



Bro. Sammy Wallace Smith

May 26, 1937 - February 19, 2025

Bro. Sammy, age 87, went to his heavenly home on Wednesday, February 19, 2025. For over 60 years Bro. Sammy whole heartedly served his community pastoring churches throughout Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas. He left a legacy of service, and loving people in Jesus' name. Hundreds of loving couples were joined in Holy Matrimony by Bro. Sammy. His family and his Savior Jesus always came first. Bro. Sammy had a smile that would light up any room. His prayers for others, along with his attention and service for them made a tremendous difference in hundreds of lives. Bro. Sammy was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend who is already dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Bro. Sammy is survived by his loving wife of 69 years, Lena Deville Smith; daughters, Donna Smith Bennett (Skipper), Joetta Smith Zieske (Gus); son, Samuel Menard Smith; grandchildren, Jason Guillory (Mary), Kevin Guillory (Deborah), Marley Stilley (Mike), Donetta Johnson (Brett), Sunny Raiford (Cody), and Jonah Zieske (Raegan); eleven (11) great grandchildren; and one (1) great great-grandchild; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Bro. Sammy is preceded in death by his son Michael DeWayne Smith; parents, George and Pearl Smith; sisters, Grace McGee, and Inez Lynn; and brother, Otis Smith.

Pallbearers will be Jason Guillory, Kevin Guillory, Jonah Zieske, Brett Johnson, Cody Raiford, and Mike Stilley. Honorary pallbearers will be Landon Guillory, Mason Guillory, and Gavyn Stilley.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend a Visitation at Blood River Baptist Church, 31138 Pea Ridge Rd, Albany, LA, Saturday, February 22, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. until the start of the Funeral Service at 12:00 noon. Dr. Steve Spears will officiate the Funeral Service, with interment to follow in the church cemetery with Pastor Larry Kropog to officiate the Committal.

Cemetery Details

Blood River Baptist Church Cemetery

31186 Pea Ridge Road
Albany, LA

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **22**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Blood River Baptist Church
31186 Pea Ridge Rd
Albany, LA

Funeral Service

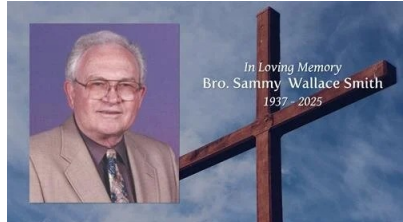
FEB **22**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Blood River Baptist Church
31186 Pea Ridge Rd
Albany, LA

Tribute Wall



“ *Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Bro. Sammy Wallace Smith*



Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - February 21, 2025 at 11:16 AM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Bro. Sammy's passing. He was a part of the lives of this community for a very long time & will be sadly missed. It was an honor to know such a good man.*

Glenda Stewart Hazlip - February 22, 2025 at 07:20 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bro. Sammy Wallace Smith.*



February 21, 2025 at 04:11 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bro. Sammy Wallace Smith.*

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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bro. Sammy Wallace Smith.

February 20, 2025 at 07:50 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bro. Sammy Wallace Smith.



February 20, 2025 at 07:50 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bro. Sammy Wallace Smith.



February 20, 2025 at 05:49 PM



“ Margaret D. purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Bro. Sammy Wallace Smith.

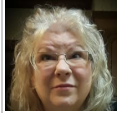


Margaret D. - February 20, 2025 at 05:48 PM

LV

“ *Brother Sammy married Carlos and me! I loved him deeply! Like a second dad, he always came to our (mine and Joetta's) rescue, even when we hit a big dog that took out his newly fixed truck! 😂 Never angry or mad! Sweetest man I've ever known! ❤️😭*

Lisa Stilley Vicari - February 20, 2025 at 02:02 PM



Uncle Sammy married me and my husband in 1977....he was always smiling and full of love and light!!! Praying for Aunt Lena and their family and friends 🙏😭💜

Debbie McNeely - February 20, 2025 at 03:49 PM

JP

Bro Sammy married Me and Kenny Purvis it will be 53 years in October I always told him he was the reason we are still together! We loved him 💕💕

Jackie Purvis - February 20, 2025 at 04:15 PM

BV

Bro Sammy was the nicest and sweetest man. I loved seeing him at Sunlight church. He was so caring to the family when my brother passed away. He will always be loved and missed.

Barbara Valentino - February 20, 2025 at 05:29 PM

MR

All the great ones have gone on God bless Bro Sammy's family

Mark Reitz - February 21, 2025 at 07:58 AM