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After an acute illness and a full life, W. J. “Jack” Smith III, of Perry went to be with his Savior on Saturday, October 6, 2018. Jack was born to Anne and W. J. Smith, Jr. on May 1, 1948, in Bristol, Tennessee. In 1959, Jack’s family moved their dairy operation to Houston County, Georgia. Jack worked on the family farm from an early age where he cultivated his love of farming that led to him pursuing a B.S. in Ag Economics from the University of Georgia. There he was a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity. During his last year of college, he became engaged to the love of his life, Toni Paul Smith. Shortly after being married, Jack and Toni returned to Perry where Jack began a career in banking. Throughout his professional carrier Jack was also a farmer, developer, and a site & utility contractor. Jack was a long time member of Perry Presbyterian Church where he served as a deacon, elder, and on many other committees. He was a member of the Board of Trustees for The Westfield Schools where he served as Chairman of the Board. He was also a former member of the Perry Rotary Club. Jack was dedicated to his work, but always managed to find time to hunt, fish, and play golf. Throughout his entire life he cherished his breakfast conversations with many close friends. Later in life he transitioned from Jack to “Digger” where he pursued the greatest joy of his life being the number one fan of his seven grandchildren. From multiple ballgames per day to programs at school “Digger” rarely missed a one. His memory will forever be cherished by his loving wife of almost 48 years, Toni Paul Smith; children Leanne and Jarrod Brannen and Kerry and Clay Smith, both of Perry; his grandchildren, Coleman Minor Brannen, Toxland Byus Brannen, Hatcher Smith Brannen, Holden Grey Brannen, William Clayton Smith, Jr., Elinor Ray Smith, and Mary Blake Brannen; his sister and brother in law Bob and Susan Smith Kluge; brother and sister-in-law Marianne and Jimmy Paul; and nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his mother and father Anne and W. J. Smith III and his sister Patricia Smith



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O'Neal. Funeral Services will be held at 10:00 am on Monday, October 8th, 2018, at Perry Presbyterian Church with interment to follow at Evergreen Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations will be accepted in his memory at Perry Presbyterian Church Building Fund or Playschool. 1111 South 2nd Street, Perry, Georgia 31069. Condolences for the family may be left in the online guestbook at www.watsonhunt.com. **Watson-Hunt** Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.



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CL

Caroline Little posted:

May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.

October 16 at 8:00 PM

CH

Charles Andrew, Jr posted:

Toni and Family, Jack was great person and such a gentleman and blessed with a wonderful personality. Due to distance in geography, haven't seen either you in 40 years or more, but I know what a bond to the two of you had and as with all of your many friends. Each of you are fondly remembered. Charles

October 11 at 8:00 PM

TC

Tim Crowe posted:

I will be praying for comfort during this time of sorrow. Jack's faith has now become sight!

October 8 at 8:00 PM

JL

Jana Herbert Lawrence posted:

Mrs. Toni, Clay, and Leanne: I am so sorry to hear about Mr. Jack. So many great memories with all of you and his bigger-than-life personality. My love and prayers are with all of you.

October 8 at 8:00 PM

MB

Max Baker posted:

Toni and family, The Sara Baker family (Charles, Max and Barbara) extends our condolences to you. My mother, Sara, was a longtime friend of Anne and talked about Jack a lot over the years. She valued your family's friendship for those many decades in Perry. We are very sorry to hear of Jack's passing. Max Baker

October 8 at 8:00 PM

AS

Andy And Ashley Smith posted:

Mrs. Toni, Leanne, and Clay, I'm sorry for your loss of Mr. Jack. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

October 7 at 8:00 PM



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TC

The New Perry Cleaners posted:

Mrs. Toni, so sorry to hear of your loss. We send our deepest condolences to you and your family.

October 7 at 8:00 PM

LR

Leslie Renn posted:

Dear Toni, Leanne and Clay, My sincerest heartfelt condolences and prayers are with you all and your family at the passing of such a beloved husband and father, Jack. It was a great blessing to have been your neighbor for many years and all your kindnesses will be with me always with deep warmth.

October 7 at 8:00 PM

WB

Wendy Bryan posted:

Prayers for peace for this special family.

October 7 at 8:00 PM

AC

Audrey Evans Campbell posted:

Sending my sincerest condolences to you all in the loss of Mr. Jack. Im so sorry to hear of his passing, may you find comfort and peace during this time of loss.

October 7 at 8:00 PM

GM

Glenda Mcleod posted:

Toni I am so sorry to hear this. Jack was special. I know there are many memories. I have you on my heart and in my prayers.

October 6 at 8:00 PM

KK

Ken And Kim Keuper posted:

Toni and family We are very sorry for your loss. Jack is now resting in peace with his Savior. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

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Anonymous posted:

Through Cole and Anna, Donnie and I were truly blessed to meet Digger! It was very apparent why yall loved him so! Toni, we will keep praying over this entire family! Love, Donnie, Ellen, and Anna

October 6 at 8:00 PM



Jan Young posted:

Toni & Family, I can't tell you how very, very sorry I am. My thoughts & prayers are with you.

October 6 at 8:00 PM



Glen And James Hair posted:

Clay me and Daddy sorry for your lost. If there anything we cando let us know.

October 6 at 8:00 PM



Leelee And Bobby Lewis posted:

Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

October 6 at 8:00 PM



Laurie And Robert Jones posted:

Toni, may God bring comfort and strength to you and your family. So sorry about Jack's passing.

October 6 at 8:00 PM



Martha And Rick Davis posted:

Toni, Leanne and Clay, We are so very sorry to hear of the loss of Jack. Our sincere love, thoughts and prayers are with each of you and your families.

October 6 at 8:00 PM



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KG

Kimberly Grieco posted:

We are so very sorry for your loss. Praying for God's peace and healing during this difficult time in your life. Bob & Kim Grieco

October 6 at 8:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We're are so very sorry and you all are in our hearts, thoughts & prayers. Love, Larry & Juliana Horsting

October 6 at 8:00 PM

TH

The Staff Of Watson-Hunt Funeral Home posted:

Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.

October 6 at 8:00 PM

BD

Beverly Dennis posted:

Toni, Clay, Leanne, and the grandchildren, I am so sorry for such a great loss in each of your lives. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. I pray God will give you all the strength and grace you will need at this time. Love, Beverly Dennis

October 6 at 8:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our deepest sympathy thoughts and prayers for the family Philip and Kim Willard

October 6 at 8:00 PM

HH

Hamilton Halford posted:

A dear friend to many, certainly a dear friend of ours, that will truly be missed but not forgotten. Hamilton & Allison Halford

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JB

Jeff And Kim Barron posted:

We are so sorry to hear about Mr. Jack. We will be praying for God to comfort and strengthen your family. Love, Jeff and Kim Barron

October 6 at 8:00 PM

MH

Mary Jane Hunt Holloway posted:

Toni, it's with much love that I send my heartfelt sympathy to you and your family. I have lots of good memories of Jack that go way back to 5th grade when he and his family moved to Perry, high school, and double-dating with y'all. I love you, Mary Jane

October 6 at 8:00 PM

RS

Robert And Patsy Spainhour posted:

Toni, Clay, and Leanne, was so sorry to hear about Jack's passing today. Our prayer is for the family, that God will bring you a peace thru his love that only He can give.

October 6 at 8:00 PM

VC

Vaughn And Joy Cranshaw posted:

Toni Im so sad to hear of Jacks passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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JC

Jackie And Terry Cooper posted:

Toni, we are so deeply sorry to hear of Jack's passing. Know you and all of your family are in our hearts and prayers.

October 5 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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