



## Willie "Bill" L. Smith Jr.

August 4, 1926 - October 31, 2018

Willie L. "Bill" Smith, Jr. 92, passed away peacefully Wednesday, October 31st, with his wife Linda by his side.

Bill was blessed with a great life. He was originally from Ochlocknee, Georgia, the youngest of 6 brothers and 2 sisters. His parents were Willie L. Smith, Sr. and Carrie McClellan.

He joined the Army when he was 18, basic training in South Carolina, then sent to Germany. He loved the Army, he traveled to many countries. He met his first wife, Audrey, in Frankford, Germany where the Mayor of Frankford married them.

He left the Army and they moved to Tallahassee. He started his first business, Smith's Sewing Center. Winning many awards from the company for best salesman, he and Audrey traveled more.

He met an insurance salesman, a friendship developed, and Bill started his insurance career with Crown Life. He went with Sun Life of Canada as a Sales Manager and was promoted to Branch Manager. He earned his CLU, CFP, and a Lifetime member of the Million Dollar Roundtable. Bill excelled at Estate Planning - the more complicated the case, the better he liked it.

He retired from Sun Life in 1992. He kept his office and worked in the insurance business for a few years. He decided he wanted to be a Gentleman Farmer at his farm, Tallaflo Ranch in Quincy, Florida that he had purchased in 1978 raising Registered Black Angus and Registered Polled Hereford Cows. He eventually decided to leave the cow business.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Audrey Isabella Smith; his parents; brothers and sisters.

He is survived by his wife of seven years, Linda Calhoun Smith; nieces and nephews; many friends. He will be missed.

The Family will receive friends Sunday, November 4, 2018 from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM at Bevis Funeral Home Chapel, the funeral service will follow at 2:00 PM. Todd Wahlquist with Bevis Funeral Home, (850-385-2193, [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com)) is assisting the family with their arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Roselawn Cemetery

815 West Piedmont Drive  
Tallahassee, FL 32308

# Previous Events

## The family will receive friends

NOV 4. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

NOV 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Willie "Bill" L. Smith Jr..*



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“ *Just as the sun will set then rise with each and every dawn, the souls of those who lived life well, eternally live on...Now that the sun has seemed to set on one so very dear, please know a soul who lived so well remains forever near. With loving memory.*



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**Mike and Nancy L. Calhoun** - November 02, 2018 at 02:18 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Willie "Bill" L. Smith Jr..*



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