



## Mr. Joseph R. O. Smith Jr.

June 28, 1946 - December 15, 2017

Mass of Christian burial for Mr. Joseph R. O. Smith, Jr., 71, who entered into rest on Friday, December 15, 2017, will be conducted at 11:00 am on Tuesday, December 19, 2017, from the St. Mary's Catholic Church with Fr. Dan Papineau, Celebrant. A Rosary to the Blessed Mother will be prayed at 10:30 am in the Resurrection Chapel. The family will receive friends in the Parish Hall following the service and also Sunday from 3:00 - 5:00 pm at their home. Burial will be at 10:00 am on Wednesday, December 20, 2017, in the Florence National Cemetery. Memorials may be made in his honor to the charity of one's choice. Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home is serving the family.

Born in Wadley, GA, he was a son of the late Joseph R. O. Smith, Sr. and the late Mervin Futrel Smith. He died on December 15, 2017, after a year-long battle with cancer. He graduated from Georgia Southern University in 1967 and attended U.S.N.R. Officer Candidate School in New Port, Rhode Island where he achieved the rank of Ensign U.S.N.R. After an honorable discharge, Joe graduated from Michigan State University with an MBA in Accounting. After a long work history, he retired to enjoy reading European history, traveling, but most importantly, spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Katharine Robson Smith of Hartsville, SC; daughter, Alexis (Chip) Mason of Hartsville, SC; son, Matthew

(Kara) Smith of Arvada, CO; grandchildren, Phillip, Katie and Jordan Mason, all of Hartsville, SC. He was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Zoe Smith

# Cemetery Details

## Florence National Cemetery

803 National Cemetery Rd.  
Florence, SC

# Previous Events

## Rosary to the Blessed Mother

DEC 19. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Mary the Virgin Mother Roman Catholic Church  
363 North Fifth St.  
Hartsville, So 29550

## Service

DEC 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Hartsville, So 29550

## Visitation

DEC 19. 11:50 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Catholic Church Fellowship Hall  
363 North Fifth Street  
Hartsville, SC 29550



# Tribute Wall

DC

“ So very sorry to hear of Joe's passing. You both seemed to make such a great team together. I always enjoyed talking with Joe, he was always interesting and sure enjoyed his family. I am sending prayers for you, Kathy and all your family as you go through this most difficult time of loss.

Don and Diane Camus - December 22, 2017 at 08:58 PM

CB

“ I am so saddened to hear of Joe's passing. He was a dear friend and co-worker from Carolina Pines. Joe and I worked together for many years. I will cherish the memories I had of Joe. He sure loved talking about his grandchildren and how he loved spending time with them. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Carla Bryan

Carla Bryan - December 18, 2017 at 05:32 PM

PJ

“ I was saddened to see that Mr. Joe had passed away. I really enjoyed working with him at the Medical Group. He was such a nice man. My thoughts and prayers are with all of his family.

Pat James - December 18, 2017 at 04:17 PM

MB

“ Michael And Holly Barr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph R. O. Smith Jr.



Michael and Holly Barr - December 18, 2017 at 01:45 PM

AR

“ Aurelia And Richard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph R. O. Smith Jr.



Aurelia and Richard - December 18, 2017 at 09:37 AM



“ Katherine, Chip, Alexis and family,  
We were so saddened to learn of the loss of Mr Joe. Our deepest sympathies, love and thoughts are with you at this sad time. Paul and Rebecca

Rebecca Alford - December 17, 2017 at 08:40 PM

PG

“ Pam Granklin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph R. O. Smith Jr.



pam Granklin - December 17, 2017 at 06:37 PM

CF

“ Cheryl Ferrulli lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph R. O. Smith Jr.



Cheryl Ferrulli - December 17, 2017 at 10:58 AM

MB

“ *Miriam Futral Bryant lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph R. O. Smith Jr.*



**Miriam Futral Bryant** - December 16, 2017 at 10:23 PM

MB

*I will always cherish the memories you, Anne, and I shared at our grandparents.*

**Miriam Futral Bryant** - December 16, 2017 at 10:25 PM

DH

*Joe was my cousin, my friend, and the brother I never had. So many memories of funny, happy, and bittersweet times we shared growing up next door to each other. He was so full of life and loved to tease. I will always remember the twinkle in his eye and that grin. I am so thankful we were able to visit before Thanksgiving. It was a true blessing for me. Love to all. My heart is broken.*

**Donnie Hodges** - December 17, 2017 at 09:01 PM

TM

“ *Tina Moses lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph R. O. Smith Jr.*



**Tina Moses** - December 16, 2017 at 10:16 PM

KB

“ Kathryn (Kitty) Blackmon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph R. O. Smith Jr.



Kathryn (Kitty) Blackmon - December 16, 2017 at 08:35 PM

DP

“ Dee Pierce lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph R. O. Smith Jr.



Dee Pierce - December 16, 2017 at 04:57 PM

BW

“ Bess And Bobby Watkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph R. O. Smith Jr.



Bess and Bobby Watkins - December 16, 2017 at 04:54 PM

BW

Joe was a good friend and a wonderful neighbor. We will surely miss him . RIP Joe

Bess and Bobby Watkins - December 16, 2017 at 04:57 PM

TM

“ *Tanya McDonald lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph R. O. Smith Jr.*



**Tanya McDonald** - December 16, 2017 at 03:46 PM

LL

“ *Lee Love lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph R. O. Smith Jr.*



**Lee Love** - December 16, 2017 at 11:22 AM

JH

“ *Bill was a brother submariner. He is a handful of years older than me but I knew the family. A good memory of Bill took place in Newport News shipyard way back in summer of 1984. He was on the USS Daniel Boone SSBN 629 & I had just reported aboard the USS Tecumseh SSBN 628. Both boats were being refueled & overhauled. Was making my way through a tight place in the yard that brought Bill & I face to face. We both realized a connection was there and after a few minutes the Hartsville connection was made. Heard good things about Bill from his shipmates over the next year or so. Bill new his craft in the submarine business. Fair Winds and Following Seas Shipmate 🇺🇸*

**Jimmy Howell** - December 16, 2017 at 10:55 AM

LJ

“ *Leslie Jerman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph R. O. Smith Jr.*



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**Leslie Jerman** - December 16, 2017 at 04:14 AM