



## Cecil Gearil Smith

March 12, 1941 - December 14, 2013

Cecil Gearil Smith, 72, of Ardmore, Alabama passed away on Saturday, December 14, 2013, at Huntsville Hospital in Huntsville, Alabama. Born Wednesday, March 12, 1941 in Ardmore, Alabama he was the son of the late Cecil Milton Smith and the late Elsie Bailey Smith. He was a life long resident of the Ardmore Community and was a member of Ardmore First Baptist Church. He was a long time community servant and worked with the Ardmore Fire Department for over fifty years and served as chief a majority of that time. He enjoyed cattle farming. Surviving are wife: Nellie Faye Hogan Smith, Ardmore, AL; son; Tim (Cathy) Smith of Ardmore, AL, daughter; Kim (Butch) Sutton of Ardmore, TN, sister; Shirley Phillips of Ardmore, AL. grandchildren; Kristen (Neal) Gatlin and Kyle Smith; three great grandchildren; Peyton, Preston, Ann Marie Gatlin. Funeral services will be Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 2:00 P.M. at Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home with Bro. Alan Hughes, Bro. Chris Bolt, and Mike Davis officiating. Burial will be in Gatlin Cemetery, Ardmore, AL. The family will receive friends from 4:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. on Monday, December 16, 2013, at Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home in Ardmore, Alabama.

# Tribute Wall

LE

“ *Nellie and family and Shirley and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. I know that he was well loved by family and friends, and everyone is going to miss him. May each of you find peace and comfort in the days ahead and soon remember all the good times you've had together.*

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**Loretta Merrell Ekis** - December 18, 2013 at 05:09 PM

BJ

“ *Kim and family:*

*So sorry about your father's passing. Hold on to those precious memories you have of him and that will help you through the hard times. Susie, Christopher, Suzannah and Tyler send there love and sympathy also.*

*Brian Jackson*

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**Brian Jackson** - December 17, 2013 at 07:57 PM

JB

“ *Nellie, I'm so sorry for your loss. I know that you will have many friends and family to comfort you during this time. Just lean on The Lord and he will provide you with his love and strength. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers...( one of your former travelers)*

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**Jackie Bridges** - December 16, 2013 at 06:41 PM

MT

“ So sorry for your lose Irma Rippy and Glinda Martin sends there condolence you are in our thoughts and prayers.Love Marie, Irma,Glinda,Kay.

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**Marie Hicklen Troup** - December 16, 2013 at 05:27 PM

JC

“ Nellie and Family,  
So sorry to hear about Gearil's passing. I thought so much of him and I know you will miss him terribly. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Jenny McCormick Campbell** - December 16, 2013 at 04:20 PM

IL

“ We are thinking about you, and you are in our prayers.

*Blessings,  
Ira Dillard and Nelda Laney*

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**Ira Dillard and Nelda Laney** - December 16, 2013 at 02:07 PM

JF

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*My First Christmas in Heaven*

*I see the countless  
Christmas trees  
around the world below  
With tiny lights, like Heaven's stars,  
reflecting on the snow  
The sight is so spectacular,  
please wipe away the tear*

*For I am spending Christmas with  
Jesus Christ this year.  
I hear the many Christmas songs  
that people hold so dear  
But the sounds of music can't compare  
with the Christmas choir up here.  
I have no words to tell you,  
the joy their voices bring,  
For it is beyond description,  
to hear the angels sing.  
I know how much you miss me,  
I see the pain inside your heart.  
But I am not so far away,  
We really aren't apart.  
So be happy for me, dear ones,  
You know I hold you dear.  
And be glad I'm spending Christmas  
with Jesus Christ this year.  
I sent you each a special gift,  
from my heavenly home above.  
I sent you each a memory  
of my undying love.  
After all, love is a gift more precious  
than pure gold.  
was always most important  
the stories Jesus told.  
Please love and keep each other,  
my Father said to do.  
I can't count the blessing or love  
has for each of you.  
So have a Merry Christmas and  
Wipe away that tear  
Remember, I am spending Christmas with  
Jesus Christ this year*

JT

“ I am sorry to hear about Gerail. Earths' loss is Heavens' gain. He is healed now. God bless you all.

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*When tomorrow starts without me, And I'm not there to see, If the sun should rise and find your eyes All filled with tears for me; I wish so much you wouldn't cry The way you did today, While thinking of the many things, We didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, As much as I love you, And each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too; But when tomorrow starts without me, Please try to understand, That an angel came and called my name, And took me by the hand, And said my place was ready, In heaven far above, And that I'd have to leave behind All those I dearly love. But as I turned to walk away, A tear fell from my eye For all my life, I'd always thought, I didn't want to die. I had so much to live for, So much left yet to do, It almost seemed impossible That I was leaving you. I thought of all the yesterdays, The good ones and the bad, I thought of all the love we shared, And all the fun we had. If I could relive yesterday, Just even for a while, I'd say good-bye and kiss you And maybe see you smile. But then I fully realized, That this could never be, For emptiness and memories, Would take the place of me. And when I thought of worldly things, I might miss come tomorrow, I thought of you, and when I did, My heart was filled with sorrow. But when I walked through Heavens Gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled at me, From His great golden throne, He said, "This is eternity, And all I've promised you. Today your life on earth is past, But here life starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, But today will always last, And since each day's the same way There's no longing for the past. You have been so faithful, So trusting and so true. Though there were times you did some things You knew you shouldn't do. But you have been forgiven And now at last you're free. So won't you come and take my hand And share my life with me?" So when tomorrow starts without me, Don't think we're far apart, For every time you think of me, I'm right here, in your heart.*

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**Janice Tomerlin-Finley** - December 16, 2013 at 01:44 PM

JW

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. Gearil will always be highly thought of by our family. Love you all. The Blackwelders*

**Janice B White** - December 15, 2013 at 08:32 PM

JT

“ *May God bless this family especially, Nellie*

**joe & kathy thomas** - December 15, 2013 at 06:13 PM

CS

“ *Dear Nellie , Kim and Family  
John and Martha just heard of Gearil's passing.  
We do have you in our prayers.*

**cecil Gerail Smith** - December 15, 2013 at 08:32 AM

KM

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Gearil was such a good man and will be missed by all who new him. We will be praying for the whole family, God bless you all.*

**Kenneth, Suzanne Maddox** - December 14, 2013 at 10:45 PM

JJ

“ *Nellie: So sorry for your loss. He was such a wonderful man. Everyone will miss him. You are in our prayers. Jeanette & Larry Jones*

**Jeanette Dunnivant Jones** - December 14, 2013 at 07:00 PM

JM

“ So sad for your loss !! Gerald was a sweetheart & I think the world of him !! I love yall !!

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**Jana Mealer** - December 14, 2013 at 04:08 PM

JH

“ Thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love you.

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**Janet Hill** - December 14, 2013 at 04:02 PM

LB

“ Tim , I just ran across your dad's obituary. I'm so sorry. Praying for you & your family.

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**Lynnette Justice Bolton** - January 11, 2013 at 02:41 PM