



## James Smith

May 15, 2013

WALKERTON, VA - James (Jim - Jumbo) Benton Smith, 67, of Walkerton, VA, passed away Wednesday, May 15, 2013 at his home. Born July 20, 1945 in Stephenson, WV, he was the son of the late Elmer Smith and Mildred Bailey Smith.

James was a 1963 graduate of Herndon High School at Herndon, WV. A 22 year Air Force Veteran, he worked in Communications with many assignments worldwide. He then retired and continued to work for 18 years as a Department of Defense contractor for the National Security Agency at Ft. Meade, MD. Since 2002 he retired with his wife to Walkerton, VA. He was an avid handyman and could fix anything. He loved his children and grandchildren he will be greatly missed by many. He was a devoted family man who loved his roots at Beartown, WV and loved bringing his grandchildren back to Beartown to experience those roots also.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years Patricia (Patty) Spicer Smith, formerly of McComas, WV; four children Karen Smith Garland and her husband Eric and their son Daniel of Canton, GA; Tammy Smith Hixson, her son Jason and wife Bre Cobb Hixson of Colonial Beach, VA and 2 daughters Amber and Cassy of Walkerton, VA; daughter Sheri Smith Wagner and husband Jay of Laurel, MD and Sheri's son Andrew Smith and wife Krystal US Army (Ft. Bragg, NC) currently serving in Afghanistan and Andrew's daughter Maddison; son Christopher Smith and his wife Lauren Garside Smith and their children Katie, Scott and Allie of Taneytown, MD. Sister Barbara Smith Warrington of

Woodstock, VA; sister Sandra Smith Arnold and her daughter Tracey Arnold Ballew of Newton, NC and brother Michael Smith and wife Crystal of Meadowbridge, WV and Michael's daughters Rachel Smith Quesenberry and Hannah Smith of Cool Ridge, WV. He had 8 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at the Rowland H. Bailey Funeral Chapel of the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton with Pastors Larry Roberts and Michael Davis, officiating. Interment will follow at the Milam Cemetery at Beartown where full military honors will be conducted by the Seymour Johnson AFB Honor Guard.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Beartown Community Center, Rt. 1, Box 162, Matoaka, WV 24736.

The family will receive friends Monday, May 20, 2013 from 6-8 p.m. at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton. To view a video tribute to Mr. Smith, or send the family online condolences, please visit [www.bailey-kirk.com](http://www.bailey-kirk.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Smith*



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**Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home** - May 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *James Smith*

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December 27, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *James was always pleasant. At one of the reunions, we talked a few minutes, and he seemed just like he did in school. He was a blessing, and will always be remembered for his kindness to others, and his smile. God Bless His Family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

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**Carol Dickens Maltba** - May 30, 2013 at 09:35 AM



“ *I'm deeply saddened to hear of Jim's passing. When I had the good fortune of meeting him last year, Jim impressed me immediately as an uncommonly generous and thoughtful man. Pat, may the love and comfort of friends and family carry you through this time of grief. You're much in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Anne DiPardo** - May 22, 2013 at 03:50 PM

HC

“ *praying that god will comfort you and give you strength during this difficult time*

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**hazel coomes** - May 22, 2013 at 09:26 AM

HC

“ *so sorry to hear about the passing of james. the family is in my prayers.*

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**hazel coomes** - May 22, 2013 at 09:22 AM

MN

“ *Patty and Family, We were shocked to hear about Jim; Bernie Kubik and I recently talked about getting in touch with him to find out how he was doing. Quoting Mike Funk:Pat and family,So very sorry to hear about the passing of Jim. He was a great man and I enjoyed working and traveling with him. We put him through a lot and he never complained and always did the work no one else wanted to do. In the couple of years I worked with him, I can not ever remember a time when I've seen him upset or angry. He was a very pleasant person to work with and he just knew how to get things done. Sometimes it was better to not ask how he got it done but it always got done. I'm sure he will be greatly missed by his family even more than we missed him when he retired.I echo what Mike Funk had to say about Jim — he was one of the reasons I worked in the office as long as I didThoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Mary Lou Van Newkirk** - May 21, 2013 at 03:48 PM

MF

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**Mike Funk** - May 20, 2013 at 07:00 PM

BS

“ We are so sorry to hear about Jim. I love you Patty and will keep you in our prayers. Love Barbara & Larry.

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**Barbara & Larry Spradlin** - May 20, 2013 at 06:45 PM

LG

“ Patty, Karen, Tammy, Sherri & Chris, We are so saddened to hear of Jim's passing away. We always think maybe next year we can get together again and sometimes this just does not match with God's timing for our lives. This will be a very difficult time for as I just went through with losing my dad 3 yrs and 3 days earlier, and am just now getting adjusted to the fact that he is gone. I love all of you as you are still my friends even though we have not seen each other in many years. I will uplift you in my prayers and God will provide you the strength for you in the days ahead as only he can do. Jim was a great friend both during and after my years in the Air Force, and will be greatly missed.

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**Larry Godwin** - May 20, 2013 at 05:08 PM

DC

“ I was so very saddened to hear that my good friend and classmate had passed away. He will be forever remembered and missed, My heartfelt condolences go out to all his family. You all will be in my prayers. I'm sure that James is now receiving his just rewards for his service upon this earth and for the many years he spent defending his country. So proud of all his achievements and his sacrifices to society.

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**daisy green criss** - May 20, 2013 at 04:26 PM