



Mr Kenny Lafayette Smith

December 25, 1943 - November 14, 2018

Edinburg-- Kenny Lafayette Smith Sr., 74, entered the heavenly gates Wednesday morning, November 14, 2018. Born in Leake County on December 25, 1943, he was a son of the late L.W. and Billie Smith. Kenny graduated from Edinburg High School with the Class of 1962. He then attended East Central Community College before graduating from Delta State. He married the love of his life, Merry Joyce Burkes Smith, in 1965, and together they were blessed with two sons. Kenny worked with Central Electric Power Association for 43 years before retiring as District Manager in the Rankin County office. He was a longtime member of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church while living in Rankin County, and a faithful member of Mars Hill Baptist Church in Edinburg. Kenny was grounded in his faith and love for Jesus Christ, and that faith guided him and his family throughout his life. Kenny was an avid sportsman. He loved to hunt and fish with friends and family. He was a passionate Mississippi State Bulldog Fan, and rarely missed a game, whether it be on TV, radio, or in person. He enjoyed taking his boys to the games to cheer on the Dawgs. Kenny was a member of the Square County Jaycees and served as a Shriner. Additionally, he served with the Rankin County Sheriff's Department as an Auxiliary Deputy, as well as a volunteer fireman for the Lake Harbor Fire Department. He was a coach for numerous little league baseball teams. He was a devoted husband, a loving father, and a dear friend to many. He treasured his grandchildren, nieces, and nephews, and adored spending time

with his family. He cherished his friendships that were cultivated through memories made over many years. Kenny leaves behind a lasting legacy of love and friendship that will not be forgotten. His family mourns, but takes comfort in the fact that he is now at peace in Heaven.

Kenny is survived by his loving wife, Merry Joyce Smith, of Edinburg; sons, Kenny Lafayette Smith Jr. (Glenda), Amory, Chad Smith (Debra), Pelahatchie; grandchildren, Brittany Morgan Smith Eakes (Chris), Josh Smith, Laura Ellen Scarberry, Chad Raney Smith; brother, Joe Smith (Fawn), Madison; and a host of nieces and nephews that he dearly loved.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 A.M. Friday, November 16, 2018 at Mars Hill Baptist Church in Carthage. Bro. Eddie Pilgrim will lead the service. Burial will follow at Mars Hill Cemetery. Pallbearers will include Riley Sanders, Mike Tucker, Mike Stewart, Jerry Parker, Steve Bryan, and Greg Barrett. David Dowell will serve as an honorary pallbearer.

Visitation will be from 5-8 P.M. Thursday at Wilcox Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Mars Hill Cemetery

Edinburg, AK

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **15**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wilcox Funeral Home
106 S Jordan Street
Carthage, MS 39051
(601) 267-8081
wilcoxfh@netdoor.com
<https://www.wilcoxfuneralhome.com/>

Service

NOV **16**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mars Hill Baptist Church
Edinburg, MS

Tribute Wall

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“ Kenny was a wonderful friend and co-worker...About 16 years ago when he was over the Sandhill Central Electric Office he helped me get a job there..I went and talked to Mr Kenny when I heard there was an job opening there. I truly believe he was the one to help me obtain that job. I was working in Decatur, Ms and living in Leesburg and the travel time was about 45 minutes there. I prayed to the Lord that if it was His will or in His plans to open that door for me. I know that with the Lord and Mr Kenny's help the job was offered to me. He was a wonderful person to work for.

He will be greatly missed by all his co-workers and friends. My prayers are with Merry Joyce and his sons.

*Peggy Renfro
Leesburg, ms*

Peggy Renfro - November 15, 2018 at 10:13 AM



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



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“ *Ken, Brittany and family- so sorry for your loss-
God give u comfort in the days to come.
Thanks be to God for the wonderful father and
Paw whom he blessed you with during your
lifetime!!!*



Diane - November 14, 2018 at 09:47 PM