



## Willie Leon Smith

July 5, 2023

Willie Leon Smith

On Wednesday, July 5, 2023, after a brief illness quietly departed this life at the age of 70.

Willie was born in New Orleans, Louisiana on July 15, 1952 to the union of James Smith, Sr. and Anna Lee Johnson Smith and was educated in Orleans Parish. Upon the completion of high school he joined the United State Air Force. He married Lucille Mansfield and became the proud father of one beautiful daughter, