



## Benjamin Franklin Smith

December 12, 1935 - October 9, 2019

Benjamin Franklin Smith, 83, went to rest peacefully near to the heart of God at his home in Pawleys Island, South Carolina, on October 9, 2019 surrounded by loved ones. He is survived by his wife of 57 years Ann Britt Smith of Phenix City, AL, and daughters Suzanne Smith Belt (Mark) of Sterling, VA, and Caroline McAllister of Hamilton, VA, grandchildren Sarah (21), Steven (20), Lauren (17), and Catherine (15). He was predeceased by a daughter Joye Myers, Sterling, VA, his parents Evie and Norman Smith, Phenix City, AL, and sisters Evelyn Corcoran, Conway, SC, and Patsy Chesser, Butler, GA.

Ben was born in Columbus, Georgia. He served in the Army and was in the reserves for six years. Benjamin was a Cum Laude, Phi Kappa Phi graduate of Auburn University (War Eagle), and top graduate in accounting. He worked at the IRS for 12 years before making a career change to the Inspector General's Office at the State Department, retiring as a Foreign Service Officer in 1993. During his tenure at State, he traveled to 66 countries, including a 3-year tour of duty in Bogota, Colombia. Ben and Ann resided in Vienna, Virginia, before moving to Heritage Plantation, Pawleys Island, South Carolina, in 1994 after they retired. Ben was an avid reader, loved to play bridge, garden, cook, and fish. He was a former member of the American Legion and Moose Club. He attended Pawleys Island Community Church under Pastor Bob Barrows for several years. He was a great husband, father and grandfather. He will always be remembered for his compassion, kindness and humility. He will be sorely missed and forever in our hearts.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Tideland Hospice, who provided wonderful care and comfort to Ben and his family during this difficult time.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

An online guestbook is available at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

# Comments

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“ I met Mr. Smith one evening in the Food Lion in Pawleys. He was wearing an Auburn hat, and being an AU fan, I stopped and said “War Eagle”. We introduced ourselves, and talked Auburn for the next 20 minutes. After that, we ran into each other a few more times, always at Food Lion. He was such a nice gentleman, and I enjoyed our few conversations. I’m lifting prayers for his family. War Eagle, Mr. Smith 🙏

Sharon Hughes  
Mobile, AL (formerly Pawleys Island)

Sharon Hughes - October 23, 2019 at 12:29 AM

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“ I’ll always be your dark eyes going to miss your spaghetti & your little benny stories that you used to tell. i love you, forever and always.



Catherine Belt - October 12, 2019 at 02:56 PM

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Suzanne - October 12, 2019 at 11:06 AM

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“ i am sorry I did not know Ben. It was my loss. I was so moved by your email asking friends to drop by and speak to him. I do know he married a wonderful and caring woman.

Jerry Kennerly



Jerry Kennerly - October 11, 2019 at 01:58 PM

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“ Ben and Ann were one of the original home owners at the Heritage. I will always remember him working on the beautiful flowers and landscaping on his front yard. Such a kind and loving man. Paul Archer and Sherry. Muirfield Drive

Paul Archer - October 11, 2019 at 12:45 PM

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ann britt smith - October 11, 2019 at 12:25 PM

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“ Ben was one of the first neighbors to greet us when we moved here. We found out that we lived in Vienna, VA at the same time and that our kids went to the same schools. He would always stop to talk when he took his walks in the community. He will be missed. Helene Engel

Helene Engel - October 11, 2019 at 11:51 AM

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“ With deepest sympathy to my dearest friend Suzanne and her Mother Ann. Mr. Smith was the kindest, most patient man that I have ever known. Had a great love for his family and friends. Fabulous sense of humor, always had a twinkle in his eye. So happy I was able to spend some time with him in August. Was very blessed that he was part of my life. I smile as he is now reunited with his daughter Joye. May he rest in peace.

**christiana Kittrell** - October 11, 2019 at 10:39 AM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Benjamin Franklin Smith.



October 10, 2019 at 08:23 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Benjamin Franklin Smith.



October 10, 2019 at 07:17 PM

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**Suzanne** - October 10, 2019 at 06:13 PM

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“ My beloved husband of 57 years went to rest near the heart of God on Wednesday, 10/9/19, at 9:35pm EDT. He had been in in-home hospice care by Tidelands (great care) for about a month due to severe Alzheimers. Precious memories linger near as I think of all the good times. God blessed us with three lovely daughters, Suzanne, Joye (deceased 11/13/14), and Caroline. I will need the help and strength from God to carry on. He was my rock. I've been thinking about our enduring love and the one thing that stands out is a sense of humor and the ability to forgive, as one lady put it we married at a time when if you botched something you fixed it rather than throw it away. I smile through my tears when I think of Ben. He was a great son to his parents Evie and Norman Smith, a great husband to me, a great dad, and a great grandfather I Sarah (21), Steven (20) , Lauren (17), and Catherine (15). My heart is breaking. We will miss him every day. Rest In Peace with God my beloved husband. Until we meet again. Love you always Ben.

**Ann Britt Smith** - October 10, 2019 at 06:02 PM



“ Dear Suzanne & Ann, Blessings at this sad time. Ben had a full life and has left wisdom with you Kathleen(Pgh. MaMa)

**Kathleen** - October 10, 2019 at 08:21 PM



“ Ben is at peace now. He will always be in your hearts. Shirley B.

**Shirley** - October 11, 2019 at 10:14 AM

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“ My dearest dad, I have been grieving your passing for a long time but the fact you are gone does not make it any easier. You were the most kind, caring and patient human being I have ever known. You taught me never to settle because it was the easier path, to constantly challenge myself, and be self-reliant. Your wisdom, support and unconditional love for your family will never be forgotten. You always had a welcoming smile and kind words to everyone you met. You will always be my hero. I am truly blessed you were my father.

**Suzanne** - October 10, 2019 at 05:55 PM



“ Ben, today is December 12, 2019, your birthday. I miss you so. I stay on the verge of tears all the time. We were married over 57 years. This is my first Christmas without you since we were married. Suzanne and I posted your picture on Facebook wishing you a happy birthday. Caroline messages me. Said she misses you. A bit part of me was taken away when you passed away. I do hope that you and Joye are together. Barb still works for me 10 hours a week. She is a big help but she burned her legs badly with hot grease. Suzanne and her girls Lauren and Catherine were with me for Thanksgiving. We had a celebration of your life on November 6 here at our home. About 20 or so friends and neighbors were here. Marge and Chris were here. We did a video of your favorite music and we added pictures of you and others through the years. Your ashes are on the mantel next to Joye's. I will be cremated also. I thought it would be good to have you near by, but it is hard. I long to be with you and Joye and our other loved ones in heaven some day. Love you

**Ann Smith** - December 12, 2019 at 09:44 PM