



Samuel Willis Smith

May 18, 1944 - July 25, 2025

Samuel Willis “Sam” Smith, of Barboursville, West Virginia, went home to be with the Lord on July 25, 2025, following a brief illness. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 51 years, Gloria Smith, and his son, Tim Smith. Sam is survived by his sons, Bob Smith and his wife Kovine, and Danny Smith and his wife Marlene. He was a proud grandfather to Kolina , Ava , and Nate Smith. Born in Dudley, Pennsylvania , Sam was an athlete, played baseball and football and was on the only undefeated football team in the HS’s history . He honorably served his country in the United States Air Force and went on to become a successful entrepreneur, owning multiple McDonald’s and Blockbuster Video franchises. A lifelong sports enthusiast, Sam especially loved watching football and baseball. He was an avid walker—slowing down to 15 miles a day in his golden years—and remained active and adventurous well into later life, frequently attending concerts, parades, and fireworks with enthusiasm. He was known for his fun-loving spirit and was the master preparer of holiday feasts for his family. Sam had a deep and abiding faith. As a devoted member of Christ Temple Church, he loved the Lord and was a faithful attendee throughout his life. In his final days, he reflected on a life well-lived, saying, “I lived a good life.” The family extends heartfelt thanks to Margaret Smith for her special care and support. Funeral Services are private and under the care of Henson and Kitchen Mortuary and Cremation Services, 1592 E. Pea Ridge Rd. Huntington near Barboursville. Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family by visiting www.hensonandkitch

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Cemetery Details

Ridgelawn Memorial Park

5547 W. Pea Ridge Road
Huntington, WV 25705

Tribute Wall

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“ I remember when Uncle Willie and Aunt Gloria would come to grandpa and grandma Smith's and spend the weekend and they would pull in at pap and gram's place in Dudley PA in a really nice 66 Pontiac Lemans, pretty blue color and I would always ask Uncle Willie to let me drive it and he would always tell me Donnie your too young but maybe some day. Rest in peace Uncle Willie you will be missed and I know God got himself a great Angel cas you had a big heart of gold and you would help people out if you could weather you knew them or not. I pray for comfort to his son's Bobby and Danny and their families

Donnie Barnett - July 30, 2025 at 12:22 AM

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“ My condolences to the family. May God grant yous comfort during this time of bereavement. I remember Sam from when I was a young boy. They lived on 'Hunky Hill' in Woodvale. His brother Archie was a classmate of mine in 1st Grade at Woodvale Grade School. We were the last class to be taught there before be sent to Robertsdale Grade School. I remember the night that their house burned down. They moved to Dudley after the fire.

Ron Pawuk - July 27, 2025 at 03:09 PM