



Max Carroll Smith

Feb. 26, 1947 - July 7, 2024

Max Carroll Smith, 77, went to be with his Heavenly Father on Sunday, July 7, 2024. Born in Burke County, he was the son of Gravis Smith and Beulah Hawkins Smith. Carroll was a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, although in recent years he attended Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Being second to youngest of seven children, he was big on personality and a bit mischievous. Always fun loving, he was also a kind and gentle soul. Never meeting a stranger, he had many friends and was loved by all.

Carroll was a hard worker and jack-of-all-trades. He retired from the elevator industry. Over the course of his life, he drove long-haul transfer trucks, worked for the NCDOC, operated grading equipment, and installed swimming pools, just to name a few of his occupations.

His greatest accomplishment is the legacy he leaves through the impact he made on his family of which he was so proud. He loved big and will be sorely missed.

Those left to cherish his memory are his beloved wife, Nola Wood Smith; children, Tonya Dowdle (John), April Mayfield (Shane), Nicky Shook (Ritchie), and Brian Neaves; grandchildren, Jacob Mayfield (Alex), Landry Harris (Josh), Jared Dowdle (Maddy), Avery Dowdle (Bavanna), Connor Larmore, Victoria Larmore, Kaiva Neaves

(Miaudry), Avery Dowdle (Rayanna), Connor Lammore, Victoria Lammore, Kaiya Neaves, Arianna Neaves, Mackenzie Neaves, Olivia Chatman, Cole Chatman, and Ariel Shook; great-grandchildren, Hayden Mayfield, Lindsay Mayfield, Waylon Harris, and Russell Mayfield; sisters, Mattie Poteat, Edith Riles, and Ruth Brittain (Bart), and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his siblings, Earl Smith, Frances Goins, and Gerald Smith.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m., Thursday, July 11, 2024 at Sossoman Funeral Home. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, July 12, 2024 in the Colonial Chapel of Sossoman Funeral Home with Rev. Don Denton and Rev. Randy Clark officiating. Burial will follow in Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Cemetery.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

I knew Carroll when he was my shift Lieutenant at Western Correctional Center; he was the first person I met when I started work there in 1978. He was a very professional and personable man. I saw him many years later when I actually had him as a patient when I worked at Catawba Valley MC. I am truly sorry to hear of his passing, may he Rest in Eternal Peace.

–Kenneth Hodges

A classmate, a high school friend and friend for life. A fun loving personality. He will be missed by all who knew him.

–Paul Buff



–Anonymous

Carr, was a old friend and great guy. Knew him for over 40 years. Always willing to help and with a smile. Will be missed. Take care buddy. chuck & Barbara Parris

–Charles "chuck" Parris

Deepest sympathy.

–Ann Smith

Nola and family, What a treasure you had in Carroll! Such a wonderful, sweet husband, dad and papaw. He was always so cheerful and fun to talk to and could do anything. My family feels blessed to have known such a fine friend. Please reach out to us if you are in need of anything and anytime. Greg and Sharon Hughes

–Sharon Hughes

My condolences to the family of Max Carroll Smith (The Burr Fox) Carroll and I logged more mile than I care to count. We played, fought , and loved one another like only true brothers can. I consider it and honor and a privilege to have had a second brother of his caliber. Carroll had a heart of gold, mind of extreme knowledge and a back of steel. He would be a prime example for a young man or Lady to pattern their lives after. He lead a simple life with a complicated mind set. I'm a better man for having been close enough to know him , those late nights ,long miles there was a lot of philosophy and prophesy flying around that old truck. (Be proud young people you come from good stock) Wayne Suttle

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–Marty & April Tandall



–Hicks Family

RIP to our GREAT Friend.Loved you and will miss you dearly "DAD". Love Leona

–Leona Suttle



–Sheila Carswell

Carroll will truly be missed. He was a thoughtful and caring person. He had a warm smile and kind eyes. We are blessed to have had him in our lives.

–Melanie Berry Byers



This world has lost a very good man we need a lot more people like him he will be missed

–Nathaniel Wood

Sending love and prayers to this family. We will cherish the memories. He will be missed.

–Jeff and Gina Riles



Sending love and prayers to Nola and the family. Carroll was a good man and went out of his way to help everyone. He and my dad Ray Denton were good friends and neighbors. He was there to help my mom with anything she needed when my dad passed. His work on earth is done.

–Sandra Denton Bradshaw

I know that I will be saying nothing that all of you will know, but Max Carroll will leave such a large hole in all of our lives. He was a very special, caring man, who genuinely was interested in the people he met, and a Christian man who loved the Lord. I am glad to say he was my friend, even though I we haven't gotten to see much of each other lately.

–Dan Carswell

I am so sorry to hear about Carroll's passing. I have know Carroll and his family a long time and thought a lot of and respected him. He was a good man.

–Timothy Michaels



–Anonymous

Dear Nola, Tonya and April and family you all are in our thought and prayers. Thought the years we have all been together so much. Carroll was with us all through thick and thin. He will truly be missed and will forever be in our hearts. We love you all so much. Love, James and Darlene Suttle

–James and Darlene Suttle





–DeVera A Powell

Oh no!!!! I am so very sorry for your loss. Carroll was a wonderful Godly man. Prayers for you all. Love always!!! Richard and Angie Pettus

–Angela Pettus

–Bruce and Sheila Carpenter

Carroll was one of the best men I ever met. Prayers sent for the family of this great man.

–Todd Huffman



I will forever love my pawpaw and is sincerely missed.

–Cole Chatman



I am praying for the family of Carroll. He was a true warrior for Christ and was there if anyone needed anything on the river. His battles here on earth are over and I can almost hear him rejoicing now as he is seeing Jesus today. So long my friend until we meet again. I'll miss you.

–Darrell and Melinda Smith



Nothing I can say will ease your heartache and pain but I am



forever sorry for losing someone so special to you . My prayers for comfort are with you during this journey.

–Melba Floyd

Dear Sweet Family, please know I'm praying for you during this difficult time. I love y'all. Pammy

–Pam Holsclaw

Uncle Carol was a wonderful caring person. He was always so happy and such a joy to be around. How truly missed he will be!

–Jamie & Angel Brittain