



George Campbell Smith III

June 15, 1949 - November 4, 2016

George Campbell Smith III was born on June 15, 1949 to George C. and Frances Smith. Campbell died on November 4th surrounded by his family. He graduated from Fort Payne High School in 1967, where he was actively involved in the marching and concert band. He graduated from Jacksonville State University with both his bachelor and masters degree. Campbell was the band director at Plainview High School, Ider High School, and Valley Head High School. He also served as Guidance Counselor for Fyffe High School for a short time and then half time guidance counselor at Valley Head High School. Campbell retired from teaching in May 2000. He was a life-long member of First Presbyterian Church in Fort Payne, where he served as a ruling elder and choir director. Campbell worked in radio for 43 years working at WFPA in Fort Payne and WKEA FM and 101.7 the Storm. He retired in July 2011 to become a full time Paw Paw for his grandchildren. He loved to pick up his grandchildren at daycare and school. This was the highlight of his day to get to spend time with them. Emma Campbell and Liam were his proudest accomplishments.

Visitation will be Sunday, November 6th from 4 to 6 at Wilson Funeral Home and Monday, November 7th from 3 to 5 p.m. with a Celebration of Life Service beginning at 5 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Presbyterian Church, Fort Payne Alabama in memory of Campbell.

He is survived by his wife, Lisa Smith; his daughter, Rebecca Smith Crawford, and husband, Paul; step-daughter, Beth Gillispie, and husband, Tim; his grandchildren, Emma Campbell Crawford, Liam Crawford, and T.J. Gillispie; brother, Dexter Smith, and his wife, Janet; 3 nieces, Megan Smith, Savannah Smith McGuire, and Shannon Smith.

The family would like to say a special thank you to his precious caregivers, Dottie Wood and Paulette Keller and to Amedisys Hospice.

Wilson Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 6. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Funeral Home
3801 Gault Ave. N
Fort Payne, AL 35967

Visitation

NOV 7. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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Celebration of Life

NOV 7. 5:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ He was patient with me as a music student at Valley Head High School. I will be 40 the first week of september, and continue to think about him. Now that i have moved from trumpet to Tenor Sax. I learned of his passing, when looking for advice. He was an amazing teacher, amazing dad, and gentle. Ill miss you Mr. Smith. former student L Bullock.

P.S. Ill never forget the first Song i ever learned for marching, under your guidance. BARCALONA. Sorry I did not like showing up to the games to march, I just loved to play. even when you put me on the 50yrd line to try and get me to show up. :P

Leeland - August 25, 2024 at 08:50 PM



“ George Campbell Smith III

January 12, 2023 at 10:45 AM

DC

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. I was a member of the Plainview Band when Mr. Smith was the band director. He was Absolutely Wonderful to a large group of mischevious teenagers. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Dot Wisner Crawford

Dot Wisner Crawford - November 09, 2016 at 11:00 AM



“ 94 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Wilson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc. - November 06, 2016 at 09:29 AM



“ *Michelle Blansit lit a candle in memory of George Campbell Smith III*



Michelle Blansit - November 04, 2016 at 06:28 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. You have been in my prayers and will continue to be.*
Sarah Chastain

Sarah Chastain - November 04, 2016 at 01:00 PM