



## Wayne Tyrone Smith

July 7, 1952 - December 6, 2025

Wayne Tyrone (Butch) Smith, age 73, of Bluefield, West Virginia, was born on July 7, 1952, and passed away surrounded by the love of his family.

Butch was the beloved husband of Sylvia Alexander Smith and the devoted son of Imogene Ferguson. He was a cherished brother to his three siblings, brothers David L. (Sharon) Smith of South Carolina, Charles R. (Tonia) Ferguson of Ohio, Sheila D Smith (who preceded Butch in transition).

He was a loving father to two daughters, Malicia Burnett-Turner of Maryland and Cheri Alexander (Dwayne) of Texas, and one son, Russell Edwards of Maryland.

He was a proud grandfather to three grandchildren Kirsten Parham (David) of Texas, Gary Stafford and Aaron Burnett-Turner of Maryland, and a joyful great-grandfather to one great-grandchild, Nicholas (Baseball Nick) Parham of Texas. He was also a loving uncle to a host of very special nieces and nephews.

A graduate of Bluefield Senior High School and proud United States Marine Corps veteran, Butch carried the values of dedication, and service with him throughout his life.

After leaving the Marines, he followed his true passion—working with cars—and built a career as an independent auto mechanic. Known fondly by many as a “magician” when it came to fixing vehicles, Butch had a rare gift for diagnosing and repairing anything under the hood. His hands, patience, and problem-solving spirit brought countless cars and people back on the road,

many times without charging them a dime.

Butch deeply loved his work, valuing the independence it gave him and the connections he made with those he helped. His pride in an honest day's work, his mechanical skill, and his willingness to help others defined much of who he was.

Above all, Butch will be remembered for his love of family, his strong work ethic, and the quiet confidence of a man who knew his craft well. His legacy lives on through the generations he leaves behind and the many lives he touched.

He will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2025 at Mercer Funeral Home at 12:00 p.m. with Rev. James Palmer officiating. The family will receive friends from 11:00 a.m. until the service hour. Military honors will be rendered by the Mercer County Veteran's Honor Guard.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 13. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel  
1231 West Cumberland Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701

## Funeral Service

DEC 13. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ From your Baltimore Park Heights and Roland View Avenue family, we send our deepest love and condolences to Sylvia and the entire Smith family on the loss of our dear friend, Butch. His humor, humble spirit, kind heart, and ‘magician’s touch’ as a mechanic will never be forgotten, and we are forever grateful for the many times he kept our cars – and our neighborhood – going strong. We honor his memory, his service as a Marine, and his love for his family, and we pray that God’s comfort and peace surround you all during this difficult time.”

*Lovingly, your multitude of 4109 Roland View Avenue surrounding friends & neighbors!*

By: Sam C.

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**Sam Coleman** - December 18, 2025 at 09:04 PM

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“ Frances Hanley Mahan lit a candle in memory of Wayne Tyrone Smith



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**Frances Hanley Mahan** - December 13, 2025 at 07:12 AM

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Mother, Imogene Ferguson, and family of "Butch" from Mother to Mother, "Only God knows!" Love you...sending prayers 🙏

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**Frances Hanley Mahan** - December 13, 2025 at 07:21 AM

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“ *Sending my deepest condolences to Sylvia and the entire family. Praying for all of you.* ”



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**Cynthia Ford** - December 11, 2025 at 09:22 PM

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“ *Jacklyn lit a candle in memory of Wayne Tyrone Smith* ”



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**Jacklyn** - December 11, 2025 at 07:30 PM

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*My Deepest sympathy to the Smith Family and Ferguson Family. Long time friend of the Hanley family of Bluefield. Love you Butch. Rest in paradise.*

*Sheila Hanley from Bluefield now residing in NYC.*

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**Sheila Hanley** - December 12, 2025 at 05:34 AM