



K.L. Smith

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KL Smith, 86, of Charlotte, NC passed away from natural causes on May 26, 2025.

He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, neighbor, and friend. He retired in 2018 after working over 50 years of being in the trucking industry as a long haul driver. He was a proud Teamster and was always quick to stand up against injustice of any kind. He loved his wife and three girls the most but he also loved and enjoyed cars, fishing, gardening, bird watching, collecting coins, and all of the family pets through the years. Most of all he loved Betty's cooking. He had a sense of humor, quick wit, and great chuckle that will be missed. Originally from Brandon Mississippi, he met the love of his life, Betty Bright Wilkinson of Louisville, Kentucky while stationed at Fort Knox during his time in the Army. They had just recently celebrated 60 years of marriage on April 10, 2025.

He is preceded in death by his parents King Lemuel Smith and Thelma Meek Smith, his son-in-law Craig Crawford, and his 10 siblings.

He is survived by his wife Elizabeth B. Smith of Charlotte, NC, daughters Amy Smith (Keith Koger) Charlotte, NC, Amanda Logan (Allan) of Huntersville, NC, Anne Crawford of Huntersville, NC, and granddaughter Lila Logan of Huntersville, NC.

Memorial service will be held on Friday, June 27, 2025 at 10:00 am at Aldersgate 3800 Shamrock Rd., Charlotte, NC 28215. The service will take place in the Fellowship Hall. A short reception will follow in the Ray Hall Living Room from 11:00 am until Noon.

In lieu of flowers please donate to your local food/soup kitchen or animal shelter in his remembrance.

Online condolences may be made at <https://www.jamesfuneralhomelkn.com>.



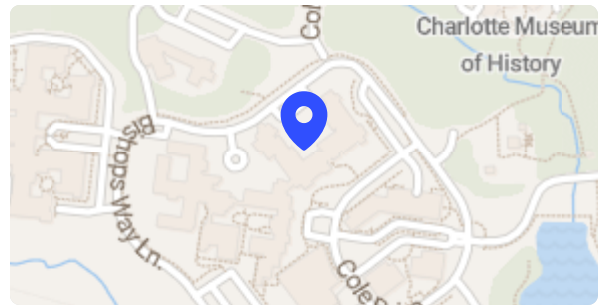
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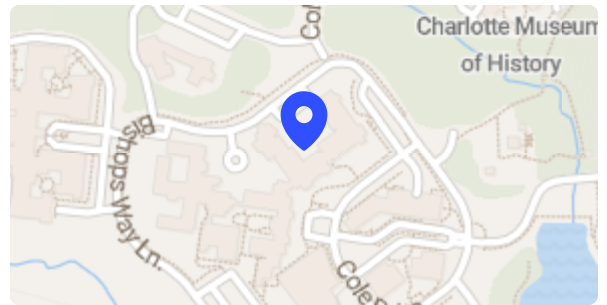
Celebration of Life

- Friday, June 27, 2025**
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET
- Aldersgate Fellowship Hall**
3800 Shamrock Dr., Charlotte NC 28215



Reception

- Friday, June 27, 2025**
- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET
- Aldersgate Fellowship Hall**
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- Ray Hall Living Room





Tribute Wall

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Jim Corn posted:

K L Smith was more than a good man.He was a great man.KL was the most knowledgeable Teamster I ever met when it came to the History of the Union as well as the Master Freight Agreement.KL always was the first to stand up for what was right by God or the Teamsters Union.He was tough and compassionate as well.I admired him and I will miss him.

July 7 at 10:00 PM



Willie Clyburn posted:

Smith was my true friend. My self and Rosa loved ❤️ our neighbors. Smith and I would talk for hours, just enjoying each other. Smith was a great gardener, I was not that good at gardening. He would call me and say Willie I got some tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchini squash,and cherry 🍅 tomatoes. Smith was a great friend and had beautiful smile. We truly miss Smith and Betty when they moved from the neighborhood. We could visit them at there new location, but now we will surely miss Smith. He has gone from this world to be with our God. We love ❤️ you Smith and will see you on the other side. Willie and Rosa Clyburn

June 25 at 8:43 PM



Keith Koger's Parents, Bill And Dee planted a Memorial Tree in honor of K.L..



June 23 at 2:55 PM



Keith Koger's Parents, Bill And Dee sent a Sweet Tranquility Basket to the Smith family.



June 23 at 2:55 PM



Linda Laster lit a candle in honor of K.L..

We were so sorry to hear about the passing of K.L. He was a great man and will be missed by his family and friends. May God bless the family at this difficult time.



June 18 at 4:15 PM



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Anne Hayes posted:

We've been fortunate to have Amy and Keith as a neighbors in recent years. Through Amy we have heard about the kindness and dedication of her father to his wife and daughters. Through her, we also can see that she was blessed with wonderful strength and guidance from him, as her advocacy and care for him until the end were evident. Our true condolences to the family. Anne and Terrence Hayes

June 13 at 12:27 PM



Catherine Shook posted:

So sorry to hear about K L's passing. He was a good man. We went to church with Betty and K L at Hillcrest. Will never forget them.. He will be missed by all who knew him

June 3 at 12:02 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring K.L. by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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