



William "George" Smalls

July 7, 1959 - January 20, 2018

Bluefield, WV- William "George" Smalls Jr., 58 of Bluefield, WV, joined the Angels in Heaven on January 20, 2018, following a brief illness.

"George" was born on July 7, 1959, to the late William G. Smalls Sr., and survived by his mother Mary Kate Stillwell Smalls also of Bluefield.

He graduated from Bluefield High School. "George" worked at First Century Bank, before becoming the Assistant Director at the City of Bluefield Park and Rec. Department. He coached little league basketball and AAU basketball. He was currently working with Mercer Funeral Home, at the time of his passing. He was united in marriage to Shelby Martin Smalls and during 34 years of marriage two children were born, William G. Smalls III and Michael T. Smalls both of Raleigh, NC.

"George" is preceded in death by a host of aunts and uncles. He was a devoted husband, father and friend.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Shelby Smalls; sons, William, III and (Danica), and Michael; his mother, Mary Kate Smalls; his precious granddaughter, Reagan Smalls; sisters, Ella "Flookie" Smalls of Bluefield, Sherri Smalls of Brooklyn, NY; brothers, Curtis (Margie), Hugh (Jeanie), and Costa (Nickie) all of Bluefield; aunts, Kathleen Bailey, Doris Spencer, Juanita Smalls Trigg all of Bluefield; and host of cousins, nieces, nephews, family and dear friends.

Funeral services will be conducted on Thursday January 25, 2018 at John Stewart United Methodist Church at noon. The family will receive friends at

the church on Thursday from 11:00 a.m. until the service hour.

Burial will follow at Maple Hill Cemetery in Bluefield, Virginia where nephews and friends will serve as pallbearers.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Mr. William "George" Smalls.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

Bluefield, VA 24605

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 25. 12:00 PM (ET)

John Stewart United Methodist Church
102 Jones St
Bluefield, WV 24701
(304) 327-5076

Visitation

JAN 25. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

John Stewart United Methodist Church
102 Jones Street
Bluefield, WV 24701

Tribute Wall



“ *I MISS YOU!!!*

robin Lefler - February 24, 2025 at 07:11 PM



“ *William "George" Smalls*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *So very sorry to hear of George's passing. I remember George from the time he came to work for me at Western Sizzlin. I enjoyed working with George. I always saw something special in George and through his life he proved it. R.I.P my friend.*

Larry Setser - June 17, 2023 at 05:30 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I first met George when he was employed at First Century Bank, He was always very friendly and personable. Later when he was employed at the Youth Center I had the pleasure of working with him when we had our Pocahontas High School Grand Reunions. He was wonderful to work with and always very accommodating. The last time I saw George was at the funeral for Dr. Tom Blevins, we talked for just a moment. Prayers for you and your family. Charlotte Carter Rich*

Charlotte C Rich - January 31, 2018 at 11:10 AM

GS

“ Sherri and family. So sorry for your loss. I have some great memories of George from our time together at Fairview Jr High, especially playing football together, and at BHS. How ironic that I saw him for the first time in over 30 years as he was working the funeral of my mother just 8 days before he passed. I recognized him almost immediately as I arrived and asked him his name to be sure it was him. He later approached me just before the service to talk briefly. So glad I had this opportunity to see him after all those years. Amazing how we never know when the Lord will call us but so great for those that have assurance of His saving grace. My prayers for peace and comfort to you all. In Christ. Gary Spry.

Gary Spry - January 29, 2018 at 10:57 PM

JB

“ George thank you for looking out for my family, you will be missed, my condolences to the Smalls family.



