



## Sonny L. Smith

June 10, 1951 - March 20, 2017

Sonny L. Smith, age 65, of New Martinsville, WV died Monday, March 20, 2017 at his home.

He was born June 10, 1951 in New Martinsville, WV, a son of the late Okey and Rosa Kocher Smith.

He was a retired employee of PPG Industries, a U.S. Army Veteran, a member of Moose Lodge # 931 and American Legion Post # 28, both of New Martinsville and Protestant by faith.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a grandson, Todd Dawson; three sisters, Dorothy Smith, Thelma Ingold, and Mary Lou Thomas; and two brothers, Arnold and David Smith.

Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Charlotte L. Smith; a daughter, Crystal (Aaron) Gordon of Chattanooga, TN; two sons, Adam (Carisa) Smith of Vienna, WV and Aaron (Megan Macnaughtan) Smith of Baton Rouge, LA; two brothers, Ralph (Jonee) Smith and Milton (Joyce) Smith, a sister-in-law, Edna Smith, all of New Martinsville; eight grandchildren, Ashley Dawson, Bethany Dawson, Riley Smith, Samuel Smith, Reece Smith, Suzanna Smith, Deklin Gordon and Katie Gordon.

Private services will be held at the convenience of the family at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory 751 Third St. New Martinsville, WV, with Pastor Mike Shank officiating.

Interment will follow in Northview Cemetery, New Martinsville with military graveside services.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Open Door Ministries 400 Main St.  
P.O. Box 125 New Martinsville, WV 26155.

# Cemetery Details

## **Northview Cemetery**

219 N. State Rt. 2  
New Martinsville, WV 26155

# Tribute Wall

KS

“ *A class act and a special friend from way back.  
With deepest sympathy to Charlotte & the entire family.*

*Kent & Melissa Schamp*

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**Kent Schamp** - March 27, 2017 at 11:02 PM

MF

“ *Martha Forrester lit a candle in memory of  
Sonny L. Smith*



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**Martha Forrester** - March 22, 2017 at 10:48 PM

CP

“ *I went to school & graduated with Sonny, that smile in the picture is  
the same smile he wore back then. Sonny was as we say good  
people!*

*Charlie Patterson*

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**Charlie Patterson** - March 22, 2017 at 11:00 AM

JV

“ *Prayers to the family, rest in peace Sonny*



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**Judy Valdivia** - March 22, 2017 at 08:33 AM

JF

“ Charlotte & family:

*We would like to express our sincere condolences to you and your family.*

*Bill & Jill Fleske*

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**Jill Fleske** - March 22, 2017 at 08:12 AM


HL

“ Prayers and many hugs to all of you. Our family is thinking about you.



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**Heather Lilly** - March 22, 2017 at 05:19 AM

 Sarah  
Kocher

“ I have so many good memories of our family all being together at Aunt Rosa's. Sonny was a good man and a good father. My heart breaks for Charlotte and the kids. Hugs love and prayers for you all.

*Sarah Melissa and family*

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**Sarah Kocher** - March 21, 2017 at 07:54 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sonny L. Smith.



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March 21, 2017 at 11:40 AM

JM

“ *Such an amazing smile! Our family just doesn't get together much anymore, but we still have our childhood memories. And this man is one of them. I was almost named Sonny Lee after him, but ended up with just the Lee (Lea) part. My thoughts and love are with Aunt Charlotte, Crystal, Adam and Aaron, as well as their extended families. May he always watch over you. Love you all <3*

*Jen (Jake) and family*

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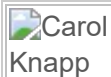
**Jennifer (Young) Miller** - March 21, 2017 at 10:32 AM

CE

*We are so sorry to read this, Charlotte. It doesn't seem possible it was 46 years ago you two were married! Please know our prayer for you is you are comforted by family, faith, and friends and warmed by precious memories of Sonny. God bless you all. Ceci and L.J. Edgell*

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**Ceci Edgell** - March 21, 2017 at 03:54 PM

 Carol Knapp

*I'm so sorry to hear this, Charlotte. You and your family are in my prayers. God bless you.*

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**Carol Knapp** - March 21, 2017 at 09:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sonny L. Smith.*



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March 21, 2017 at 10:10 AM

EM

“ Charlotte, Crystal, Adam, Aaron and the rest of your family I am truly sorry for your loss. Sonny was talented and could make anyone laugh or smile. It was truly a privilege to know him you all are in my prayers. Sending my love to each and every one of you.

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**Elizabeth Mayfield** - March 21, 2017 at 09:47 AM

BW

“ Charlotte and family. My prayers are with you at this time. May God give you peace during this difficult time. Keep him alive in your heart -- with all the wonderful memories



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**Bobby Workman** - March 21, 2017 at 09:10 AM

CM

“ CHARLOTTE, SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. JUST KNOW THAT YOU ARE IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.

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**CATHY MORRIS** - March 21, 2017 at 09:00 AM

II

“ I have known Sonny most of my life, graduated with him and worked with him at PPG. He was kind, hard working, never made fun of anyone, like many classmates did, never heard him put anyone down. Always spoke. Very sad today to hear of his passing, knowing again, a good person was taken too soon. Deepest sympathies to his wife Charlotte, a woman with the same qualities, to his children, grandchildren, siblings, and all the many who cared deeply about him. We have lost a good man, classmate, a friend. May God give you all the strength to get through this time. God Bless. Iris (Deaner) Isaacs

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**Iris Isaacs** - March 21, 2017 at 06:47 AM



“ May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,  
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,  
  
May your memories of Sonny L. Smith, give you peace, comfort and strength...  
  
Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete.  
I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten..  
My thoughts  
and prayers to the family of ....  
  
US Army Veteran, Sonny L. Smith, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†  
  
† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

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**Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum** - March 21, 2017 at 06:40 AM

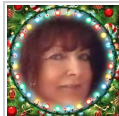


“ Willa Sargent lit a candle in memory of Sonny L. Smith



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**Willa Sargent** - March 21, 2017 at 02:19 AM



*My Condolences to Charlotte,kids, Grand children..he very gifted musician,i feel sad of losing another family member*

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**Willa Sargent** - March 21, 2017 at 02:32 AM

AN

“ Prayers for you all my family, your dad and husband was a wonderful man. God bless.

Anna - March 21, 2017 at 12:33 AM

BR

“ I just wanna send my thoughts and prayers out to my Aunt Charlotte, cousins Crystal, Adam and Aaron Smith as well as their families. My Uncle Sonny was a wonderful person and loved dearly by all of us. Always in my thoughts, forever in my heart. Love you Uncle Sonny ❤️



Bonnie (Smith) Ritz - March 20, 2017 at 04:16 PM



Work with Sonny around 30 years ,they did not come any better than him ,he going to be remember by all that work with him as long as we live ,we all lost a good man with his death ,our thought and prayers go out to his wife and family God speed Sonny.

Marvin Ruckman - March 21, 2017 at 02:31 PM

GP

Thoughts and Prayers to all, Such a great man you will be missed. R.I.P. / Rock On My Brother.

Gary & Angela Partridge - March 21, 2017 at 08:29 PM