



David Russell Smith

December 22, 1947 - January 10, 2026

David Russell Smith, 78, of Ashland, Kentucky, husband of Linda Vercher Smith, passed away on Saturday morning, January 10, 2026, at his home, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on Monday, December 22, 1947, in Ashland, a son of the late Willie and Bertha Patterson Smith. David was a man of many talents and endeavors. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force, retired from the Ashland Kentucky Police Department, and also served as a deputy sheriff in Boyd County. In addition, he served as bailiff in the courts of the Honorable C. David Hagerman and the Honorable John F. Vincent. David was a deacon at Crum Chapel Church, and enjoyed camping and fishing with his family, and he was an avid Kentucky Wildcats fan. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Lisa M. Smith; a sister, Margaret Ryan; and two brothers, William E. Smith and James G. Smith. Left to cherish David's memory includes his wife of 57 years, Linda Verchr Smith of Ashland, Kentucky; his daughter, Hope Smith, of Ashland, Kentucky; a sister, Donna Collins Huff, of Ashland, Kentucky; a grandson, Davrick; and a granddaughter, Amiah. Funeral services for David will be held Wednesday at 11:00 AM at Miller Funeral Home with Brother Danny Laney officiating. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM. Burial with police honors will immediately follow the service at Golden Oaks Memorial Gardens in Ashland. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.mfhfuneralhome.com Arrangements are under the direction of Miller Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Golden Oaks Memorial Gardens

422 55th St
Ashland, KY 41101

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 14. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Miller Funeral Home
1941 Carter Ave
Ashland, KY 41101
(606) 324-2141
jim@mhfhome.com

Funeral Service

JAN 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

Miller Funeral Home
1941 Carter Ave
Ashland, KY 41101
millerfuneralhome@windstream.net

Tribute Wall

KA

“ *Smitty has touched so many lives. He was a dedicated kind man who shared his light with everyone. I'm so blessed to call him my friend.* ”

Kay - January 14 at 04:32 AM

KA

“ *Kay lit a candle in memory of David Russell Smith* ”



Kay - January 14 at 04:13 AM

DE

“ *Dee Everett planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Russell Smith.* ”

Dee Everett - January 12 at 08:15 PM

DE

“ *Dee Everett purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of David Russell Smith.* ”



Dee Everett - January 12 at 08:15 PM

DK

“ *Friend and dear neighbor I will miss our visits.*

David Krueger - January 12 at 03:08 PM

JM

“ *Dear Hope (and family) - so very sorry for your loss! Sending prayers for peace during your difficult time. Bless you and may God bring you the comfort that only He can give. I will be thinking of you.*

Jessica Matthews - January 12 at 02:00 PM

MH

“ *We knew him from being a security guard from Bruce apartments 34 years ago. I will never forget how nice he was. the first time I met him our son was crying for his dad while he went to the store. he heard him all the way down the hill he came up to check on the toddler I told him he was just screaming after his dad who went to the store but he would be right back then he would stop screaming and sure enough when my husband got home the toddler stoped screaming and after our son went to sleep my husband went down and introduced himself to Smitty who said he was watching to see if i was right and sure enough I was right. After that Smitty was also talking to us and just being nice and even helpful when my husband was working getting a neighbor forme when our son was really sick.*

Mary Hall - January 11 at 09:35 PM

MM

“ *Tom and Micki Miller always knew David as one of the nicest men we had ever met. Sending hugs to Linda and Hope during a difficult time.*

Micki Miller - January 11 at 05:02 PM

NM

“ *Megan says she is so sorry and she really loved you dad . Prayers and hugs .*

Nancy McWain - January 11 at 12:25 PM

NM

“ *So sorry to hear about your loss. David and Linda were always such good friends to me. Prayers for the family* □

NNcy McWain - January 11 at 12:02 PM