Jacquetta Burnside - January 26, 2018 at 07:05 PM

VI

“ My condolences goes out to the Smalls Family. George will be missed by a lot of family and friends.... but it the great memories that I will always have of him. He always treat everyone like family and that will be missed. Vincent & Christy Shelton

Vincent - January 26, 2018 at 09:01 AM

TB

“ *My condolences to you and your family
From Ms. Tabatha Bradsher and The
Bradsher Family*



Tabatha Bradsher - January 25, 2018 at 01:50 PM

PS

“ *Pandora (Fearne) Saunders-Simpson lit a
candle in memory of William "George" Smalls*



Pandora (Fearne) Saunders-Simpson - January 24, 2018 at 10:49 PM

ES

“ *To the Family:
George was a person that stuck in your memory. He was fun to talk
to and always made you feel better being around him. I had had
great respect for him and I will miss the conversations we
periodically shared with each other. Please accept my condolences
and prayers. The life he lived will always be a reminder that he
passed your way. God bless the family.*

Ergie Smith

Ergie Smith - January 24, 2018 at 09:21 PM

AC

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family. Ann Carter*



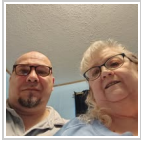
Ann Carter - January 24, 2018 at 08:31 PM

JS

“ *Deepest condolences from James, Carol and Briaunna Strother on your loss. George was a great friend to us. He will truly be missed! Prayers coming your way.*



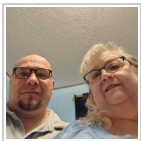
James Strother - January 24, 2018 at 08:21 PM



“ *Sarah Carmella lit a candle in memory of William "George" Smalls*



Sarah Carmella - January 24, 2018 at 06:08 PM



“ *Shelby I am so sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers will be with you and the boys as you go through this difficult time, if you need anything please let me know!!*

Sarah Carmella - January 24, 2018 at 06:07 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of William "George" Smalls.*



January 24, 2018 at 10:52 AM



“ *Your IXL Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William "George" Smalls.*



Your IXL Family - January 24, 2018 at 09:56 AM



“ *Darryl and Uzeala Brown purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of William "George" Smalls.*



Darryl and Uzeala Brown - January 23, 2018 at 11:18 PM



“ *Shelby....I don't know what to say!.I guess the old saying "you don't have to blood to be family" is so true! My family loved our "Smalls family." Our life with never be the same. My guys and I send out our love to you and and yours guys now more then ever. Please know, that if we can do anything for you call and we will come running. We love you Georgie. RIP*

Angela Robinett - January 23, 2018 at 09:03 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "George" Smalls.*



January 23, 2018 at 08:08 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Prayers for your family during this difficult time.*

Jane Pfau - January 23, 2018 at 06:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "George" Smalls.*



January 23, 2018 at 02:01 PM



“ *Bobby & Ashley Barber purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of William "George" Smalls.*



Bobby & Ashley Barber - January 23, 2018 at 01:33 PM

TG

“ Taylor Poling & Johnny Gue purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of William "George" Smalls.



Taylor Poling & Johnny Gue - January 23, 2018 at 12:17 PM

LP

“ Lois Price lit a candle in memory of William "George" Smalls



Lois Price - January 23, 2018 at 11:35 AM

SD

“ Will miss you our friend.

Ronnie & Susan Dodson



S Dodson - January 23, 2018 at 09:38 AM

DB

“ I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. My sincere condolences to the family.

Darryl Brown - January 23, 2018 at 09:20 AM

TM

So sorry didnt know

Thomas miller - January 23, 2018 at 11:52 AM

CL

“ Calvin And Debbie Lindsay lit a candle in memory of William "George" Smalls



Calvin and Debbie Lindsay - January 23, 2018 at 09:11 AM

DB

“ I worked with George at FCB and was so shocked to hear of his death. He was a great guy and he always spoke and asked how I was whenever he saw me. He will be missed. My prayers are with his family.

Debbie Bowman - January 23, 2018 at 09:10 AM

AP

“ My Condolences to the family.. Sadden to hear of George's passing. My prayers to u. May God comfort u during this time. Love u...



Alta payne - January 23, 2018 at 06:01 AM

SH

“ Shaun Hancock lit a candle in memory of William "George" Smalls



Shaun hancock - January 23, 2018 at 12:18 AM

RP

“ *Shelby, I am so sorry to learn of your loss. My prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. I pray for your comfort and peace.*

Robin Williams Price.



