



## John Andrew Smith

July 23, 1944 - August 10, 2020

John Andrew Smith passed away in Tallahassee, Florida on Monday, August 10, 2020. John Andrew was born in Quincy, Florida on July 23, 1944. John Andrew graduated from Quincy High School in 1962 where he was a 4 year letterman in football, baseball and basketball. He attended Florida State University where he pledged Kappa Alpha fraternity, played baseball and met his future wife Kay Woodham.

Upon graduation John Andrew and Kay married and he began his career with the Florida Governor's Office. He went on to be the longtime Appropriations Staff Director for the Florida Senate where he was often referred to as the 41st Senator. John Andrew finished his career as a lobbyist where he worked alongside his son, Drew, at Smith and Smith Consulting.

John Andrew was an avid outdoorsman who took great pleasure in sharing his passions for hunting and fishing with friends and family. His weekends and holidays were spent with family and friends either at the family coast house on Ochlockonee Bay or their farm, Sine Die, in Attapulgus, Georgia. These passions were passed down with much love to his children and grandchildren. Along with time spent in the outdoors, John Andrew enjoyed golfing weekly with his lifelong friends. John Andrew was a devoted and active member of Redemption Hill Church and hosted many retreats for the church's youth groups at their farm.

John Andrew is survived by his wife of 54 years, Kay Woodham Smith, their children Shafer Smith (Shannon) of Gaithersburg, MD; John Andrew "Drew" Smith Jr. (Stacey) of Tallahassee and Andra Kay Smith Musselwhite (Brian) of Tallahassee. He is also survived by grandchildren Robert "Fuller" Musselwhite, Mary Carlton Musselwhite and Mac Musselwhite all of Tallahassee; Hensley Smith and Sawyer Smith of Gaithersburg, MD; Hayes Smith and John "Andrew" Smith III of Tallahassee, FL.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, August 14, 2020 at 11:00 am at Bevis Funeral Home located at 200 John Knox Road, Tallahassee, FL 32303. The service will be available to view live online at <https://www.bevisfh.com>. To watch, click on the word Obituaries at the top of the homepage, then click on the name of your loved one, and then the green Photos and Videos tab. Staff members will be available to answer questions or help with technical issues at (850) 385-2193.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting memorial contributions be made to:  
Redemption Hill Church: Building Fund

8116 Killearn Plaza, Tallahassee, FL 32312

Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. ([www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com))

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

AUG **14**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory  
200 John Knox Rd  
Tallahassee, FL 32303  
(850) 385-2193

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bevis Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of John Andrew Smith*



**Bevis Funeral Home** - August 14, 2020 at 08:35 AM



*Much love to you all :)*

**Mary Buchanan** - August 14, 2020 at 11:01 AM



*John Andrew Smith was a great boss, mentor and man. He had more positive impact on my life and professional career that he could've ever known. My time under his leadership in Senate Appropriations was a valuable chapter in my life... the people of Florida benefited greatly from his superb professionalism, integrity and character. God Bless his family... prayers... RIP JAS.*

**Fred Burns** - August 14, 2020 at 11:11 AM



*What a wonderful service..... I have soo many great memories growing up with J.A. coaching football, baseball, hunting and being at the coast!*

**Jr Long** - August 14, 2020 at 11:22 AM



*God Bless to a wonderful man and example of how to live your life. He is a great testament of how you can be a great father and public servant. His children and grandchildren are proof of a live well lived.*

**Jack Campbell** - August 14, 2020 at 11:33 AM

FB

*Print the bill!*

**Fred Burns** - August 14, 2020 at 11:39 AM

RP

*Wonderful service.*

**Rochelle C Proctor** - August 14, 2020 at 11:46 AM

DM

*A wonderful service for John Andrew. His son's Tribute was phenomenal and very much appreciated.*

**Dorothy Lee "Dotty" McPherson** - August 14, 2020 at 11:47 AM

RB

*This was a beautiful and meaningful service, and so touching to hear the family remembrances. Our prayers are with you all, Ruth, Bob Bass*

**Robert Bass** - August 14, 2020 at 11:53 AM

SG

*Such a wonderful service and tribute to John Andrew. Bill and I have so many baseball memories and stories of good times. May God give you comfort in your time of loss. Love to all. Bill & Sandy Garber.*

**Sandy Garber** - August 14, 2020 at 12:00 PM

FB

*Dear Kay, Shafer, Drew, Andra Kay and Family. While I could not attend the service in-person, I am thankful I could attend via live video streaming. Beautiful words by all. Drew, thank you for sharing your beautiful memories with his family and families' friends. I am so sorry for the loss of John Andrew; he left us too soon. It was a pleasure working for him in Senate Appropriations for so many years, from 1989 until he retired. We were his work family. What a great boss, he was to us all! I will miss him at our "old Senate Appropriations staff" get togethers. I know he will be looking down on you all. You will feel his presence with you at the Farm and the Coast. Look for him in the little things; that is where you will find him. Love, Hugs and Prayers for you All. Much Love, Frances Butler*

**Frances Butler** - August 14, 2020 at 12:02 PM

TS

“ *May God bless the memory of John Andrew. He was a fine man and a wonderful colleague.*

*My condolences go to his family and his many friends.*

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**Terry Shoffstall** - August 16, 2020 at 11:21 PM

CG

“ *Drew, Stacey and Family, I only met your Dad a time or two but I could tell the bond you all shared was a strong one and that he was immensely proud of you. He sounds like a truly wonderful person and we are so sorry for your loss. Much love to you all! - Chris and Leanne Groom*

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**Chris Groom** - August 14, 2020 at 11:02 PM

CM

“ *John Andrew was a true southern gentleman. If you knew JAS you knew he loved his family more than anything. I am so glad I had the privilege of knowing him and working for him in the Florida Senate. Our ole group gatherings will never be the same without him. I know JAS is looking down from heaven and smiling at us. Take care until we meet again.*

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**Connie Mayo** - August 14, 2020 at 08:50 PM

BA

“ Dear Kay & family, we send our condolences to all of you! We have so many wonderful memories of John Andrew with baseball being the highlight. Oh, his small pocket size notebooks that he kept all the baseball stats - the notebook had to have the spiral at the top & fit in his pocket!!! So sorry we could not attend His service but we send our love & prayers!!!  
May God give you strength & comfort in the following days. Heaven is now welcoming an awesome man!  
Love from the Chance Families

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**Barb** - August 14, 2020 at 03:59 PM



“ Condolence Snacks was purchased for the family of John Andrew Smith.



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August 14, 2020 at 12:22 PM

DM

“ *Kay and family,*

*I am so sorry I missed being at John Andrew's service. I was able to watch it on the internet feed.*

*In 1954 the Quincy Telephone Company went to a dial system. The first person I called was John Andrew. We have been lifelong friends and I cherished that relationship. When the two of you lived on West Tennessee Street I can remember stopping to visit on my way to Quincy. You two have been a loving and caring couple since marriage.*

*JA was a godly man and everyday he set examples that we all should follow. I will miss him, his high school class mates miss him as I know his family and church do.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Don Munroe** - August 14, 2020 at 12:17 PM

PP

“ *A stalwart angel has ascended into Heaven. May God bless and keep John Andrew and his beloved family. There are few men on earth who exhibit the strength, character, kindness, dependability, faith, and sense of loving commitment that John Andrew did. He will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. Mary Call joins me in expressing love and sympathy. Palmer Proctor*

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**Palmer Proctor** - August 14, 2020 at 12:13 PM

DM

“ I never knew John Andrew’s designation as 41st Senator. He just always was my “go-to” guy, even when I was retiring and didn’t know the best “plans” with which to retire. But I can understand how he got that designation. He certainly was at the top of my list of those I respected in the Halls of the Legislature. After hearing Drew’s Tribute to his Daddy, I know for sure that I was right about John Andrew. No doubt we can celebrate his move to Heaven.

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**Dorothy Lee "Dotty" McPherson** - August 14, 2020 at 12:06 PM

JB

“ It is a small world. When we started going to Redemption Hill Church, one of the first couples to greet us was John Andrew and Kay. I didn’t know who John Andrew was, but Alan certainly did. He remembered playing baseball in high school against John Andrew. John Andrew almost pitched a no hitter that day ... Alan got up to the plate and said John Andrew was throwing pitches so fast you couldn’t even see the ball. Alan said he closed his eyes to swing and the ball accidentally hit his bat. That was many years ago, but to this day many people still look up to John Andrews as the best there ever was. He will be missed so much. God bless Kay and the rest of the family with love and understanding.

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**Janie and Alan Bentley** - August 14, 2020 at 12:03 PM

WV

“ So sorry for your loss. We would have been there but with this Corona Virus, we don't want to go anywhere. It was a beautiful service. Thank you for having it on the internet so those of us who couldn't be there in person could still participate. My husband worked with John Andrew for many years and thought very highly of him.

Wayne & Lynne Voigt

(Wayne was the staff director for the Senate Natural Resources Committee for many years before he retired)

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Wayne & Lynne Voigt - August 14, 2020 at 11:52 AM

ED

“ *Kay and Family,*

*From the minute you let me know John Andrew was in the hospital a watch was mounted by the Class of 62. I received calls, texts, Facebook messages EVERY day asking about John Andrew and how he was doing. We loved him so. We are broken hearted at his loss.*

*John Andrew was a very special person, an outstanding, individual. He was warm, kind, and witty. President of our Class, Most Popular, Most Athletic, Quarterback of our football team, the list goes on and on. As one of our classmates said last evening, "Whatever John Andrew did, he gave it his all".*

*I was reminded yesterday of the game we played our Senior Year against Leon for the first time since 1941. We beat them 8-7. I was reminded that John Andrew completed 7 of 7 passes in that game.*

*We pray for peace in your heart, Kay, and for that of your children and grandchildren.*

*Fondly,*

*Edith Spooner Dunlap  
Class of 62  
Quincy High School*

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**Edith Spooner Dunlap** - August 14, 2020 at 10:59 AM

WC

“ *A warm-hearted man with a kind and gentle soul. John Andrew will be missed by his family and friends. May God ease their grief by wonderful memories of his kindness and Love!  
Peace&Love!*

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**William P Cannon** - August 14, 2020 at 10:58 AM

ED

“ *From the Class of 62*



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**Edith Spooner Dunlap** - August 14, 2020 at 10:45 AM

DG

“ *Condolences and comfort to Kay and family from the Gerteisen families. We have shared fond memories of baseball times together when our sons played & roomed together at TCC years ago. He will be greatly missed by all.*



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**DONALD A GERTEISEN** - August 14, 2020 at 10:18 AM

GH

“ *Sincere condolences to the Smith Family and much appreciation for the steadfast support of Florida's State Troopers. John made a difference and his contribution to a better Florida is appreciated.*

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**Gary Howze** - August 13, 2020 at 08:27 PM

EW

“ *Love and prayers for Kay and the family. Have wonderful memories of the baseball years. John Andrew and his little baseball statistics book of every play, every game. Wonderful times. Sending hugs to each of you.....Evelyn Wasdin*

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**Evelyn Wasdin** - August 13, 2020 at 04:14 PM

FH

“ On behalf of the members of the Florida Highway Patrol Command Officers Association, we offer our deepest condolences to the Smith family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. We remember John Andrew fondly, and will always appreciate his work with the FHPCOA.

FHPCOA - August 13, 2020 at 01:13 PM



“ Love and prayers for Kay and the Andrew family.  
Jeana French



Jeana French - August 13, 2020 at 05:38 AM



John Andrew Smith family

Jeana French - August 13, 2020 at 08:52 AM

SP

My condolences go to the family. I remember Kay Woodham as a fine person at First Baptist Church I think.

Susan Burns Plenge - August 14, 2020 at 07:06 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Andrew Smith.



August 13, 2020 at 03:11 AM

LZ

“ Although it has been a while, I always enjoyed seeing and speaking with John at Capitol. Condolences to family and friends. Lennie

Leonard Zeiler - August 12, 2020 at 06:01 PM

LB

“ Love, Tony & Codie Bryant purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John Andrew Smith.



Love, Tony & Codie Bryant - August 12, 2020 at 03:53 PM



“ I'll always remember the hospitality and kindness of John Andrew, especially when I moved to Wakulla County over 10 years ago, not knowing many people in the area, and during the stressful time of a career change. He provided guidance and advice and a warm welcome. At the family beach house, he showed me where my father had painted an anchor on the side of the old cook house in the 1960's. Even though faded and painted over, he showed me the barely visible outline and told me his memories of my family's visits that were too early for me to remember. More recently, when my mother was visiting from Georgia, we all went to the beach house where John Andrew cooked the best grouper throats ever. I had never had a grouper throat, now I have them all the time but I can't cook them near as well as John Andrew. I will cherish these memories and think of him every time I cross the Ochlockonee Bay.

Courtenay Miller - August 12, 2020 at 03:28 PM

EG

“ Ex Senator Bud Gardner and Jerol Gardner purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Andrew Smith.



Ex Senator Bud Gardner and Jerol Gardner - August 12, 2020 at 03:13 PM

LC

“ Lockheed Martin Investment Management Company purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Andrew Smith.



Lockheed Martin Investment Management Company - August 12, 2020 at 02:52 PM

CW

“ Carolyn Willis purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John Andrew Smith.



Carolyn Willis - August 12, 2020 at 11:06 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Andrew Smith.



August 11, 2020 at 09:09 PM

PW

“ One of the best men I have ever had the privilege of knowing. He has left a legacy of love to his children and grandchildren. Well done good and faithful servant.

Peggy Woodham - August 11, 2020 at 05:55 PM

FS

“ Former Senator Jim Scott purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Andrew Smith.



Former Senator Jim Scott - August 11, 2020 at 05:23 PM

JM

“ Deepest sympathy to the Smith family. Had the privilege to befriend John Andrew 35 years ago and have enjoyed many wonderful times through the years. His warmth, wisdom and generosity were legendary. Rest peacefully dear friend.

Jimbob Maddox - August 11, 2020 at 04:42 PM

SW

“ Dear Kay, Drew, Stacey, Hayes and Andrew,  
My heart is breaking for each of you. You are never ready for a day like this..or news like this.  
Whenever, we saw John Andrew he had a smile on his face..the type of person you liked to be around.  
We will miss his presence..but know that he will forever be with us, through Kay and his kids and their kids...enjoy and cherish the memories of your life and time together. You all are in Gene and my thoughts and prayers.  
Sandy

Sandy Warren - August 11, 2020 at 04:06 PM

SR

“ We loved spending holidays and family birthdays with Bop. He was so warm and welcoming — just plain fun to be around — always with a twinkle in his eye.

*Here is a photo of sweethearts John Andrew with Kay at our wedding.*

*We extend our love to the entire Smith family.*

*Sarah and Dave Roy*



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**Sarah Roy** - August 11, 2020 at 03:19 PM