



## Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.

November 20, 1936 - February 7, 2022

It is with deep sorrow that the Smothers family announces the death of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr., 85. Mr. Smothers, the widower of Jerdgie Mae Valentine Smothers, entered into rest on Monday, February 7, 2022.

A funeral service to celebrate his life will be held at 1 o'clock on Thursday, February 10, 2022, in The Chapel of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home. The Rev. Kenny Lynch will officiate with burial to follow in Magnolia Cemetery. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. The Directors of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home & Crematory are caring for the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his honor to the Dylan Adams Memorial Fund, PO Box 1902, Hartsville, SC 29551

G.W. was born in Hartsville, SC, and was the son of the late Elisha Smothers and the late Cora Edwards Smothers.

"Pop worked at a truck stop for nine years, and he then went to work for Sonoco. We also had a shop and worked on cars. My Pop bought the Bait & Tackle Shop in 1977. He worked three jobs for a couple of years while also building and maintaining his race cars. He raced them at the Hartsville Speedway. My Pop could work on cars and boats and did so for many years.

He operated the Smothers Bait & Tackle shop for more than forty years, and he loved every bit of it. Pop loved to fish on his houseboat and watch NASCAR, ort any other type of car race." - Love your son, Billy Smothers.

He is survived by his loving son, Billy (Debbie) Smothers of Hartsville, SC; daughter-in-law, Marcella Brown Smothers; grandchildren, Dustin Smothers, Jason Smothers, Ava Smothers; great-grandchildren, Kevin Schaefer, Wyatt Pressley Smothers, Levi Smith, Mason Smith, and Ellie Mae Smith.

In addition to his parents and his wife, he was preceded in death by his son, Michael Anthony Smothers; brothers, Hubert Hoffman, E. L. Smothers; sister, Edith Hoffman; granddaughter, Windy Faye McLendon.

The family would like to thank the Agape Hospice Staff for their compassionate and loving care of G.W. They would also like to thank Pop's nephews, Rayford Atkinson and Harold Watford; and special friends, Kevin McAllister and Eddie Hicks.

# Cemetery Details

## Magnolia Cemetery

140 South Cedar Lane  
Hartsville, SC 29550  
(843) 383-3004

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 10. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home Chapel  
306 W Home Ave  
Hartsville, SC

## Funeral Service

FEB 10. 1:00 PM (ET)

Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home Chapel  
306 W Home Ave  
Hartsville, SC

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown - Pennington - Atkins Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.*



**Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home** - February 09, 2022 at 01:28 PM

GO

*Billy, Debbie, Dustin, Jason, and the whole family. I am so sorry to hear about the passing of GW. He was one of my best friends ever. We shared a lot of stories, true or not, but he could tell a good one. We were friends when my dad took me down to his shop to work on one of our cars. He was the best person to go with a Ford problem. GW and I had so much fun at the bait and tackle shop. He was very proud of that shop. I will regret not seeing him in his chair at the shop. All my prayers will be for comfort for his family, that so loved so much. Best of Friends, Guy Oneal.*

**Guy Oneal** - February 10, 2022 at 02:12 AM

EC

“ *Evonne Cooper lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.*



**Evonne Cooper** - February 16, 2022 at 12:20 AM

TT

“ Terry Edwards Thimpson lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.



Terry Edwards Thimpson - February 11, 2022 at 09:26 PM

KC

“ We are sorry to hear of your loss. Thankful for Mr. GW's contribution to Hartsville through his business; Smother's Bait and Tackle. Many years ago, my Granddad and brother would shop there. Praying for peace and comfort during this difficult time. Kim Clanton & Lee Bryant

Kim Clanton - February 11, 2022 at 12:12 PM

AK

“ 6 files added to the album Memories Album



Arty Kelchner - February 10, 2022 at 07:02 PM

MS

“ *Mary Lee Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.*



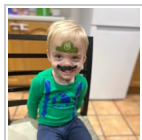
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**Mary Lee Smith** - February 10, 2022 at 05:39 PM

LL

“ *Lori And Randy Lowe lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.*



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**Lori and Randy Lowe** - February 10, 2022 at 03:32 PM



“ *Patty Hayes lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.*



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**Patty Hayes** - February 10, 2022 at 02:40 PM

MB

“ *Melissa Barfield lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.*



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**Melissa Barfield** - February 10, 2022 at 01:07 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home** - February 10, 2022 at 11:55 AM

