in Wauchula, Wednesday, September 1 at 11 AM, Pastor Jeff Clemons, Mr. Marcus Shackleford (his cousins); Dr. William Clay Smith (his brother); and Rev. Kevin Roberts officiating. Interment will follow in the New Hope Baptist Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 AM to 11 AM at the church. Memorials may be made to New Hope Baptist Church.

Cemetery Details

New Hope Cemetery

1998 SR 64 East
Wauchula, FL 33873

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Hope Baptist Church
1999 State Road 64 East
Wauchula, FL 33873

Funeral Service

SEP 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Steven Lee Smith.*



September 01, 2021 at 05:34 PM



“ *Love, Caity purchased the Healing Tears - Laven der and White for the family of Steven Lee Smith.*



Love, Caity - September 01, 2021 at 09:22 AM



“ *Steve Smith was such a great man. When I was in the hospital for whatever reason as a 12 year old, he would come simply to keep me company. We talked about hunting a lot which lead to him giving me the book, “Death in the Long Grass”, which I still have to this day. Such a humble and selfless soul that loved his family and friends. Sending prayers to his family yet I know he is still with them in spirit*

Zack Farr - September 01, 2021 at 08:58 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Steven Lee Smith.*



September 01, 2021 at 06:15 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Steven Lee Smith.*



August 31, 2021 at 09:22 PM



“ *Loss of a wonderful man and friend. I'm praying for and with family. He will be missed by all and a shining star in God's home for him.*

Meith Pearce - August 31, 2021 at 08:48 PM



“ *Rest-in-Peace, Steve. Prayers of comfort to Jo and the girls and the rest of the Smith Family.*

Bill Carlton - August 31, 2021 at 08:30 PM



“ *Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of Steven Lee Smith.*



August 31, 2021 at 07:20 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Steven Lee Smith.*



August 31, 2021 at 04:24 PM



“ *Peaceful Wishes was purchased for the family of Steven Lee Smith.*



August 31, 2021 at 03:17 PM



“ *George and Molly Keriazes purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Steven Lee Smith.*



George and Molly Keriazes - August 31, 2021 at 02:31 PM



“ *Peaceful Wishes was purchased for the family of Steven Lee Smith.*



August 31, 2021 at 02:00 PM

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“ *Landon and Christy (O'Berry) Smith purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Steven Lee Smith.*



Landon and Christy (O'Berry) Smith - August 31, 2021 at 01:46 PM

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“ *Pamela Cook purchased the White Sympathy Baskets for the family of Steven Lee Smith.*



Pamela Cook - August 31, 2021 at 10:05 AM