



John "Barry" Smith

November 9, 1949 - October 20, 2025

John "Barry" Smith, age 75, of Springfield, passed away Monday, October 20, 2025 at The Residence of Alive Hospice in Nashville. Funeral services will be conducted at 1pm Saturday, October 25th in the chapel of the Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield with Bro. Adam Hodges officiating. Burial will follow in the Springfield Memorial Gardens with Mac Baggett Jr., Steve Artz, Roger Turns, Jim Smith, Reynolds Boyd, and Ronnie Smith serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers are all of his many pipeline co-workers and friends.

The family will receive friends from 2-8pm Friday, and again from 10am until time of the service at 1pm Saturday, at the funeral home.

Mr. Smith was born November 9, 1949, in Springfield, to the late James Smith, and the late Dorothy Cox Smith. Barry grew up on a farm and was running a dozer at a very young age. He graduated from Springfield High School in 1967 and joined the Army. Barry loved fast cars, drag racing, his pulling truck and Alabama Crimson Tide football. He enjoyed riding his Harley, collecting antique tractors and going to the Smoky Mountains. Mr. Smith was a business man and he owned Barry Smith Enterprises and Barry Smith Transport. He loved being a pipeliner and moving dirt on a dozer. He traveled all over the states, including Alaska, working on the pipeline. He was a proud member of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 624 in

Mississippi, and Barren Plains Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents, Barry was preceded in death by brothers, Glenn Smith and Gordon Smith; and a sisters-in-law, Diane Smith and Joan Smith.

He is survived by his wife of 12 years, Tonya Smith; brother, Jimmy Smith; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Tony and Debbie Farmer; and his very special cat, Baby Kitty.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in his honor to: Alive Hospice, 1718 Patterson Street, Nashville, TN 37203 or by visiting www.alivehospice.org or to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675 or by visiting www.support.woundedwarriorproject.org

Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield is in charge of these arrangements.

AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME-
509 WALNUT STREET, SPRINGFIELD, TN (615) 384-1000

Cemetery Details

Springfield Memorial Gardens

Springfield, TN 37172

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **24**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home Springfield
509 Walnut St.
Springfield, TN 37172
(615) 384-1000
<https://austinandbell.com>

Visitation

OCT **25**. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

OCT **25**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TF

“ Tony Goff and family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of John "Barry" Smith.



Tony Goff and family - October 25, 2025 at 09:48 AM

TJ

“ Another pipeliner gone too soon. Godspeed Barry. We hope you are rejoicing with all the other pipeliners, friends and family. Prayers for the ones you left behind to grieve.

Tommy & Joanne - October 24, 2025 at 01:46 PM



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Austin & Bell Funeral Home - October 24, 2025 at 11:15 AM



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Austin & Bell Funeral Home - October 23, 2025 at 04:50 PM



“ Terry, Lavern, Larry and Linda McDaniel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Barry" Smith.

Terry, Lavern, Larry and Linda McDaniel - October 23, 2025 at 04:11 PM



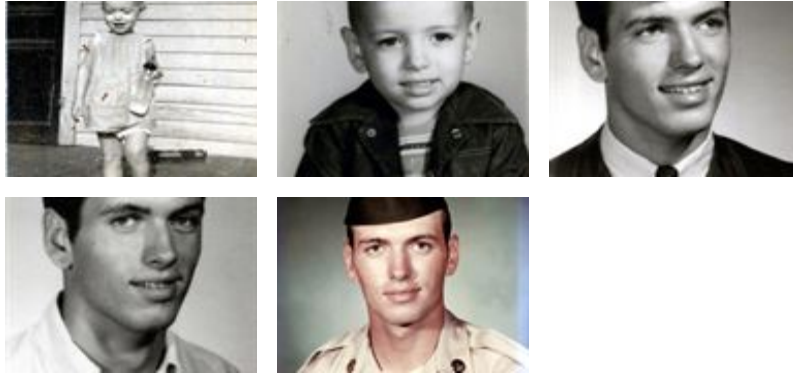
“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John "Barry" Smith.



October 23, 2025 at 04:11 PM



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Austin & Bell Funeral Home - October 23, 2025 at 03:10 PM

SH

“ *My very best memory of Barry was when Neel & I were get married and Neel was drafted and his plane was late getting in for the rehearsal and Barry stood in for him. He and Neel were the best cousins ever!*

Sherrie - October 22, 2025 at 06:44 PM

SS

Barry was instrumental in changing my life's trajectory, he is a Man among men and his kindness and professionalism was enduring. I consider him my friend, boss, and teacher. We are the ones who have been blessed by his presence in our lives. An honor to have him in my life. Steve

Steve Starkey - October 22, 2025 at 07:56 PM