



Hugh Clayton Smith

December 11, 1931 - May 3, 2026

Hugh Clayton Smith, age 94, the great-grandson of Tippah County pioneer, James M. Smith passed away peacefully on May 3, 2026 in his home in Collierville, TN.

Born on December 11, 1931, in Tippah County, Mississippi, Hugh was the son of the late Clay and Lela Hopper Smith.

Hugh was a graduate of Chalybeate High School, Northeast Mississippi Jr. College, and Mississippi State University graduating in May 1954 with a B.S. Degree in Agriculture. Upon graduation, he served his country in the US Army as PFC/Military Police stationed in France until August, 1956, receiving an honorable discharge.

Hugh began his employment with John Deere in September, 1956 in Hattiesburg, MS. He moved his family 9 times across 6 states during his 30 year career retiring on June 1, 1986. He went on to establish Tempro, a successful temporary staffing agency in Collierville, TN. His final years, well into his 80's were spent working an ENSCOR for his son's construction company.

Hugh was a devoted Baptist and a member of Collierville Baptist Church. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and a loyal

friend to many. He was an avid sportsman, having shared that passion with his son and grandsons to include quail hunting and fishing. Above all, he loved farming and coming back home to his land in Tiplersville that has been in the Smith Family since 1876. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Hugh is preceded in death by his parents; two sisters Jimmye Lou Graham and Imogene Howell.

Hugh is survived by his wife of 69 years, Linda Hopkins Smith from Walnut; two daughters, Karen Smith Clark (Gary), and Janet Smith (Tim); one son Jeffrey Clayton Smith (Cynthia); six grandchildren who called him "Papa", Ryan (Sarah) and Natalie Smith, Josh (Sarah) and Caleb Clark, Kaitlyn and Benjamin Smith; four great-grandchildren, Beckett (8), Brody (7), Lillian (4), and Landon Hugh Smith (1).

Pallbearers: Josh Clark, Ryan Smith, Benjamin Smith, Todd Howell, Bill Walk, Art Cacaro,

Honorary: Raymon Skinner, Caleb Clark

Cemetery Details

Providence Baptist Church Cemetery

180 CR 201
Tiptersville, MS 38674

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

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