



A.T. Smith

June 8, 1929 - January 20, 2026

Alfred Thomas "A.T." Smith passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loved ones on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at Fayetteville. He was born on June 8, 1929, the third of four children of Ola Paul and Florence Jean (Bandeem) Smith. He attended grade school in Hindsville and graduated from Huntsville State Vocational School in 1945, at the age of 15. He remarked how he owed his education to teachers that meant so much to him: Stella Ellis, Claude Johnson, and Newt Reynolds.

At age 16, A.T. attended the University of Arkansas, where he studied for over two years. He then spent three years teaching Agriculture to Veterans before serving in the U.S. Army. He later became the Postmaster of Hindsville, where he tenured for 35 years. Beyond that, he lived a full life as a merchant and farmer, while pioneering the first bulk fertilizer business in Madison County.

A.T. is preceded in death by his first wife, Georgia Mae Hemphill Smith, to whom he was married on September 29, 1956, for 55 years; his parents, Ola and Florence Smith; his sister, Liz Coger; his brother, P.J. Smith; his niece, Janice Sue Smith; and his nephew, Butch Coger. He is also preceded in death by his second wife, Lila Ruth Roles Smith and his cousin, Pat Grubbs.

He is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Camelia Smith; his four nieces, Paulette Coger, Whitney Smith, Kym McAlister, and Vidi Qualls; and

his four nephews, P.J. Smith Jr., Jerry Runner Smith, Dwayne Smith, and Jim Bill Smith. He also leaves behind four great-nieces Linda, Melanie, Natalie, and Frances; six great-nephews, Paul James, Alex, Hudson, Samuel, Micah, and Liam; two great-great-nieces, Johnna and Josie; five great-great-nephews, Matthew, P.J. IV, Kingston, Samson, and Isaac; and great-great-niece and nephew, Adeline & Jack. He is also survived by his stepson Steve and Tammy Grigg; step-grandson Brandt and Katie; step-great-grands, Landon, Bowen, and Emerson; his companion, Debbie Young; and many cousins.

A.T. loved being surrounded by people and was a great historian. His generosity reached far beyond his family and into his community. He contributed to the building of the AT & Georgia Mae Smith Activity Center and the Georgia Mae Smith Park, in Hindsville. He also helped preserve the Little Ole Opry in West Fork, maintained local cemeteries, and gave freely to many charities. His life was marked by service, hard work, and a sincere devotion to others.

A.T. will be deeply missed and warmly remembered. His legacy will live on in the hearts he touched and the lives he blessed.

The family will receive friends 1:00 PM-2:00 PM, Thursday, January 29, 2026, at the AT & Georgia Mae Smith Activity Center . Funeral services will immediately follow at 2:00 PM with Lonnie Siler officiating. Pallbearers will be Jason McClure, Scott Bowen, Clifford Marbut, Matthew Marbut, Nathan Sizemore, and Ben King. Honorary pallbearers will be Junior Smith, Jerry Smith, Dwayne Smith, Jim Bill Smith, and Shelby Sisemore. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in A.T.'s name may be made to the Georgia Mae Smith Park, PO Box 102, Hindsville, Arkansas 72738. Services are entrusted to Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory of Huntsville.

Previous Events

Receive Friends

JAN **29**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

AT & Georgia Mae Smith Activity Center
400 Cain Street
Huntsville, AR 72740

Funeral Service

JAN **29**. 2:00 PM (CT)

AT & Georgia Mae Smith Activity Center
400 Cain Street
Huntsville, AR 72740

Tribute Wall

LR

“ *What a Special Human being. He blessed so many in so many ways. His spirit and strength of caring for so many and so much in and around his community. Always a joy to spend time with AT. All of his friends will be forever grateful at the Little O Oprey. His memories and kindness will live on forever. He will be missed Dearly.*



leah Randolph - January 29 at 10:10 AM

RV

“ *Thoughts and prayers for the families*

Ronnie & Kathy Villines - January 28 at 09:55 PM

LF

“ *Linda Harmon, Jim Treat, Jeff Fitch planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of A. T. Smith.*

Linda Harmon, Jim Treat, Jeff Fitch - January 27 at 04:08 PM

LF

“ *Linda Harmon, Jim Treat, Jeff Fitch purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of A. T. Smith.*



Linda Harmon, Jim Treat, Jeff Fitch - January 27 at 04:08 PM

BK

“ Brenden Kleiboeker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of A.T. Smith.

Brenden Kleiboeker - January 26 at 10:07 AM

BK

“ Brenden Kleiboeker purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of A.T. Smith.



Brenden Kleiboeker - January 26 at 10:07 AM

JW

“ James & Brenda Worley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of A.T. Smith.

James & Brenda Worley - January 26 at 12:04 AM

JW

“ James & Brenda Worley purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of A.T. Smith.



James & Brenda Worley - January 26 at 12:04 AM

JW

“ So sorry for your loss. AT was always pleasant to talk to and always had a kind word to say. He was one a very great man and we are proud to have known him. Went to the store all the time and talked to him. He loved people to visit with him. And we all loved talking to him. He will be missed.

James & Brenda Worley - January 25 at 11:56 PM

BW

“ I worked for A.T. about 53 years ago. First job I ever had was hauling hay and painting his turquoise corral and corner posts with a rag. I learned how to drive in his 1952 Chevrolet flat beds when I was 14. We would go in and Jo would fix us a sandwich and have a Mountain Dew from his old Coca Cola pop machine. Looking back I think he taught me what it meant to show up and give a days work for your pay. I've always remembered AT fondly.

bret wright - January 23 at 07:35 PM

RO

“ Ronal and Wanda Obenshain

Regina Obenshain - January 23 at 12:05 PM

EM

“ So very sorry for his passing, deepest condolences to all family members and this community, AT was always so kind to me when I lived in Hindsville , I appreciated his kindness and much generosity of those lives he touched, may he rest in peace always./ Euna McKnight. Ty Gosvener. Abby Gosvener Lanphier



Euna McKnight - January 23 at 10:18 AM

GE

“ Gregory E. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of A.T. Smith.

Gregory E. - January 23 at 03:14 AM

HD

“ Hindsville Rural Fire Dept planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of A.T. Smith.

Hindsville Rural Fire Dept - January 23 at 02:01 AM

HD

“ Hindsville Rural Fire Dept purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of A.T. Smith.



Hindsville Rural Fire Dept - January 23 at 02:01 AM

RC

“ Sorry to hear of the lost of AT he was a hoot always had a story or song to tell . I've known him an Georgia mae my whole life. He let us kids load hay as I grew my kids was raised there also. AT smith you will be missed an all the stories Hindsville will not be the same. R.I.P

Reba marbut collins - January 22 at 08:45 PM

JE

“ I will always remember A.T. for his quiet strength as he and Debbie came to church at Harmony Baptist, Sunday after Sunday, even when he really wasn't able, and sometimes we would be blessed by him singing an old hymn!
Fond memories...Joyce Eubanks

Joyce Eubanks Eubanks - January 22 at 07:32 PM