



## Mr. James Austin Smith Obituary

September 2, 1951 - August 23, 2012

Mr. James Austin Smith, 60 of Cherokee Ave. in Leesburg died August 23, 2012 at Willson Hospice House.

A memorial service will be Tuesday 2 PM at Westview Baptist Church. Rev. Bobby Moye officiating.

A native of Augusta, GA. Mr. Smith came to Albany in 1972 with Key Catalogue Show Room. He has lived in Leesburg since 2007, where he was of the Baptist faith. Mr. Smith worked for the Albany Herald for a number of years and was co-owner of Mathews Furniture Company in Albany and Waycross.

Mr. Smith was preceded in death by his parents, James Austin Smith, Sr. and Martha Irene Mathews Smith.

Survivors include his wife Anna Smith of Leesburg, daughter, Melanie Mann of Atlanta and a sister, Jurell Strawn of Dunwoody, GA.

The family will receive friends following the service at the church.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG 28. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Westview Baptist Church  
2509 Homewood Dr.  
Albany, GA 31707

## Visitation

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. James Austin Smith Obituary*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *Mr. James Austin Smith Obituary*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *Our cousin Tommy Smith had just sent my sister Jerrie(Smith) the notice of James passing. Wish we had kept up with our Dads(Hoke) family through the years. You can respond to me if the family wishes.*

**Juanita Smith Bridges - Longwood, FL - cousin** - February 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Anna, and family,  
My deepest sympathy goes to you and your family. I was very saddened to hear of Austin's passing. I hope you can take comfort in the fact that he is no longer in pain, but is now in Almighty God's presence where there is no more suffering or sadness, no more tears or pain, but only peace and joy. I am praying for you, and for your loved ones, that the Lord will comfort you in this difficult time. Although I never had the privilege of meeting Austin, from reading his friends' memories of him and from talking with you, he was a wonderful man, loving and fun to be around. Cherish the good memories you have, and know that my thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Love,  
Brenda Brenner*

**Brenda Brenner - Leesburg, GA - friend** - September 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ We were saddened to learn of Austin death yesterday. He was a dear friend to us and we talked often though it has been awhile since we visited in person. Our prayers are with your family.

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**Ken & Lil McDaniel - Covington, GA - Friend** - September 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Please accept our sincere condolences on the passing of Austin. I worked with Austin for several years at The Albany Herald and it's been some time since I have seen him. Thoughts and prayers your way.

*Ronnie and Donna Flowers.*

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**Ronnie Flowers - Leesburg, GA** - August 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ Dear Anna I don't believe we've ever met . I'm Melanie's Aunt Piper. I have always thought well of Austin. Both my children (Angel and Guy Turner) loved him. He was a real card, and a tooper. He'll probably keep them all laughing in heaven as he did here. My prayers are with you as you go through this difficult time. I know, having been there, there is no true comfort I can give. Just know that God is with you at all times and will get you past the awful heartache that comes when a loved one goes home to be with Him. God Bless you ,Piper Johnson

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**Piper - Cleveland, GA - ex-sister in law** - August 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AU

“ Austin was a terrific uncle; and had a huge influence on me during important years in my childhood. The thing I learned from him more than anything else was that there is nothing in life that doesn't deserve a good joke and that when you laugh at life, it becomes a little lighter. He never said this to me; he lived it. My memories of Austin are important memories; by respecting me he taught me respect, by working hard he taught me the value of hard work and by laughing when times got tough he helped me smile at the absurdity in the craziness that is life.

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Angel Turner - Raleigh, NC - Uncle - August 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ I was saddened to learn of Austin's passing. I knew Austin years ago and haven't seen him in over 35 years, but he will always be in my memories.

God Bless his wife and family.

Bill Turner and family

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Bill Turner - Woodstock, GA - Friend - August 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Anna, so very sorry for your loss. I will miss my talks with Austin- I might should say listenings - he never really gave me much time to talk. He was a good ol' boy and will be missed. Please let me know if anything I can help you with. Only a phone call away! Love ya,  
Bonnie

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Bonnie Kimbrel - Sylvester, GA - friend - August 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Austin was truly a trooper during this past year ! He seem to always have a good attitude and a joke to tell you when he saw you. He will be missed by his wife Anna , and his family and friends. God bless all of you!

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**jane Moncrief - leesburg, GA - Friend** - August 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Anna and family, I just wanted to let you know you are in my thoughts during this sad time. I last seen him about a year ago when I heard this man screaming my name from his front yard, I turned at it was my friend Austin. We talked for a long while and now I cherish our last talk. He kept me laughing that day just as he did at Farmers Furniture all those years. He will be so missed. I will keep you in my prayers, Brenna

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**Brenna Barber - Albany, GA - friend/former co-worker** - August 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM