



Mr. James William Smith, Jr. AKA "Peedy" "Cowboy"

July 9, 1979 - July 25, 2025

James William Smith, Jr. was born in Forrest City, AR on July 9, 1979, to the parentage of Barbara Ann Willis - Smith and James William Smith, Sr. Family members affectionately nicknamed him 'Peedy', when he was a baby.

James professed a hope in Christ at an early age. He was a member of the Telico Missionary Baptist Church for many years.

James was educated in the Forrest City School District. He graduated from Forrest City High School in 1998. James obtained his commercial driver's license and worked on both long and short haul transport for over 25 years. He was proud to be a truck driver. He made it his business to know and understand all regulations of the trucking business; He was a stickler for safety. During his career as a truck driver, James worked for Werner, Celadon, and Ward trucking companies.

James had a quiet demeanor. However, when presented with opportunities, he was eager to engage in conversations about politics, current events, life, religion, the trucking industry and country music.

James had a great love for country music. Some of his favorite artists include Charley Pride, George Strait, George Jones, and Garth Brooks. James often carried his guitar with him and was quick to sing his favorite songs and impart his knowledge of the artist, whenever and wherever he found a captive audience.

James was an independent thinker. This was evidenced by his unique style of dress. His boots were on the ground long before western wear and cowboy boots were made popular in black culture, by a song. James' signature look included cowboy boots, cowboy hats, starched slim fit denim jeans, plaid button-down collared shirts, mirrored sunglasses, cowboy belts/buckles, bolo tie or shoestring neckties and a cigarette package in his shirt pocket. His never-failing western attire and love for county music garnered the nickname 'Cowboy'.

James is preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Johnnie Mae and Leroy Willis,

Sr.; his paternal grandparents, Lou Daisy Funches and George Smith; and his brother, Keith Lavelle Willis.

Left to cherish in his memory are his parents, Barbara Ann Smith of Forrest City, AR and James William Smith, Sr. also of Forrest City, AR; One sister, Patricia Elliott (Andre) of North Little Rock, AR and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

We are thankful to God for granting James 46 years on earth and we will treasure every memory of him.

Cemetery Details

Forrest City Cemetery

1399 Fletcher Road
Forrest City, AR 72335

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Miles J. Kimble Mortuary & Cremation
1900 South Washington Street
Forrest City, AR 72335
(870) 633-1914
mjkimble@yahoo.com
<http://www.mjkmortuaryandcremation.com>

Service

AUG 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

New Rising Sun Missionary Baptist Church
1938 W Broadway Ave.
Forrest City , AR 72335

The family will line up at 624 West Day Street, Forrest City, AR 72335 on the day of the service. Everyone is expected to be ready to leave by 10:30 AM.

Repast

AUG 9. 1:30 PM (CT)

Larry S. Bryant Multi-Purpose & Wellness Center
2510 South Washington Street
Forrest City , AR 72335

Tribute Wall

CP

“ *My prayers and condolences to the family*



Cheryl Parchman - August 19, 2025 at 08:00 PM

TV

“ *Tamara Varnado lit a candle in memory of Mr. James William Smith, Jr. AKA "Peedy" "Cowboy"*



Tamara Varnado - August 09, 2025 at 04:41 PM

GD

“ *James was a great friend of mine I've known him ever since we was in school together it was never a bad person I always had a great demeanor about him and you will be missed James just know that cowboy and thoughts and prayers are with the family*

Gerrad Delancey - August 09, 2025 at 03:26 PM

ST

“ *,Willis Smith family and friends. With heartfelt sympathy. James were such a gentleman, when he come to visit our daughters, we would go on our business and he would entertain the girls. We could trust him with them. He was a special young man and we all loved him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Praying that God will wrap his arms around you and give you what you need to get through this journey. James will always be remembered.*



Shirley Williams Thorn - August 09, 2025 at 10:17 AM

LH

“ Linda Holliman lit a candle in memory of Mr. James William Smith, Jr. AKA "Peedy" "Cowboy"



Linda Holliman - August 09, 2025 at 09:00 AM

BM

“ Brenda Marlowe lit a candle in memory of Mr. James William Smith, Jr. AKA "Peedy" "Cowboy"



Brenda Marlowe - August 08, 2025 at 07:41 PM

LJ

“ Lee Williams Jr sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James William Smith, Jr. AKA "Peedy" "Cowboy"



Lee Williams Jr - August 08, 2025 at 05:16 AM

MG

“ Mahasan Guyton lit a candle in memory of Mr. James William Smith, Jr. AKA "Peedy" "Cowboy"



Mahasan Guyton - August 07, 2025 at 09:51 PM

FB

“ Felecia Bell lit a candle in memory of Mr. James William Smith, Jr. AKA "Peedy" "Cowboy"



Felecia Bell - August 07, 2025 at 11:45 AM

IM

“ Irene Moore sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James William Smith, Jr. AKA "Peedy" "Cowboy"



Irene moore - August 07, 2025 at 04:38 AM

TB

“ Rest in peace cousin



Tracey Bell - August 06, 2025 at 03:06 PM

JS

“ Jeanette Spearmon lit a candle in memory of Mr. James William Smith, Jr. AKA "Peedy" "Cowboy"



Jeanette Spearmon - August 06, 2025 at 01:31 AM

MA

“ Growing up he use to hangout with my cousin an brothers he always had a smile and tipped his hat to everyone he wasn't just a friend he was a brother he was a great man an would give the shirt off his back to help anyone wasn't scared to get his hands dirty either if there was a horse shoe game goin u best bet he was getting in on it I miss that laugh an talks we had catching up on the past an present he loved driving his big truck an his puppy dog that went everywhere with him we miss u down here brother but we know u are smiling down on us from above RIL MY FRIEND MY BROTHER UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN save me a horseshoe game ❤️

my name is beth I basically grew up arou - August 05, 2025 at 09:31 AM

AB

“ Annette Bradley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James William Smith, Jr. AKA "Peedy" "Cowboy"



Annette Bradley - August 04, 2025 at 07:49 PM

MG

“ Marva Garrett lit a candle in memory of Mr. James William Smith, Jr. AKA "Peedy" "Cowboy"



Marva Garrett - August 04, 2025 at 12:05 PM

VA

To the family of such a nice and Humble man. I must say to have known you was a great pleasure Cowboy. You was my Brother Vincent best friend. So when you all reunite I Pray all is well. Your presence will truly be missed.

