



# James Doyle Smith

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**O**bituary of James Doyle Smith Please share a memory of James to include in a keepsake book for family and friends. View Tribute Book James Doyle Smith, 75 years old of Pasadena, Texas went to be with the Lord on October 8, 2017 in Missouri City, TX. James was born in Sheridan, Arkansas on January 27, 1942 to the late Theodore and Ruby Smith. He was a member of Philadelphia Missionary Baptist Church. He graduated from Prattsville High School in 1960. James spent his younger life in Arkansas raising his family with the love of his life, Betty Camp, which he married on July 7, 1961. He then moved to Houston, TX in 1975, making a new life for himself. His trade in life was a master welder. He worked with his son, Mike, at Ray Service and Repair until he retired in 2009. His grandson-in-law, Doug, and grandson, Daniel, were blessed to have worked and learned under his guidance in the custom stainless-steel kitchen fabrication business. Motorcycles were one of his loves in life. He was a member of AMA and the MTA Texas Chapter 1 motorcycle group. He volunteered many hours to MS-150 and other organizations. He rode across most of the United States on his Venture with his motorcycle family. He shared his love of bikes with both of his sons. We will cherish many memories of riding bikes with Daddy all across Texas. His last bike was a yellow Harley, which he never quit talking about, even when he could no longer ride. He also enjoyed bowling when he was younger and was on several bowling leagues over the years. James loved watching NASCAR and football with his family. He loved supporting Kyle Busch during the races and watching his sons cringe when he would win. He loved to talk and never met a stranger. He passed that gift down to all of his children. James is preceded in death by his parents, Theodore and Ruby (Kelley) Smith and infant son, Darrell Smith. He is survived by his siblings, Billy and Peggy Smith of Sheridan, Jimmy (Ruby) Smith of Little Rock. He leaves behind 3 children: Michael (Tina) Smith of Stafford, TX; Dana (Neil) Smith of Watertown, South



## Obituary

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Dakota; and Kelley (Kathrine) Smith of Bauxite, AR. He was blessed with 5 grandchildren: Priscilla Cole (Doug) of Stafford, TX; Ethan Smith of Tualatin, Oregon; Michaela Smith of Aberdeen, South Dakota; Daniel Smith (Lilly) of Pasadena, TX; Ashley Young (Jeff) of Benton, Arkansas. Great grandchildren include: Austin and Olivia Cole, Theodore and Oliver Smith, Hunter and Wyatt Young. Daddy had a huge family but his love didn't stop there. He loved his friends and extended family very much. Funeral Services are Thursday, October 12th at Clayton Funeral Home in 5530 W. Broadway, Pearland, TX 77581. Viewing will be at 5:00 pm and funeral services at 6:00 pm. Graveside services will be at 11:00 am on Saturday, October 14th at Philadelphia Cemetery in Prattsville, Arkansas, officiated by Robert Ewing. Friends and family are invited and will be received at 466 Wisteria Dr., Bauxite, AR before and after graveside services. The family wishes to extend their gratitude to Amed Hospice Care and Park Manor of Quail Valley Nursing Home, Missouri City, TX for their support in his final days.



## Tribute Wall

**James Doyle Smith**

CJ

**Carol Johnson** posted:

I am so sorry to hear about the loss of James. He and I dated about 31 years ago. He was the kindest, sweetest man that I have ever known. I am grateful for the time that we had together and will always cherish my memories of him. It warms my heart to hear about all of the time that he spent with the grandchildren. My thoughts and prayers are with the family and his friends.

January 21 at 7:00 PM

LS

**Linda & Douglas Fagan Smith** posted:

I always looked forward to visiting with Doyle while he still lived at home there at Jenkins Ferry. Doyle, Peggy, Jimmy, and Billy, and I would spend time together while the grownups talked. Mostly poking around the woods near the house. His laugh was contagious, and he made everyone happy when he was around. I miss him. After he left for Texas, I only saw him at family reunions, one of which he attended on his Harley. I always felt I could ask anything of him and he would have done it the best it could be done. A huge number of people will miss him, but he left us with all of the good deeds and memories, and a great family to pass on his happiness.....Douglas F. Smith

October 10 at 7:00 PM

LH

**Lori Hadsell** posted:

LOVE YOU ALL. MAY GOD'S LIGHT SHINE ON YOU ALL.

October 10 at 7:00 PM

LH

**Lori Hadsell** posted:

James was my buddy. We would go out to eat, bowl and motorcycle together. He taught me a lot of things, most importantly that you never meet a stranger. I have and will miss those times together. He was and always will be my friend. I love you James and always will.

October 10 at 7:00 PM

MV

**Mike Valano** posted:

Prayers and thoughts go to the family. James was a good friend and teacher he will be missed.

October 9 at 7:00 PM



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**Marva Lee (Brewer) Winans** posted:

Dear Family, my thoughts and prayers are with you. I thought a lot of Doyle. (as we know him)

October 9 at 7:00 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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