



Mr. Ray Oliver Smith

September 28, 1928 - May 5, 2026

Ray Oliver Smith 97, husband (74 years) to Nora Hazel Smith, of Mountain Rest SC, passed away peacefully at his residence, surrounded by his family, on Tuesday, May 5, 2026.

A native of Liberty SC, Oliver was the son of the late Minor Oliver and Frankie Ozella Evans Smith. He had a 30-year career as a Construction Boilermaker, for which he retired at the age of 52. At that time, he began his 2nd career in Layer Poultry Production Farming, which he and Hazel pursued together for 20 years.

He enjoyed his military journey serving in the United States Navy, February 1946 through September 1949, and in 2025 he was honored to be a part of the Oconee County Veterans Day events, identified, at that time, as Oconee County SC oldest living World War II veteran.

Oliver was a wonderful husband, father, father-in-law, uncle/great-uncle, and grandfather/great-grandfather. The love he shared with his family remained enduring, and he will be greatly missed by his family and all those who knew him.

"Death leaves a heartache no one can heal; Love leaves a memory no one can steal."

In addition to his wife, Oliver is survived by his sons: Michael R. Smith (Lori) and Patrick W. Smith; his daughter: Brenda J. Smith-Allen (John); grandchildren: Derrick R. Smith (Deanna), and Telly K. Smith-Prince (Stan); great-grandchildren: Berkley R. Smith and Peyton A. D. Crenshaw-Smith, and many wonderful nieces/nephews.

In addition to his parents, his brothers; Mark and Olin Smith, his sisters; Edith Smith, Patsy Ann Parker, and Jeannette Day, Oliver was preceded in death by his son: Terry Eugene Smith, who died in 1973.

Oliver was a man of faith who loved the Lord; and he is now rejoicing with his savior.

His family is extremely grateful for the compassion and support shown to him during recent weeks by Prisma Health Hospice and would like to request any flowers or monetary memorials be sent to Prisma Health Cottingham Hospice of the Foothills or Cottingham House Expansion, C% of Prisma Health-Upstate Foundation