



Mr. Eugene Smith

November 13, 1956 - February 3, 2026

Mr. Eugene Smith, 69, of Albany, died at his residence on Tuesday, February 3, 2026.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors, with visitation beginning at 10:00 a.m., and interment to follow at Crown Hill Cemetery. Pastor Michael Cherry will officiate.

Born in Phenix City, Alabama, Eugene was the beloved son of the late Jesse James Smith and Janie Arthur Smith. He was a self-employed floor mechanic who took pride in his work and was known for his strong work ethic and willingness to help anyone in need.

Eugene was a devoted follower of Jesus Christ and a faithful member of Hope City United. His faith was not just something he spoke about—it was something he lived daily. He never hesitated to stop what he was doing to pray for someone, believing deeply in the power of prayer and God's love. His heart for people was evident in the way he cared for his family and those around him.

A true lover of the outdoors, Eugene found joy in God's creation. He was an avid hunter and spent countless hours in nature, where he felt closest to the

Lord. When he wasn't outdoors, he could often be found walking at the mall, greeting friends and strangers alike with his warm smile and kind spirit. Family time meant everything to him, and he cherished every moment spent with his loved ones.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Leonard Smith and James Smith.

He is survived by his son, Kevin Hester and his wife Lisa of Macon; his sister, Linda Wingate Schenk and her husband Jerry of Albany; his brothers, Jimmy Smith of Leesburg and Jesse James Smith Jr. of Albany; four grandchildren, Matthew Davis, Logan Canter, Kaelyn Hester, and Riley Hester; and one great-grandchild, Ryan Davis.

He is also lovingly survived by nieces, nephews, and extended family members who meant the world to him, including: nephew Kieth Wingate and his children Savanna Wingate, Tyler Wingate, and Riley Wingate, and great-great niece Sadie Wingate; niece Tambi Wingate Williams and her family—Clint Williams (Emily) and their son Eidan, Chad Williams (Augusta) and their children Gates, Fields, Woods, and Rhodes, Chandler Williams Griffin (Chase) and her children Penelope, Cecilia, and McCoy, Chase Williams (Gracie), and Chambliss Williams; niece Jimmie Griffith (Clay), children Kylie Zabadah, Abbigail Zabadah, and Sawyer Zabadah; and niece Montana Smith Wienhoff and her children Devon Smith, Jayden Smith, and Jayla Holland.

Eugene will be remembered as a man with a heart of gold—selfless, faithful, and always putting family first. His legacy of love, prayer, and devotion to God will live on through all who were blessed to know him.

Those desiring please make donations to Hope City United, 1211 Stuart Ave., Albany, GA 31707 in honor of Mr. Eugene Smith.

Cemetery Details

Crown Hill Cemetery

1907 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern
1503 Dawson Road
Albany, GA 31707
(229) 883-4152
<https://www.kimbrellstern.com?>

Funeral Service

FEB 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors
1503 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707

Tribute Wall

JF

“ Eugene was one of my late husband Norman’s best friends. After Norman’s death Eugene and I talked regularly on the phone. He would share about his family and me about mine and what was going on in our lives. He was incredibly kind, thoughtful and a treasured friend. I will miss him always!

Jennifer Fries - February 10 at 05:45 PM

BI

“ He was always a very sweet person to me. I sat near him in church on Sunday at Hope City. We would always see each other at the Golden Corral where he loved to eat and he never failed to speak. I will miss him!

Barbara Ivey - February 10 at 09:44 AM

JF

“ Jimmie and Trina Faulkner purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Eugene Smith.



Jimmie and Trina Faulkner - February 09 at 08:53 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Eugene Smith.



February 09 at 07:37 PM

TC

“ The Canters planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Eugene Smith.

The Canters - February 09 at 07:37 PM

FC

“ Linda, I am so sorry to read this news about your brother. He sounds like a wonderful person. I know that you will miss him. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Just know that I will be thinking of you and your family during this difficult time. My heart breaks for y'all. Sending lots of love to each of you. Faye

Faye Cannon Castleberry - February 09 at 12:47 AM

FN

“ Deepest Sympathy and Prayers for His Family/Friends. So Sorry..



Freddie Nation - February 07 at 03:40 PM

JD

“ Jeff D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Eugene Smith.

Jeff D. - February 07 at 10:39 AM

TA

“ Tal purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Eugene Smith.



Tal - February 06 at 11:43 AM

RS

“ Anointed man of God that loved to serve others and share Jesus. Prayer warrior when praying you felt the glory of God. Loved by many and servant to many of God's chosen pastors. Rest in peace my brother until we meet again.

Randy E Carmichael Sr - February 04 at 09:46 AM

PF

I knew Eugene since 5th grade. He was a good friend! He called me on my birthday last year, which was one week after his birthday and we caught up after many years. I am so saddened to hear of his passing, but glad to know that he is in the arms of Christ our Lord!

Patti Furney - February 09 at 05:12 PM

PB

Eugene was at Magnolia Elementary with me and was so cute. He was my 4th grade boyfriend. He wrote me a note and ask me to go steady. I wish I had saved all those handwritten notes over the years. He had all those cute brothers and I remember going to his house on my bike! He was so nice and handsome. I had not seen him in years until our High School reunions. He was still just as nice a guy. Peggy Hicks Meyer von Bremen

Peggy Meyer von Bremen - February 11 at 08:28 AM