



Honorable L. Ralph "Bubba" Smith

September 5, 1938 - May 25, 2013

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Born September 5th, 1938 in Orlando, Florida son of Louie Ralph Smith, Sr. and Lavinia Herring. He attended Boone High School in Orlando, Florida and served his country in the Army before attending and FSU in Tallahassee.

Ralph was a member of the SAE fraternity while attending FSU. He received his Law Degree from the University of Florida. Ralph was on the University of Florida Law Review.

He was a practicing attorney for 26 years. Ralph was a member of the Florida Bar Association and past President of the Tallahassee Bar Association. He was an elected Circuit Court Judge and remained on the bench until his retirement in 2011.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Marjorie Kent Williams Smith, his children Patricia Dalpiaz (Phil), Cody Smith (Carrie), Kathy Maxwell (Stacey), Jeff Smith and Christie Smith (Charlie) and his sister Pat Carver (Dr. George) and brother Dr. Al Smith (Jean).

He is the proud grandfather of Chance Maxwell, Margie Kent Maxwell, Taylor Holzworth, Landen Smith and Colson Hardwick. He is the Great Grandfather of Grant Malone Maxwell. Ralph is the beloved Uncle to Richard "R" Williams and nine nieces and nephews along with numerous close friends he called family.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his son, Carl.

Ralph had a genuine love of this country's natural beauty, especially Florida which he instilled in his children and all beloved acquaintances. He loved gardening, hunting, fishing and spending time in the outdoors with his friends and family.

A Service will be held Wednesday, May 29, 2013 at One o'clock in the afternoon at Trinity United Methodist Church, with a burial at Roselawn. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church (120 W Park Ave Tallahassee, FL 32301) or to a charity of your choice.

Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193, www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the family with their arrangements.

Previous Events

Service

MAY **29**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Trinity United Methodist Church
120 West Park Avenue
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Tribute Wall

BM

“ Dear Smith Family;

While reading the online obituary, I observed the death of your love one.

Death is an enemy to mankind and who can understand it? It can and dose have a devastating effect on you and your family as well.

Can you imagine reading a newspaper with the headline; "When Death is Swallowed Up Forever....." What a wonderful time that will be. Revelation 21:4 offers this hope, it states: "And he (God) will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more, neither will morning nor outcry nor pain anymore. The former things have passed away. What a comforting hope.

If you would be interested in learning even more, I can send you a little tract that is entitle "What Hope for Dead Loved Ones"? If you have any Questions please feel free to contact me at this e-mail address here (b.molina56@yahoo.com).

I offer my sincere condolences, may the God of peace be with you and your family.

*Sincerely Yours,
Brandy Molina*

Brandy Molina - July 20, 2013 at 10:11 AM

GM

“ *Graham Messer purchased the Cheeseboard Co mplete for the family of Honorable L. Ralph "Bubba" Smith.*



Graham Messer - May 29, 2013 at 10:10 AM

TW

“ *He was a great hunting buddy and an honorable man. He will be missed.*

Tom B Walker - May 29, 2013 at 07:55 AM

JD

“ *Bubba was a true honorable man and a great gentleman. We were in the army, college and hunt camp together and enjoyed good times, stories and fellowship . He will be greatly missed but leaves all great memories. My condolences to Marjorie and family. I regret that I am not in Tallahassee for the services. Jim DeHaven*

Jim DeHaven - May 28, 2013 at 09:22 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Honorable L. Ralph "Bubba" Smith.*



May 28, 2013 at 09:10 AM