MG

“ So sorry to hear of Mr. GW..He was such an outstanding friend to our family for many years. We pray that God will give you all the strength and comfort during this time 🙏 May he also be with you and give you all the peace in days to come ❤️ Eddie and Marie Gardner (and Ann Blackwell-Spencer)



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**Marie Gardner** - February 10, 2022 at 02:51 AM

EH

“ Mr. Billy, Debbie, Dustin, Jason and Family. We are truly sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Anyone can tell he was a huge influence in Hartsville and it is a great loss to all who knew and loved him. Jesse & Elaine Hoffman

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**Elaine Hoffman** - February 10, 2022 at 12:30 AM



“ 5 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home** - February 09, 2022 at 08:58 PM



“ *James & Elwood Kelchner & Family would like to send our condolence. RIP GW. Praying for Y'all*

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**Diane Kelchner** - February 09, 2022 at 08:37 PM



“ *Sandra Pope lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.*

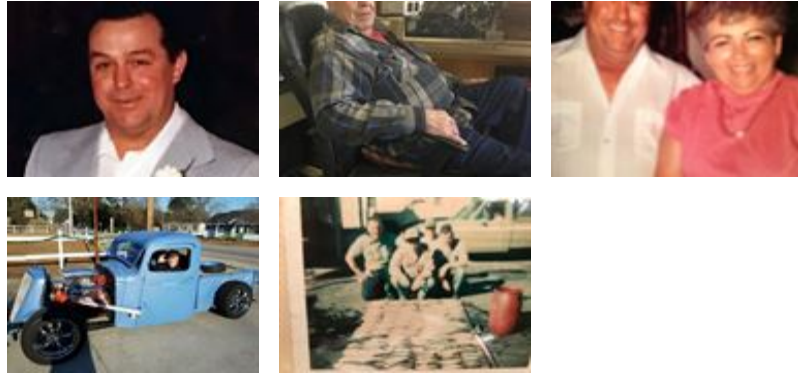


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**Sandra Pope** - February 09, 2022 at 01:55 PM



“ 29 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



**Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home** - February 09, 2022 at 01:11 PM



“ *billy and family so sorry for your loss*

**gail and danny ray peavy** - February 09, 2022 at 10:15 AM



“ *Rebecca Skinner lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.*



**Rebecca Skinner** - February 09, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ *Jean Stratton lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.*



**Jean Stratton** - February 09, 2022 at 09:49 AM

CJ

“ *Cindy Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.*



**Cindy Jones** - February 09, 2022 at 08:18 AM



“ *Sorry to hear of GW's passing. Please accept my prayers and condolences. A*



**David Jordan** - February 09, 2022 at 07:04 AM

DF

“ *Danny Freeman lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.*



**Danny Freeman** - February 09, 2022 at 06:54 AM



“ *Sherry Gratzer lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.*



**Sherry Gratzer** - February 09, 2022 at 05:06 AM



“ I loved my Uncle G. W. He was a kind an gentle man, he had a great sense of humor, loved going fishing with an Aunt Jessie Mae an my Mom( Edith Hoffman). He would always put a smile on your face, he will be truly missed.



Sherry Gratzer - February 09, 2022 at 05:04 AM

DK

“ Danny Keith lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.



Danny Keith - February 08, 2022 at 08:55 PM

LT

“ Linda Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.



Linda Thompson - February 08, 2022 at 08:53 PM

RH

“ Rev. Burke & Wendy Hoffman lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.



Rev. Burke & Wendy Hoffman - February 08, 2022 at 08:25 PM

TT

“ *Timmy Tyner lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.*



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**Timmy Tyner** - February 08, 2022 at 08:06 PM

GG

“ *Gail A. Gainey lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.*



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**Gail A. Gainey** - February 08, 2022 at 07:49 PM

TG

“ *Tony Grant lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.*



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**Tony Grant** - February 08, 2022 at 07:21 PM

AK

“ *Arty Kelchner lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.*



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**Arty Kelchner** - February 08, 2022 at 06:58 PM

PB

“ *Phyllis Driggers Braddock sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.*



Phyllis Driggers Braddock - February 08, 2022 at 06:24 PM

PB

“ *Phyllis Driggers Braddock sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.*



Phyllis Driggers Braddock - February 08, 2022 at 06:23 PM

LE

“ *Larry Easterling lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.*



Larry Easterling - February 08, 2022 at 06:12 PM

MM

“ *Mike Mullis lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.*



mike mullis - February 08, 2022 at 05:47 PM

AK

“ Allison Kelchner lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.



