



Carthel L. Smith Jr.

November 14, 1951 - April 30, 2022

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day – and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing. – 2 Timothy 4:7-8 And Carthel ran his race with faith, grace and humility up until his death Saturday, the 30th of April 2022 in Jackson, Tennessee.

Carthel Leon Smith Jr, the middle child to the late Carthel Leon and Thelma Thompson Smith, was born on Wednesday, November 14, 1951 and for seventy years touched the lives of countless individuals whether through his personal life or in the forty plus years while practicing civil and trial law throughout West Tennessee. He attended the Lexington schools, graduating from Lexington High School where he lettered in both basketball and football then continuing to the University of Tennessee at Martin for his undergrad courses and ultimately receiving his law degree from the University of Memphis. As one of Lexington's prominent attorneys he practiced in both state and federal courts. For nearly thirty years he represented Tennessee Farmers Mutual Insurance Company as defense counsel, taught Business Law at Jackson State as an adjunct professor and was recognized multiple years as Lexington's best attorney.

To live a full life, to run the race, encompasses many aspects and Carthel

enjoyed them all. Faith was one of these, a Christian man and member of the First United Methodist Church of Lexington, he was a long time teacher of the Harry Orio Sunday School Class and until his last breath, gave all the glory to his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As an avid outdoorsman, Carthel loved to hunt and fish and spent countless hours with his boys and friends in Tennessee, Texas, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Canada, New Zealand and Argentina. Perhaps one of his greatest passions was working with his Tennessee Walking Horses. Most weekends if Carthel wasn't competing with his horses, he was the master of ceremonies of Walking Horse shows all through West Tennessee and even in Mississippi.

Together Libby Marcom Smith and Carthel were blessed with two boys, Justin and Nathan. Justin and his wife, Kendra have two sons, Rhett and Wynn and Nathan and his wife Emily Thomson have two boys, Harvey and Oliver. Preceding Carthel in death were his two sisters, Teresa Smith and Sandra Hancock and their children: Ametra McCollum, Mandy and Casey Hancock survive them.

Funeral services are scheduled for 11:00 am Wednesday, May 4th at the First United Methodist Church of Lexington. Pall Bearers will include: Steve Milam, Stephen Milam, Ronnie Stanfill, Allen Lipford, Bill Woods, Casey and Jerome Hancock, Jerry Morgan, David Veteto, Joey Wall, Paul Aaron, Howard Hamilton and in memorium, P.H. "Buddy" Payne and Richard Odle. Visitation with the Smith family will be Tuesday, 3:00 – 7:00 PM at Pafford Funeral Home of Lexington. Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 3. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Pafford Funeral Home
71 Monroe Avenue
Lexington, TN 38351
(731) 968-2544
info@paffordfuneralhome.com
<https://www.paffordfuneralhome.com/>

Church Service

MAY 4. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
Church Street
Lexington, TN

Tribute Wall



“ *Pafford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Carthel L. Smith Jr.*



Pafford Funeral Home - May 02, 2022 at 01:51 PM

MB

Carthel was a good man. I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers for all! 🙏

Melba Blankenship - May 02, 2022 at 02:22 PM

JS

Prayers for all 🙏

Janette singleton - May 02, 2022 at 06:08 PM

KB

Very smart man. I went to High School with Carthel. He will be so missed in that area. God Blesd the family.

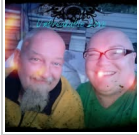
Kathy Arthur Brooks - June 21, 2022 at 03:31 AM

WR

“ *W. J. Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Carthel L. Smith Jr.*



W. J. Reynolds - August 18, 2022 at 05:39 PM



“ Had so much fun with ur horses and trailer riding hearing all your stories of life driving to Shelbyville. You had the best stories and the most contagious laugh. I miss you buddy

Rea Beams - June 14, 2022 at 10:10 PM

PC

“ Patsy Coffman lit a candle in memory of Carthel L. Smith Jr.



Patsy Coffman - May 04, 2022 at 05:25 PM

CK

“ Charlotte Kizer lit a candle in memory of Carthel L. Smith Jr.



Charlotte Kizer - May 03, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Carthel L. Smith Jr..



May 03, 2022 at 04:04 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Carthel L. Smith Jr..*



May 03, 2022 at 10:21 AM



“ *We shared some good times with Carthel and family in the Ball playing years with our children. We send our prayers and condolences. Terry and Marian Page.*



Terry & Marian Page - May 03, 2022 at 06:57 AM



“ *Teresa Kizer And Family lit a candle in memory of Carthel L. Smith Jr.*



Teresa kizer and Family - May 03, 2022 at 12:48 AM



Carthel was a very good friend of the family and he will truly be missed.. Our Prayers to the Family in the name of Jesus 🙏🙏🙏

Teresa kizer and Family - May 03, 2022 at 12:52 AM



Carthel was my next door neighbor growing up. We had good times together. Last time I saw him was when he was starting to law school over 50 years ago.

