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**P**ERRY –

Barney Alvin Smith, Sr., 95, died on Sunday, May 26, 2024, at his home in Perry following a brief illness. As per Mr. Smith's wishes, no funeral or memorial service will be held. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions to Amedisys Hospice Care, 2952 Vineville Avenue, Macon, GA 31204.

Mr. Smith was born and raised in Roberta, Georgia, and was the son of the late Emmett and Nora Smith. He moved to Macon as a young man, where he competed as a race car driver for two years in GASCAR, a predecessor of NASCAR. He and his wife, Hilda Joy, raised their three sons in Macon, where he lived for many years before settling in Perry for the second half of his life.

Mr. Smith owned several businesses over the years, most notably Barney A. Smith Motors in Macon and, later, in Perry. He was an avid golfer and hunter, with an impressive collection of trophies in his home. Mr. Smith was well-liked by all for his playful smile, quick wit, and generous nature. Beloved by his family, he was a great storyteller and a loving father and grandfather.

Mr. Smith was preceded in death by his four brothers, Welborn Smith, Dozier Smith, E. Raymond Smith, and Bobby Lee Smith; one sister, Shelby June; his first wife, Hilda Joy Smith; and his second wife, Virginia Smith.

He is survived by his three sons, Barney Smith, Jr. (Jan), Scott Smith (Debi), and Tony Smith (Sonja); six grandchildren, Mandy, Trey, Heather, Stuart, Leslie, and Lauren; five great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great nephews.

Condolences for the family may be left in the online guestbook at [www.watsonhunt.com](http://www.watsonhunt.com). Watson-Hunt Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.



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LT

**Leann Spillers Tuggle** posted:

Thinking of all of you. Wilbur, Paul and James Spillers (my daddy and uncles) shared fond memories of their cousin and his racing career. Barney accomplished a lot during his era, and his friendly smile and great storytelling ability will be missed. - Le Ann S and Rob Tuggle

August 16 at 11:02 AM

DG

**Diane Greene** posted:

Scott, I can't believe I am just now seeing this. I am so sorry for your family's loss. You know I thought the world of Barney. When I talked to him on the phone the last time he couldn't remember me but I have so many sweet memories of him. Be well. Diane Bass Greene

July 8 at 5:04 PM

BC

**Bill Coby** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of BARNEY.



June 2 at 1:54 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Classic Sympathy Dish Garden to the SMITH family.



June 2 at 1:54 PM

TH

**Tommy Hardin** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

June 2 at 8:28 AM

KT

**Kathy Fountain Talton** posted:

I loved Mr. Smith he was always so kind to me!! I could sit and visit with him for hours!! So sorry for your loss.

June 1 at 1:37 PM



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**Tammy Udelhoven** posted:

We shared many heart warming visits with Barney when he travelled to Montana for his hunting trips. We always enjoyed his company and many laughs as he shared his entertaining stories and the stories of a life well lived! We will miss him dearly and always have fond memories of our visits to Georgia. We send our love and condolences to his family and friends. Sincerely, The Dave and Tammy Udelhoven Family 💜

June 1 at 9:12 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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