Allison Kelchner - February 08, 2022 at 05:14 PM

PD

“ Pat Dailey lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.



pat dailey - February 08, 2022 at 04:48 PM

WG

“ Wilford Griggs lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.



Wilford Griggs - February 08, 2022 at 04:42 PM

PD

“ Pat Dailey lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.



pat dailey - February 08, 2022 at 04:40 PM

PD

*So sorry to hear about G.W., Grayson and Jarrett Dailey will always remember the many times they would stop by and just talk about who caught the biggest fish.*

pat dailey - February 08, 2022 at 04:56 PM

DB

*“ Danny And DeeDee Byrd lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.*



Danny and DeeDee Byrd - February 08, 2022 at 04:23 PM

JB

*“ So sorry for your loss sending prayers for the family.*



Judy Bryant - February 08, 2022 at 03:14 PM

WG

*“ Billy, Debbie, and Family,  
We are so very sorry for your loss. Sending prayers for your Family.*



William and Jean Gullede - February 08, 2022 at 01:32 PM

JA

“ *JIMMY ANDREWS lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.*



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**JIMMY ANDREWS** - February 08, 2022 at 12:49 PM

HD

“ *Billy, Debbie and family, I'm so sorry to hear of GW's passing. I worked with him for a number of years. I know you all will miss him terribly. Prayers for you all during this difficult time. Heyward and Maxine Dixon*

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**Heyward and Maxine Dixon** - February 08, 2022 at 12:33 PM

RV

“ *rip gw hug jerdgie for me*

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**ronald valentine** - February 08, 2022 at 12:16 PM

FS

“ *Freddie & Kathy Stanley lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.*



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**Freddie & Kathy Stanley** - February 08, 2022 at 11:51 AM

FR

“ my dad, yogi bear's (bill rogers) relationship goes back a long way with Mr. G.W. not only did my dad trade with Mr. G.W.they also shared a friendship. i remember going to the store with my dad when i was a kid some45 years ago.i dont believe that store had changed none in all the years we went in there.my dad and Mr. G.W. and alot others are probably in heaven fishing in God's beautiful fishing lakes.maybe heaven has a santee. rest in peace on the lakes guys.

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**FRANK ROGERS** - February 08, 2022 at 11:49 AM

FR

“ **FRANK ROGERS** lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.



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**FRANK ROGERS** - February 08, 2022 at 11:39 AM

NP

“ **Northside Auto Parts** lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.



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**Northside Auto Parts** - February 08, 2022 at 11:38 AM



“ Elaine Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.



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**Elaine Carpenter** - February 08, 2022 at 11:14 AM

KN

“ Kathy Norris lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.



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**Kathy Norris** - February 08, 2022 at 10:06 AM

JG

“ Prayers for the family.



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**JOHNNY and Bobbi Grant** - February 08, 2022 at 09:56 AM

BH

“ Bil Howle lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.



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**Bil Howle** - February 08, 2022 at 09:54 AM

JM

“ Sincerest condolences Billy to you and your families.  
He was a kind, hard working man. He will be missed.  
May God's love comfort you today and the many months ahead.  
\_ Billy and Jo Ann Matthews



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**Jo and Billy Matthews** - February 08, 2022 at 09:41 AM

JC

“ Jimmy Cross lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.



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**Jimmy Cross** - February 08, 2022 at 09:27 AM

JC

“ Jeri A. Cox lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.



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**Jeri A. Cox** - February 08, 2022 at 08:42 AM

SS

“ Stephanie Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.



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**Stephanie Smith** - February 08, 2022 at 08:29 AM

AS

“ Aaron Stephanie And David Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.



Aaron Stephanie and David Smith - February 08, 2022 at 08:28 AM

JL

“ JoyceAnn Buck Lipe lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.



JoyceAnn Buck Lipe - February 08, 2022 at 07:50 AM

PA

“ PaulCannarella lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.



PaulCannarella - February 08, 2022 at 07:27 AM

DJ

“ Dennis And Robin Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.



Dennis and Robin Johnson - February 08, 2022 at 06:01 AM

RG

“ *Rev. & Mrs. Marvin Griggs lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.*



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**Rev. & Mrs. Marvin Griggs** - February 08, 2022 at 03:24 AM

WY

“ *Wilma Gainey Yarborough lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.*



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**Wilma Gainey Yarborough** - February 08, 2022 at 12:51 AM

JV

“ *Johnny Valentine lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.*



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**Johnny Valentine** - February 07, 2022 at 11:59 PM

KM

“ *Kathy Mcfarland lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.*



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**kathy mcfarland** - February 07, 2022 at 11:18 PM

CS

“ Charles And Lavonde Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.