Michael Patterson - May 03, 2022 at 11:27 AM

DB

“ *Danny & Shelia Beecham lit a candle in memory of Carthel L. Smith Jr.*



Danny & Shelia Beecham - May 02, 2022 at 10:14 PM

JS

“ *Jerry Stegall lit a candle in memory of Carthel L. Smith Jr.*



Jerry Stegall - May 02, 2022 at 09:46 PM

BR

“ *Lord Bless You And Keep You. Amen.*

Benjamin Rhodes - May 02, 2022 at 09:12 PM

KB

I went to school with Carthrel. He was a very kind person even then. God Bless his family. 🙏

Kathy Arthur Brooks - May 03, 2022 at 05:07 AM

DS

Prayers of strength and comfort to The Smith Family

Donna kenny seaman - May 03, 2022 at 08:24 PM

SG

“ *Sherry Grisham lit a candle in memory of Carthel L. Smith Jr.*



Sherry Grisham - May 02, 2022 at 08:18 PM

SV

“ *Steve & Elizabeth Vineyard lit a candle in memory of Carthel L. Smith Jr.*



Steve & Elizabeth Vineyard - May 02, 2022 at 07:38 PM

IF

“ *Imogene Frye lit a candle in memory of Carthel L. Smith Jr.*



Imogene frye - May 02, 2022 at 07:30 PM

IF

Sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family

Imogene frye - May 02, 2022 at 07:33 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Carthel L. Smith Jr..*



May 02, 2022 at 06:25 PM



“ *Lost a great friend, Carthel was one of a kind, we had great times together with Paul Aaron, Bob Grissom and others night fishing on Piney Lake and coon hunting. He will be missed greatly by those who knew him. Prayers for family.*



Danny A.G. Hayes - May 02, 2022 at 06:16 PM



“ *Eddie Akins lit a candle in memory of Carthel L. Smith Jr.*



Eddie Akins - May 02, 2022 at 05:37 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carthel L. Smith Jr..*



May 02, 2022 at 04:33 PM

CW

“ Carol Wallace lit a candle in memory of Carthel L. Smith Jr.



Carol Wallace - May 02, 2022 at 04:26 PM

LE

“ Linda Elam lit a candle in memory of Carthel L. Smith Jr.



Linda Elam - May 02, 2022 at 03:37 PM

DE

“ Donnie And Karol Eklund lit a candle in memory of Carthel L. Smith Jr.



Donnie and Karol Eklund - May 02, 2022 at 03:27 PM

DE

R.I.P. my friend.

Donnie and Karol Eklund - May 02, 2022 at 03:28 PM

KR

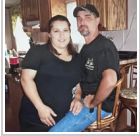
Prayers of comfort for Carthel's family.

Karol Eklund Radovich - May 03, 2022 at 11:01 AM

DD

“ Enjoyed working with Carthel over the years. He will be missed.
Hate to hear this.

David Dowdy - May 02, 2022 at 03:11 PM



“ Mary Sego lit a candle in memory of Carthel
L. Smith Jr.



Mary Sego - May 02, 2022 at 02:26 PM

TH

“ Tracy Hollis lit a candle in memory of Carthel
L. Smith Jr.



Tracy Hollis - May 02, 2022 at 01:32 PM



“ 89 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pafford Funeral Home - May 02, 2022 at 01:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Carthel L. Smith Jr..



May 02, 2022 at 12:53 PM



“ *Pretty Please* was purchased for the family of Carthel L. Smith Jr..



May 02, 2022 at 09:34 AM



“ *WTH-Human Resources* purchased the *Divine Peace Bouquet* for the family of Carthel L. Smith Jr..



WTH-Human Resources - May 02, 2022 at 09:26 AM



“ *So sorry. Condolences from Bobby Ayers and family.*



Teresa Ayers - May 01, 2022 at 10:17 PM

KH

“ *Kim Hall lit a candle in memory of Carthel L. Smith Jr.*



Kim Hall - May 01, 2022 at 09:29 PM

BM

“ *I hold a lot of fond memories of Carthel. When he graduated from law school, I offered him a job to come work with me, but Joe Davis had already beat me too it. While I was an Assistant District Attorney we had several cases together and worked out pleas to most as I recall. I considered his a great friend and kick myself for not visiting him at Oakhaven when he was there, but did have a good visit here about 2 weeks ago. We talked about our family, mainly the children and what they were doing now, and we were both equally proud of what they had accomplished. He will be greatly missed.*

Bill R Martin - May 01, 2022 at 09:02 PM