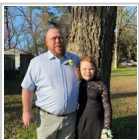
Vanessa Alexander - August 04, 2025 at 07:07 PM

LW

“ Lee Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. James William Smith, Jr. AKA "Peedy" "Cowboy"



Lee Williams - August 04, 2025 at 11:20 AM



“ Grew up with Cowboy throughout school, he always dreamed of driving a truck. He stayed true to that dream and enjoyed it. Cowboy always had a smile on his face and always had a positive attitude. Rest well Cowboy.

Kirk Chapman - August 04, 2025 at 10:47 AM

WS

“ First off God is everything now. Just wanna say sleep on bruh....

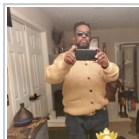
Willis Smith - August 02, 2025 at 11:12 PM

RW

“ *Prayer and Condolences to the Family of Mr. James Smith.*



Rene' Ward - August 02, 2025 at 08:17 PM



“ *Eddie Hodges lit a candle in memory of Mr. James William Smith, Jr. AKA "Peedy" "Cowboy"*



Eddie Hodges - August 02, 2025 at 05:33 PM

AT

“ *Alice Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. James William Smith, Jr. AKA "Peedy" "Cowboy"*



Alice Taylor - August 02, 2025 at 04:31 PM

JJ

“ *Joseph Jones Jr lit a candle in memory of Mr. James William Smith, Jr. AKA "Peedy" "Cowboy"*



Joseph Jones jr - August 02, 2025 at 03:08 PM

DA

“ *Diane G. Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James William Smith, Jr. AKA "Peedy" "Cowboy"*



Diane G. Anderson - August 02, 2025 at 02:22 PM



“ Annette Bradley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James William Smith, Jr. AKA "Peedy" "Cowboy"



Annette Bradley - August 02, 2025 at 12:49 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Lynda Hardaway - August 02, 2025 at 12:45 PM



My friend what good times we had at Riceland Riceland I will truly miss you and my deepest condolences to the family

Lynda Hardaway - August 02, 2025 at 12:47 PM



“ Reese Edwards lit a candle in memory of Mr. James William Smith, Jr. AKA "Peedy" "Cowboy"



Reese Edwards - August 02, 2025 at 11:58 AM



“ Dear friend James cowboy smith I never forget all the talk we had working on cars and semi trucks u was more then just a friend u was like family my Role model u d whole reason I got into big trucks (CDL) but rest up we got it from here be eazy mr truck driver

Derrick Perkin - August 02, 2025 at 08:26 AM

SO

“ James was an amazing friend. He always has something positive to say. He loved Jesus. He loves driving his big rig. He loves everything about life. It's sad that he was taken from us so soon. May you rest in love and peace, my friend. ❤️
❤️❤️ Until we meet again, keep them wheels in heaven rolling. Love you bro.

Samantha Oneal - August 02, 2025 at 07:35 AM

ML

“ Rest in Peace and love our dear friend who became like Family over the years. The world won't be the same without you in it. I'll be praying for your family and friends. You and Jeff catch up. You are loved and you will be missed by so many bro. Until we meet again we will all hold your memory in our hearts.



Mrs. Mary Lou Parham Lindsey - August 01, 2025 at 10:23 PM

DB

“ Dorothy Blanchett Bell lit a candle in memory of Mr. James William Smith, Jr. AKA "Peedy" "Cowboy"



Dorothy Blanchett Bell - August 01, 2025 at 10:23 PM

PW

“ Our Toppat Family sends our love and condolences to the Smith and Willis families. Peedy was a part of so many of our lives and will be truly missed. His smiles will forever be remembered.



Peggy Robinson Wright - August 01, 2025 at 07:49 PM

DA

“ Della Allen lit a candle in memory of Mr. James William Smith, Jr. AKA "Peedy" "Cowboy"



Della Allen - August 01, 2025 at 07:41 PM

CC

“ Our sincere condolences to the Smith and Willis fx. Peddy was quiet and respectful young man. Our hearts go out to all of you. May God bless and comfort you during this difficult time.

Charles & Mary j Coleman - August 01, 2025 at 07:38 PM

CC

“ My deepest condolences to the Willis, and Smith family .He was a great friend, neighbor, and a great young man. He will be truly missed. May God give the family strength during this homegoing.



Christopher Chatters, and family

Christopher Chatters - August 01, 2025 at 07:06 PM

DJ

“ Dorothy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James William Smith, Jr. AKA "Peedy" "Cowboy"

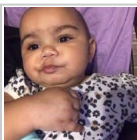


Dorothy Johnson - August 01, 2025 at 06:17 PM

LS

With sympathy for you and your family. Praying for your strength may God keep you in his care.

Linda smith - August 01, 2025 at 06:44 PM



“ TashuaFamilyfirst Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James William Smith, Jr. AKA "Peedy" "Cowboy"



TashuaFamilyfirst Smith - August 01, 2025 at 05:49 PM