Charles and Lavonde Smith - February 07, 2022 at 09:52 PM

LH

“ Leland And Kathy Huggins lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.



Leland and Kathy Huggins - February 07, 2022 at 09:18 PM

JG

“ Jeff Galloway lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.



Jeff Galloway - February 07, 2022 at 08:27 PM

SA

“ Sheila Atkinson lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.



Sheila Atkinson - February 07, 2022 at 08:24 PM

WH

“ So sorry to hear about GW. He was a fixture in the neighborhood and will be truly missed. You all are in my thoughts and prayers!!

Wade Harris - February 07, 2022 at 08:02 PM

MH

“ Martha Mixon Hall lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.



Martha Mixon Hall - February 07, 2022 at 07:57 PM



“ Ivy Blue and Hubert Griggs



Ivy Blue - February 07, 2022 at 07:24 PM

JS

“ J.R. Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.



J.R. Smith - February 07, 2022 at 07:20 PM

RG

“ *Richard T Gainey lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.*



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**Richard t gainey** - February 07, 2022 at 07:17 PM

RY

“ *Rex Yarborough lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.*



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**Rex Yarborough** - February 07, 2022 at 07:11 PM

MG

“ *Mitchell Gainey lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.*



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**Mitchell Gainey** - February 07, 2022 at 06:47 PM

MG

*I knew J.W.all my life .He was always good to me and I respected him R.I.P.*

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**Mitchell Gainey** - February 07, 2022 at 06:55 PM

BH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.  
Love in Christ,  
Blake and Patricia Hoffman*



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**Blake and Patricia Hoffman** - February 07, 2022 at 06:44 PM

MT

“ *So sorry to hear this. Was a great friend.  
Prayers are for the family. Mitchell and Judy  
Turner*



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**Mitchell and Judy Turner** - February 07, 2022 at 06:41 PM

DG

“ *Debbie Gainey lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
G. W. Smothers Sr.*



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**Debbie Gainey** - February 07, 2022 at 06:39 PM

MF

“ *Michael & Laurie Folk lit a candle in memory  
of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.*



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**Michael & Laurie Folk** - February 07, 2022 at 06:29 PM

CN

“ Sorry to hear of GW. Always enjoyed his company and hanging out at the store shooting pool. Always there to chat, giving advice on cars and fishing. Praying for the Family during this difficult time. RIP my friend.  
*Chris and Rhonda Norton*



**Chris Norton** - February 07, 2022 at 06:17 PM

VJ

“ Vin Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.



**Vin Johnson** - February 07, 2022 at 06:07 PM

JA

“ Billy, Debbie and family. We are so sorry to hear about G.W. passing away. He has been a fishing buddy of mine for many years. He will be missed!! Love and prayers to you all in this time of sorrow.



**John and Susan Andrews** - February 07, 2022 at 05:59 PM

KS

“ Kathy Sheffield lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.



**Kathy Sheffield** - February 07, 2022 at 05:52 PM

RA

“ *Ricky & Angie Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.*



**Ricky & Angie Anderson** - February 07, 2022 at 05:26 PM

JO

“ *John&MarieWelch lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.*



**John&MarieWelch** - February 07, 2022 at 05:25 PM

DB

“ *Dick Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.*



**Dick Brown** - February 07, 2022 at 05:21 PM

AH

“ *Billy and Debbie and the rest of the family, GW was always loved in our neighborhood! I was a young boy when I met him and he has ALWAYS been nice to us! I will keep your family in my thoughts and prayers. GW, rest easy and FLY HIGH old friend! I hope there plenty of fishing for you!*



**Allen Haynes** - February 07, 2022 at 05:03 PM

CN

*Prayers to all of the family- another fishing and racing legend gone! 🏁*  
🙏❤️

**Carl Newsome** - February 07, 2022 at 06:51 PM



“ *Karen Gainey sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.*



**Karen Gainey** - February 07, 2022 at 04:56 PM



“ *Karen Gainey sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.*



**Karen Gainey** - February 07, 2022 at 04:55 PM

LF

“ *LANCE AND KIM FUNDERBURK lit a candle in memory of Mr. G. W. Smothers Sr.*



**LANCE AND KIM FUNDERBURK** - February 07, 2022 at 04:51 PM

JH

“ *Joseph Hall lit a candle in memory of Mr. G.  
W. Smothers Sr.*



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**Joseph Hall** - February 07, 2022 at 04:35 PM