



## Robert Smith

September 14, 1919 - January 1, 2008

Bluefield, WV- Robert Franklin "Pooh-Eye" Smith, 88, of 720 Rockbridge Street, Bluefield, WV, died Tuesday January 1, 2008 in a Princeton hospital.

???? Born September 14, 1919 in Bluefield, WV, he was a son of the late Frank Clyde Smith and Mary Patterson Smith.? He played baseball and football for Beaver High School and in 1936 was voted as West Virginia High School athlete of the year.? In 1937, he was selected by legendary sportswriter Grantland Rice as one of the 11 players from throughout the country to be named to the national high school football All-American team.

???? During World War II, he earned several medals as a Technician Fourth Grade in the Military Intelligence Division of the Army.

???? Mr. Smith retired from the Bluefield, WV Fire Department as a lieutenant.? He was a member of the Midway Church of Christ, as well as the Bluefield Elks Lodge and the Bluefield Moose Lodge.? .?

????? His wife, Mary Ruth Jones Smith; his infant son Christopher David; four brothers, Wade, Philip, Sam and George Smith; and one sister, Ruth Smith Reid preceded him in death.? .?

????? Survivors include two daughters, Sarah Ferguson and her husband Jim of Bluefield, WV and Patricia Wrenn of Birmingham, AL; four grandchildren, Brianne Ferguson; Bradley Ferguson and his wife Dawn, Christi Slay and her husband Steve, and Gabriel Wrenn and his wife Liana, and one great-grandchild, Spencer Slay.? He is also survived by two nephews, Danny and Brock Smith; a niece, Marilyn Tucker, and a sister-in-law and dear friend, Myra

Jones.?

???? Funeral services will be held on Saturday , January 5, 2008 at? 11:00 a.m. in the Mercer Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Tony Reed officiating.? Burial will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton.? The Mercer County Veteran's Council and the West Virginia Army Honor Guard will perform military graveside rites.?

???? The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Friday evening, January 4th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home?

????? The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Ronald McDonald House, 2224 Jefferson Street SE, Roanoke, VA 24014.

?????? Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com)? ??? Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Mr. Robert "Pooh-Eye" Smith.?

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Smith*

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October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Dear Patti:*

*Please accept my sympathy on the loss of your Dad. His life sounds very full; hoping memories sustain you during this time of grief.*

*Much time has passed since we last saw each other but I will always remember your kindness.*

*Thinking of you,  
Jamie*

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**Jamie Johnson Brightwell** - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM



“ *Sarah,*

*I am so sorry for your loss. I do understand what you are going through. I am always here for you if you want to talk.*

*You and your family are in my prayers.*

*With Deepest Sympathy  
Eleanor*

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**Eleanor Short** - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM