



## Larry Laverne Smith

December 16, 1955 - December 11, 2023

Mr. Larry Laverne Smith, affectionately known as Paw-Paw, was born on December 16, 1955, in Lexington, NC, and peacefully departed this earthly life on Monday, December 11, 2023, at the age of 67. Larry accepted Christ and joined Reeder Memorial Baptist Church. He was an active choir member with the Mighty Voices. Larry proudly served his country in the United States Army and valiantly contributed to the Vietnam War. As a construction engineer with a special skill in roofing and carpentry, Larry's hands built not only structures but also lasting memories. Surrounded by the love of his daughter Carolyn, Larry was cared for with passion and devotion. Carolyn ensured he found solace in the embrace of his faith, attending church until his final moments. Paw-Paw's most cherished saying, "LOVE," "PEACE," and "HAPPINESS", reflects the profound legacy he leaves behind. A man of vibrant style, Paw-Paw will be fondly remembered for his extensive collection of hats, each one a testament to his unique character. Larry's voice resonated in the Mighty Voices of Reeder Men's Choir, where he brought a special "swag" that set him apart. Preceding him in death are his beloved wife Doris, mother-in-law Ella Mae Wells, brother Tyrone Smith, and sister Angie Smith. Larry is survived by his loving children: Carolyn Graham and Michelle Graham, both of Charlotte, N.C., and Pastor Willis Graham (Jeraldine) of Atlanta, Georgia. He is also remembered by his two brothers-in-law, Harold and Thomas Miller of Charlotte, N.C., and two sisters-in-law, Venice James

(Darryl) of Atlanta, Georgia, and Jeanette Nicholson of Charlotte, N.C. Larry leaves behind a rich legacy in the hearts of seven grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. May Paw-Paw's love, peace, and happiness live on in the hearts of those who cherished him, and may he rest in eternal peace.

# Cemetery Details

## Salisbury National Cemetery

501 Statesville Blvd.  
Salisbury, NC 28144

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

DEC **19**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Reeder Memorial Baptist Church  
3725 Beatties Ford Road  
Charlotte, NC

## Interment

DEC **20**. 9:00 AM (ET)

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