



Ronald Gerald Smith

July 13, 1953 - June 14, 2025

Ronald Gerald Smith, 71, of Walnut Ridge, passed away Saturday, June 14, 2025, at Lawrence Hall Nursing Center in Walnut Ridge.

He was born July 13, 1953, to Rev. Bob Smith and Ruth Binkley Smith. He was a 1971 Walnut Ridge High School graduate. He was a smart man who could fix anything. He was employed as a maintenance engineer by Skil/Bosch; Police Officer for the Black Rock and Arkansas State University Police Departments; and later founded his own HVAC company, Moonlite Air.

He enjoyed stock car racing and could often be found at Charlie Cook's, Floyd's Body Shop, or Rocky Sheets' garage. He loved cups of coffee and spent many hours visiting others in the local coffee shops. He spent years coaching softball teams at Stewart Park, and his funny cheers are still remembered by grown women today. He was a generous man who would help anyone and served the Walnut Ridge City Council for twelve years. He was a member of Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church.

Survivors include his daughter, Stephanie Nichols (Matt) of Walnut Ridge; his son, Jason Smith (David) of Jonesboro; a grandson, Taylor Nichols of Walnut Ridge; his mother, Ruth Holsapple (John) Walnut Ridge; sister, Robin Saito (Dr. Kim) of Jonesboro; former wife of 34 years and mother of his children, Joyce Smith of Walnut Ridge; and many other relatives and friends.

He is preceded by his father, Bro. Bob Smith; a brother, Roger Smith; and a nephew, Roger Smith Jr.

Funeral service will be Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at 11 A.M. in the Bryan Chapel with Bro. Rick Mayland. Pallbearers are Matt Nichols, Taylor Nichols, David McElyea, John Holsapple, Clayton Brown, and Michael Brown. Interment will follow in the Lawrence Memorial Park.

Visitation will be from 10 A.M. till 11 A.M. Wednesday.

Cemetery Details

Lawrence Memorial Park

Colonial Dr.
Walnut Ridge, AR 72476

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bryan Funeral Home
415 NW Texas St.
Hoxie, AR 72433

Funeral Service

JUN 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Ron was a very kind man. I was in the nursing home with him. He always spoke And smiled. I never heard an unkinword from hi.d

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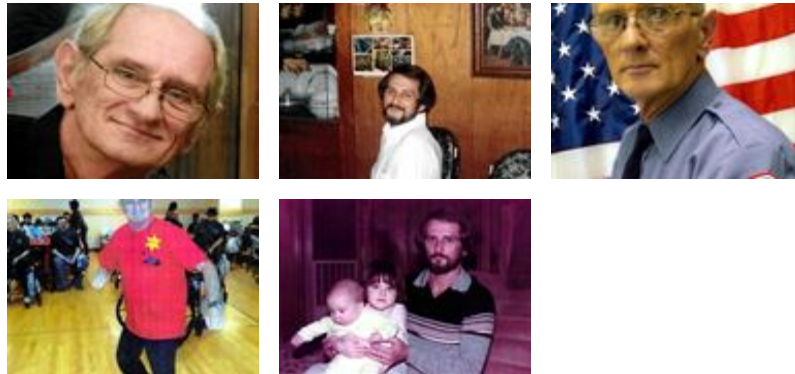
“ So sorry to hear of Rons passing! He was such a great person that left his stamp of goodness on in this old world! Prayers of comfort for all the family.



Larry Cook - June 19, 2025 at 08:21 AM



“ 45 files added to the album Life Tributes



Bryan Funeral Home - June 18, 2025 at 03:19 AM

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“ I’m unable to attend Ron’s services but wanted to let the family know I will be praying for them. I worked with Ron at Skil/Bosch for many years. He was always willing to help anyone with anything! He was a very nice man and I had occasion to know him when he was the police in Black Rock. Without compromising his job or his badge, he was able to reach out to me about a house I owed in Black Rock and averted a potentially bad situation from occurring. He earned my undying gratitude for that. And more respect than I already had for him. Haven’t seen or heard anything about him in years so this was a shock! May he rest in peace.
Lucinda Smith

Lucinda Smith - June 17, 2025 at 06:35 PM

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Ms. Smith, thank you so much for your kind words. I am so happy you sent this message. Thank you! Stephanie

Stephanie Nichols - June 17, 2025 at 09:44 PM

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“ The BAB Branch purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Ronald Gerald Smith.



The BAB Branch - June 17, 2025 at 09:50 AM



“ Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald Gerald Smith.



June 16, 2025 at 08:54 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ronald Gerald Smith.

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