



## **Mr. Benjamin Franklin Smith Jr.**

November 9, 1947 - August 9, 2017

Benjamin Franklin Smith, Jr., 69, of Monticello, Florida, passed away surrounded by his loving family on Wednesday, August 9, 2017, in Tallahassee.

A son of the late Benjamin F. Smith and Frances Richardson Smith, he was born on November 9, 1947, in Tallahassee. He is also preceded in death by his brother, Mitchell B. Smith.

He served in the National Guard for many years and was also a sales representative for electrical and lighting supplies.

Ben loved his family and friends, FSU football, genealogy, history and had a special place in his heart for St. Augustine. Ben enjoyed browsing through beautiful antique stores. He was a music lover and liked Katie Melua, Nora Jones and Sarah Brightman. He especially loved Barnaby's pizza and was an avid bowler in his younger days.

He taught his children how to throw a football, how to catch fish, and shoot a bow and arrow. Ben also enjoyed taking his daughters hunting for shark's teeth before they could even walk. He was intelligent and told corny jokes that sometimes only he laughed at. He never met a stranger and always had a good story to tell. Ben loved to talk and we can only imagine the

conversations he is having now. He will be missed dearly by all his family and friends but we know he is at peace. Until we meet again.

Ben is survived by his daughters, Melanie D. Piland, Angela S. McKenzie (husband, Vince) and his son, Shane Smith; granddaughters, Shelby Piland and Jessica Pichard (husband, Justin); sister, Pat Smith Winchester (husband, Dick); as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

His life will be celebrated at 2:00 PM, Sunday, August 13, 2017, at Abbey Funeral Home. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.abbeyfh.com](http://www.abbeyfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Tallahassee Memory Gardens

4037 North Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32303  
(850) 562-1518  
<https://www.abbeyfh.com/>

# Previous Events

## Service

**AUG 13. 2:00 PM (ET)**

Abbey Funeral Home  
4037 North Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32303  
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[abbeyfh@comcast.net](mailto:abbeyfh@comcast.net)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Abbey Funeral Home and Tallahassee Memory Gardens created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Benjamin Franklin Smith Jr.*



**Abbey Funeral Home and Tallahassee Memory Gardens** - August 11, 2017 at 02:48 PM

EL

*Thus is beautiful.*

**Elaine** - August 11, 2017 at 05:01 PM



*Perfectly beautiful!*

**Vivian Miller** - August 11, 2017 at 06:08 PM

KM

*Wonderful!!!!*

**ken mingledorff** - August 15, 2017 at 06:12 PM

AS

*So many Beautiful memories...*

**Areliia Sayer** - November 18, 2017 at 10:37 AM

BS

“ Dear Ben,  
It seems you've left us all to soon, but I know it's just another chapter in your souls journey. Maybe you were through here or maybe you were needed elsewhere. But, while you were here, you formed bonds of love with your family and friends that can never be broken, not through time, distance or space. Our time here is short and eventually we will all be together again, so, I'll catch you on the flip side my friend!  
Love, Belinda

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**belinda stewart** - August 14, 2017 at 12:29 PM

AS

“ Alexandra Scarlett-Hess lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benjamin Franklin Smith Jr.



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**Alexandra Scarlett-Hess** - August 13, 2017 at 08:05 AM



“ I didn't know Ben in school since I am older by a couple of years. But we became friends on Facebook and shared corny jokes and memories of St. Augustine. Last winter I visited St. Augustine with a friend and each day Ben would comment on what we had visited that day. It was like he was traveling with us. I will miss him and his wonderful outlook on life. My condolences to Ben's family. He was truly a great man.

Carolyn Counts Furcolow  
Cuyahoga Falls, OH

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**Carolyn Furcolow** - August 12, 2017 at 10:49 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Benjamin Franklin Smith Jr..*



August 12, 2017 at 10:40 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Benjamin Franklin Smith Jr..*



August 12, 2017 at 09:31 AM



“ *Bennie rest in peace, such a loving caring man. Celebrate his life and thank God for the wonderful gift of his life, and for all those he touched. Praying for all the family. Bennie will live in your heart and his spirit will be with you always.....because love is forever. love, Janelle Thompson Powell 1964/65 Leon*

janelle thompson powell - August 12, 2017 at 05:15 AM



“ *Ben used to ride with Lucy Skagfield Baney and me to Starke, FL when we were in high school. He was one of the nicest, most thoughtful people I have ever known. I know what a loss you must be experiencing. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers .*

Terry Pons Benson - August 11, 2017 at 08:01 PM



“ 4 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Abbey Funeral Home and Tallahassee Memory Gardens** - August 11, 2017 at 04:32 PM



“ 43 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



I go and lie down where  
the wood drake  
rests in his beauty on the  
water, and the great  
heron feeds.  
I come into the peace of  
wild things  
who do not tax their  
lives with forethought  
of grief. I come into the



**Abbey Funeral Home and Tallahassee Memory Gardens** - August 11, 2017 at 02:42 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to the family of Ben Smith. He will definitely be missed.*

*Cheryl Halford*

**Cheryl Halford** - August 10, 2017 at 06:57 PM



Elizabeth  
Snow

“ I will miss all the wonderful posts about growing up in Indianhead Acres, the school stories, the Tallahassee stories, the stories about Saint Augustine, the photos, his love of his family, his enthusiasm for FSU, and of course the Nigerian scammers.

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**Elizabeth Snow** - August 10, 2017 at 06:46 PM



“ The world has lost a very nice man. Ben was funny, kind, interesting, and interested in how others were doing, and how they felt. It isn't often one finds such a genuine friend. I will miss him very much.

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**Amy McPherson** - August 10, 2017 at 05:03 PM