



## Mr. Raymond Smith

August 8, 1932 - May 7, 2025

The following is the YouTube Live Stream Link for Raymond Smith on Tuesday, May 27, 2025 @ 12:30PM:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/Ck0tQiADimE>

Raymond Leslie Smith (Ray or Smitty) departed this life on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, in his home. Ray was born in Wylam, Alabama on August 8, 1932, to the late Coatsie and Mamie Smith. He was preceded in death by his siblings Bobbie, Coatsie, Jr., William Earl, Josie, Carter, Mary Ella and Larry (Scotty). He was also preceded in death by his long-time companion Martha Jean Collins.

Ray received his education in Aracoma, West Virginia Public School System. He later moved to New York City, where he joined the U.S. Army in 1953 and served in the Korean War until he was honorably discharged in 1955 as a Corporal.

Ray was joined in Holy Matrimony in 1952 to the late Edith E. Isabelle. From that union five children were born – Janet, Vickie, Virgie (Darlene), Valerie and Raymond, Jr. (who also preceded him in death). They moved from New York City to Washington, D.C. in the late 1950s. Ray worked as a master barber at Thurston's Barbershop; Fort Belvoir, VA; the federal government at the Housing Authority; as a distributor for General Mills Food; and

finally, as a Real Estate Agent for Century 21 until his retirement.

Ray was an avid baseball fan and a die-hard Washington Redskins/Commanders fan, and he loved attending baseball games on occasion. His passion was also fishing and hunting. He was a long-time member of the Rambler Hunting Club in Tappahannock, Virginia.

Ray was active in the Lamond-Riggs Civic Association Block 12 and became Santa Claus to many of Block 12's children for a few years.

Ray leaves to cherish his memories his four daughters Janet, Vickie, Virgie (Darlene), and Valerie; his grandchildren Shanta (Bootsie), LaTisha (Tish), Ray, LaDarus (LD), Brittany (BB) and Maya; his great-grandchildren Delon, Nasir, Zyon, Zeniyah, Zykia and Zykari, two son-in-laws Ted and Philip, a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, many cousins, friends and the family of Martha Jean Collins.

He will be forever missed, loved forever and life without him will never be the same!!!

# Cemetery Details

## Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery

11301 Crain Highway  
Cheltenham, MD 20623  
(301) 372-6398

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 27.** 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (est)

J.B. Jenkins Funeral Home  
7474 Landover Road  
Hyattsville, MD 20785  
(301) 322-2300  
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## Funeral Service w/ Livestream

**MAY 27.** 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

DA

“ *Darlene lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond Smith*



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**Darlene** - May 22, 2025 at 02:16 PM

DA

“ *We will miss you dad! You lived a long life and did it your way. Rest well*  
*Love you.* ❤️ 🙏 🦋

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**Darlene** - May 22, 2025 at 02:15 PM