Robin Price - January 22, 2018 at 11:47 PM

CM

“ *I am VERY sad to hear this news. I just saw George 2 weeks ago at a funeral and talked with him. I have known George for many years now and glad we were friends. Watch over us all. I pray for the repose of your soul and pray for peace to you mother, Shelby, III & family, and all who loved you. RIP, Sir. You will be missed by many....*



Cindy (Romano) McGraw - January 22, 2018 at 11:21 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of William "George" Smalls.*



January 22, 2018 at 10:54 PM

TR

“ *My condolences to the family. May thought and Prayers are with you all. RIHeaven George*



Tammi Ramsey - January 22, 2018 at 10:31 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "George" Smalls.*



January 22, 2018 at 10:05 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "George" Smalls.*



January 22, 2018 at 10:05 PM



“ *Albert Ross Sr sent a virtual gift in memory of William "George" Smalls*



Albert Ross Sr - January 22, 2018 at 10:01 PM

LB

“ George was one of the friendliest people I knew! Whenever I saw him he always had a friendly hello and a smile. He was such an asset to the youth of our town as well as the Recreation Dept. Prayers for his family!

Lindsey Grubb Barilka - January 22, 2018 at 10:01 PM

BH

“ Beverly Hickman lit a candle in memory of William "George" Smalls



Beverly Hickman - January 22, 2018 at 09:39 PM

DO

“ My heart is so saddened and shocked by the news of George's passing. He will be missed greatly by so many people in the community. I will miss seeing his gentle smile. Please be assured of my prayers for peace and comfort for the family. We know without any doubt, George is walking the streets of gold with Jesus and all His Saints.



Diane Ott - January 22, 2018 at 08:45 PM

DM

“ Thoughts and prayers to the family. George will be missed by many in the community.

Debbie Mariotti - January 22, 2018 at 08:28 PM

LC

“ I am so sorry to hear about George! He was always a great person!
Prayers for all of you guys!

Lori Caldwell - January 22, 2018 at 07:42 PM

AB

“ Your family is in our prayers.



Amy Barela - January 22, 2018 at 07:36 PM

RA

“ I thought the world of George and was shocked to hear of his passing. He was a good man with a big heart and his passing will leave a void that will never be filled. My sincerest condolences and prayers for you all.

Randy Albert - January 22, 2018 at 07:28 PM

KH

“ I am so sad to read this. I ran into George a few years back and he had not changed on bit. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Karen Hoops-Simon - January 22, 2018 at 06:56 PM

PG

My prayers r with you and family sorry for your great loss.

Patricia Godfrey Gomillian - January 23, 2018 at 08:25 AM

VG

To all the Smalls family, We were shocked and saddened to hear of George's passing. He was a great man and did so much for the city of Bluefield. He will be remembered with fondness. And we will continue to keep all the family in our prayers. Take comfort in knowing, he sits beside his Lord now.

Mark, Vanessa, Megan and Ian Godfrey

Vanessa Godfrey - January 23, 2018 at 08:31 AM

BN

Shelby, I am so very sorry to hear this. He will be greatly missed by so many. You and your family are in my thoughts and my prayers.

brenda noble - January 23, 2018 at 11:04 AM

LP

To the Smalls and Trigg Family, We are so saddened to hear the news about George. He was just in church with us. he will truly be missed. and remembered. I can picture him sitting in the back always helping out to usher,.God knows best. Jeff and Lois Price

Lois Price - January 23, 2018 at 11:34 AM

EB

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this time of sorrow.

Ed and Mary Blevins - January 23, 2018 at 06:18 PM

TB

My heart goes out to the Smalls family. I have never forgotten George from BHS. I always looked up to him and he treated me like anyone else. He helped me to understand that prejudiced only exist if we let it. Rest In Peace George I do so hope we meet again.

Tim Byrd

Tim Byrd - January 24, 2018 at 07:02 AM