



## Mr. Richard Smith

November 14, 1945 - October 26, 2024

Mr. Richard Smith, 78, passed away on Saturday, October 26, 2024, at his home near West Point. Richard was born on November 14, 1945, in Columbus, to the late Cordist and Willene Caradine Smith. After the death of his father Cordist, Mrs. Willene remarried Henry D. Watson, who raised Richard from an early age. He was also preceded in death by a brother, Dr. Henry Watson.

Richard was a 1963 graduate of West Point High School and earned an Associate's Degree from East Mississippi Junior College in 1965, where he played football for the legendary Coach Bull Sullivan. Mr. Richard was quick to acknowledge that some of his best memories were playing football in Scooba for Coach Bull Sullivan. After graduating from East Mississippi Junior College, Mr. Richard owned and operated Smith's Farm and Garden in West Point for over 30 years and loved his customers like they were family. He got his pilot's license so he could use it to go get parts for his equipment and fly over the fields he was to fertilize. Even though he enjoyed flying, no one in his family would fly with him. He loved the outdoors where he was happiest at home living on the land, hunting deer, turkey, rabbit, and also fishing. He said the happiest day of his life was when his mom (Willene) married Henry Watson, because he felt like it was heaven on earth because he loved exploring, hunting, and just living. He married his high school sweetheart, Evelyn, on August 22, 1964, and together they shared 60 years of marriage. He adored

his two girls that he said were tougher than any two boys he knew. He did not miss any events that his girls or his grandchildren ever participated in. His mother's family were some of the founding members of Christ United Methodist Church, where he would later serve as a board member. He also served as a board member at Oak Hill Academy, where his girls attended school. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. He especially loved his nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Wednesday, October 30, 2024, from 1:00-2:00 P. M. at First United Methodist Church in West Point. Funeral services will follow at 2:00 P.M. with Reverend Charles "Bulldog" Coggins officiating and assisted by Reverend Chad Bowen and Chaplain Adam Garner. A private family graveside will follow in Vinton Cemetery near West Point. Calvert Funeral Home of West Point is honored to be entrusted with the arrangements.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Evelyn V. Smith of West Point: two daughters, Amy Smith Buckley (Bob) and Shannon Smith Greenan (Daryl), both of West Point: three grandchildren, Richard Chantz Smith (Sam) of St. Louis, Missouri, Jakob Wood Smith (Jade) of Columbus, and Willa Grace Greenan of West Point: five great-grandchildren, Aidan Jakob Smith, Damon Frances Smith, and Lydia Joyce Smith, all of St. Louis, Missouri, and Presley Matthew Gaskin and Elliott Alexander Gaskin both of Columbus: two sisters, Patricia Cantrelle and Jane Upton (Carey), both of West Point: two brothers, George Watson (Sallie Mae) of Strong, and James Watson (Bonnie) of West Point, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Chantz Smith, Jake Smith, Dr. Charlie Upton, Kevin Smith, Scot Simmons, Dan Turnage, Luke Nichols, and Tim Strickland.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Dr. Ned Miller and the Nurses and Staff of Gentiva Hospice.

Memorials may be made to the Vinton Cemetery Fund, c/o Evelyn Smith, 873 Darracott Road, West Point, Mississippi 39773.

Friends may leave an online condolence at [www.calvertfuneralhome.com](http://www.calvertfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Vinton Cemetery

West Point, MS

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **30**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
612 E Broad St  
West Point, MS 39773  
(662) 494-1658

## Funeral Service

OCT **30**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

CT

“ We the Taylors from cedar Bluff wish to send our deepest condolences to the family of this big hearted man he was always willing to help anyone that needed it may God Bless his family and truly he will be missed



Cathy Taylor - October 30, 2024 at 05:54 PM

KS

“ So sorry to hear of Richard's passing. I know he was a good friend to Kelly. Praying for you & family. Condolences, Kay Shurden & girls.

Kay Shurden - October 30, 2024 at 03:39 PM

LG

“ Evelyn, Amy and Shannon. We are so sorry for your loss of Richard. We pray the Lord will give you the comfort that only He can give. We pray for you and your families. We love yawl. David and Linda Glasgow.

linda Glasgow - October 30, 2024 at 12:19 AM

SA

“ Mama E, I know that there are no words that can truly console in a time like this and although we will celebrate the life you two shared, you will still feel the loss. I hope that I can give you a small glimmer of hope and piece of happiness knowing he is in a better place and will always be watching over you and the family. He was a very kind man and you both have my love. Sam

Samantha - October 29, 2024 at 08:59 PM



“ Evelyn, I am so sorry for your loss. We all loved him. Much love and many prayers for you and your precious family.  
Love,  
Melody (Mel) Miles

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**Melody Miles** - October 29, 2024 at 07:49 PM

BC

“ We are so sorry to hear this very sad news Shannon, Daryl, Willa and family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this very sad time.

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**Blake and Carrol Canavan** - October 29, 2024 at 07:41 PM

HG

“ Shannon, Daryl and Willa I would like to express my deepest Condolences to you and your family! Love and prayers to you all at this difficult time.  
Love Nana 💖

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**Heather Greenan** - October 29, 2024 at 06:41 PM

GI

“ Gene and Leigh Imes purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Richard Smith.



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**Gene and Leigh Imes** - October 29, 2024 at 06:32 PM

GI

“ Gene and Leigh Imes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Richard Smith.

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**Gene and Leigh Imes** - October 29, 2024 at 06:32 PM

JG

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you as you suffer from the loss of Richard. He was such a good and caring person and will be greatly missed. Janie Gregg*

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**Janie Gregg** - October 29, 2024 at 03:58 PM

PH

“ *Bob joins me in sympathy and prayer that you will experience God's love and comfort as you face this time of great loss. Priscilla Allen Harper C/O '63*

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**Priscilla Allen Harper** - October 29, 2024 at 12:20 PM

PH

“ *Bob joins me in sympathy and prayer that experience God's love and comfort as you face this time of great loss. Priscilla Allen Harper C/O '63*

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**Priscilla Allen Harper** - October 29, 2024 at 12:18 PM

CC

*So very sorry , prayers go with you ....*

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**Cynthia Crosswhite** - October 29, 2024 at 05:17 PM