



## Michael W. Smith

March 14, 2025

Michael W. Smith, from Smithfield, Virginia, at the age of 70, passed away peacefully on March 14, 2025. He was a loving husband (Chris' best friend), super brother, devoted father, cherished grandfather "Pepaw," and dear friend to many.

Michael was born in Portsmouth, Virginia, and lived his life with love, laughter, and kindness. He married Chris in 1982. They had two children, Samantha Jane Loper and Billy D. Smith, whom they raised in the Western Branch area of Chesapeake, Virginia, before they moved to their current home in Smithfield, Virginia. He took enormous pride in the house he built in Smithfield and loved the life there.

Michael has two siblings: his sister, Patricia Faye Smith, and his brother, Joseph "Jody" Smith. However, the joy of his life was his grandchildren - Makayla, Miriam, Elizabeth, Dylan, Allison, Kaleb and Kayla. He made sure his grandchildren knew he "Loved Them BIG," his favorite saying to them all. He loved attending his children's sports activities over the years and then his grandkids, too. He coached sports teams himself but mainly enjoyed his time watching them all play.

While raising his children, he was employed as a Loan Officer with several mortgage companies. He was honored to have the privilege of retiring at the

age of 59 from TowneBank Mortgage. He had many, many relationships and friends throughout his life and career in this area - from childhood on.

Michael loved playing golf with his pals, working with plants, and working in his yard, and he did the same until the end. It gave him such pride and joy. We will all miss him and his "advice" for all. He was deeply loved by so many, and his legacy will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

The family will be having a gathering at Loving Funeral Home in Portsmouth, Virginia, on Saturday, March 22, 2025, from 1 pm to 2:30 pm. We would love to have you come and tell us all about your encounters with this guy over the years. He will be missed.

# Previous Events

## A Visitation Celebrating His Life

MAR **22**. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Loving Funeral Home Churchland Chapel  
3225 Academy Ave  
Portsmouth, VA 23703

# Tribute Wall

KS

“ Dear Chris & Family,  
I worked with Michael at BB&T in Churchland. He was a terrific mortgage loan officer, with an easy-going personality & miles of smiles. May God comfort you & give you peace.  
Love, Kim

Kim Kahler Sykes - March 22, 2025 at 09:20 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael W. Smith.



March 22, 2025 at 08:52 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael W. Smith.

March 22, 2025 at 08:52 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael W. Smith.



March 21, 2025 at 03:48 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Michael W. Smith.*



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March 21, 2025 at 03:41 PM



“ *Chris, I am so sorry to hear of Michael's passing. He was a good friend and we worked together for many years. We would always talk about our children and grandchildren. I pray all the wonderful memories you have will carry you through this difficult time.*



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**Debbie Smith** - March 21, 2025 at 10:23 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael W. Smith.*



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March 20, 2025 at 08:40 PM



“ *Johnny purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Michael W. Smith.*



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**Johnny** - March 20, 2025 at 12:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael W. Smith.*



March 20, 2025 at 12:21 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Michael W. Smith.*



March 20, 2025 at 09:16 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael W. Smith.*

March 20, 2025 at 09:16 AM



“ *Peggy Moser purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Michael W. Smith.*



**Peggy Moser** - March 19, 2025 at 04:50 PM



“ *Peggy Moser planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael W. Smith.*

**Peggy Moser** - March 19, 2025 at 04:50 PM

BJ

“ Bruce, Ashley, Heather & Jeff purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Michael W. Smith.



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**Bruce, Ashley, Heather & Jeff** - March 18, 2025 at 04:53 PM

BD

“ Bob Doyle purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Michael W. Smith.



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**Bob Doyle** - March 18, 2025 at 09:40 AM

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“ Bob Doyle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael W. Smith.

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**Bob Doyle** - March 18, 2025 at 09:40 AM

GA

“ Glen & Cyndi Ackiss purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Michael W. Smith.



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**Glen & Cyndi Ackiss** - March 17, 2025 at 06:06 PM

GA

“Michael “Jack” was more than a friend. He’s another big brother/father figure in my life. So many good memories and rounds of golf together. Always had an open and willing ear to listen and give advice when asked. Michael went above and beyond with the loan and purchase of my home. Not just doing my loan but even coming to closing which isn’t required but did so to make sure things went smoothly. I could go on and on. I’ll think of you often especially on the course. Love ya, Pal. R.I.P

Glen Ackiss - March 17, 2025 at 04:36 PM

BI

Well said Brother! I truly enjoyed spending time with you as did I over the years. I can’t wait to chat with you more about all the memories you two created and the stories y’all wrote. I truly appreciate you sharing your life with him and being the best golf buddy! He was pure gold man!

billy - March 17, 2025 at 04:51 PM

BD

“I have many fond memories of Mike (Dayglow). Whenever we got together or talked on the phone we wound up laughing a lot. His sense of humor was contagious. We shared many rounds of golf and many bad shots on the course. But we never stopped laughing and cutting up. Those are treasured memories for me. He left us way too early in this life and I will miss him greatly. But one day, I will see him on the other side and I look forward to that. RIP my brother.

Bob Doyle - March 17, 2025 at 03:56 PM

BI

Bob, Dad spoke so highly of you and told me the story of how he got the nickname, lol... I can say, I look forward to the additional stories from all of his golf buddies! Thank you for sharing your life with him and being such a great friend! He is gone way too soon but never forgotten!

billy - March 17, 2025 at 04:53 PM

PM

*Michael was a great guy. We spent many hours at the bank talking and laughing. He offered sage advice, I wish I had followed. He is a very happy part of my memories*

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**Peggy Moser** - March 17, 2025 at 10:12 PM