



## Don G. Smith

June 26, 1935 - February 2, 2018

Don G. Smith, 82, of Fort Payne, passed away Friday, February 2, 2018. He was born in California on June 26, 1935 to the late Emeri Rollin Smith and Ada Louise Smith.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 10, graveside in Glenwood Cemetery.

He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Jimmie Smith; son Randall Brisendine and wife Kathy; son Donald Smith and wife Debbie; son Robert Smith and wife Lea Ann; daughter Becky Adams and husband Todd; sisters Betty Ruth Kelley and Beth Carlin; grandchildren Jason, Rebecca, Kevin, Samantha, Amanda, Anthony, Pepper, Roberta, Hanah, Emily, and Lauren; and great-grandchildren Riley, Paige, Zoe, Ivy, Kate, Reina, Tristen, Keoni, and Leim.

Don had a successful technical career in which he always enjoyed learning – and inventing – new things. His passion for his work led him to develop multiple technical systems for the U.S. Armed Forces and private sector, and he holds multiple patents in the field of electronics. He was always proud of the fact that he never had to use a resume for work advancement; he made friends with everyone he met and the people who knew his character, and what he was capable of, would seek him out.

Don relished interacting with people, in business and in his personal life. He loved driving long distances to see the country and spend more time with loved ones. He once had a multi-year business endeavor in California while living in Alabama and he would always drive out and back with his son. Don retired in 2003 and continued to be very active in his community, serving on the board of his condo association and helping neighbors with their computers and other technical issues whenever he could.

He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. Don and his wife's primary reason for moving to Oceanside, CA was to be closer to their daughter and grandchildren, whom they regularly cared for and loved spending time with. In 2016, Don and his wife moved back to Fort Payne to return to her childhood hometown. He will always be remembered as a caring man who had a deep love of family, always willing to give you a smile and lend a helping hand.

Wilson Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Glenwood Cemetery

1002 Grand Avenue SW  
Fort Payne, AL 35967

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

FEB 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Don G. Smith*

January 12, 2023 at 10:45 AM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



**Becky** - February 18, 2018 at 11:30 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Don G. Smith.*



February 09, 2018 at 03:42 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Don G. Smith.*



February 09, 2018 at 12:01 PM

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“ 8 files added to the album Don G Smith



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Becky - February 08, 2018 at 02:59 PM

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“ 3 files added to the album Don G Smith



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Becky - February 08, 2018 at 02:37 PM

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Becky - February 08, 2018 at 02:36 PM



“ *Amazing Arboricola was purchased for the family of Don G. Smith.*



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February 05, 2018 at 02:55 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Don G. Smith.*



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February 05, 2018 at 10:05 AM