



## Benny Lee Smith Sr.

October 9, 1949 - June 2, 2024

Benny Lee Smith Sr., aka “The Colonel,” “Benny Bear,” “Babe,” “Bodacious Benny,” of Dittmer, Missouri, was born October 9, 1949 in St. Louis, Missouri to James Walter and Lucinda (nee Jones) Smith and entered into rest Sunday, June 2, 2024 at the age of 74 years.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Lucinda (nee Jones) Smith and his siblings, Tex, Donnie, Darlene, Brenda, Beverly, and Randy.

He is survived by his loving wife, Bonita (nee Wiseman) Smith; children, Christina (Jimmy), Alvita, Benny Jr., Caroline (Jason), Angela (Sudhi), Robert (Laura), Joah (Shelene), and Jonathan “Jonny” (Lisa); grandchildren, Norah, Jay, Jasper, Zella, Christopher, Meriah, Ashley, Jessica, Samantha, Jordyn, Elizabeth, Noel, and Sam; 6 great-grandchildren; brother, Johnny; along with numerous other extended family and friends.

Benny was a loving husband who spent 32 wonderful years with his beloved wife, Bonita, making her dreams come true with his unwavering dedication and love. Known for his hard work, Benny retired after 36 years at Chrysler and continued his industrious spirit by starting a lawn mowing business for fun, serving both commercial businesses and individuals. For 16 years, he drove a bus on two routes for Brennan Woods Elementary School and Woodridge Middle School, where he was cherished by the children for his kind

and caring nature. Benny's vibrant personality shone through in his love for flea markets and his unique flair as an auctioneer. His and Bonita's relationship was electric and sparkling, and he will always be remembered as a truly remarkable and cherished individual.

Visitation will be held on Friday, June 7, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Chapel Hill Mortuary, 6300 Highway 30, Cedar Hill, MO 63016. Funeral Ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 8, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at Chapel Hill Mortuary in Cedar Hill, MO. Interment will immediately follow St. Martin's United Church Cemetery in Dittmer, Missouri.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Bonita Smith in honor of Benny to help the family cover funeral expenses during this difficult time. Please know that your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated.

Family and friends can review and share stories, photos and condolences online at [www.stlfuneral.com](http://www.stlfuneral.com) and follow details of this event and others in the community at [www.facebook.com/stlchapelhill](http://www.facebook.com/stlchapelhill).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Martin's United Church of Christ Cemetery

7890 Dittmer Ridge Rd  
Dittmer, MO 63023

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 7. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Chapel Hill Mortuary - Cedar Hill  
6300 Highway 30  
Cedar Hill, MO 63016  
(636) 274-4100  
info@stlfuneral.com  
<https://www.stlfuneral.com>

## Funeral Service

JUN 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

Chapel Hill Mortuary - Cedar Hill  
6300 Highway 30  
Cedar Hill, MO 63016  
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## Graveside Service

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JUN 8 (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

VS

“ I worked with Benny 10 years in house springs. He was a great guy. Always happy. He sure love to go to fleamarkets. He was a good friend. He will be missed by many.

victoria spores - June 06, 2024 at 09:50 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Benny Lee Smith Sr..



June 06, 2024 at 09:30 AM

HC

“ Husky Corporation planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Benny Lee Smith Sr..

Husky Corporation - June 06, 2024 at 09:30 AM

TW

“ He was a nice man I worked with him for 10 yrs in housespings driving a bus he was funny he will be missed prayers for the family



Tracey Whitten - June 06, 2024 at 09:26 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Benny Lee Smith Sr..*



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June 06, 2024 at 08:48 AM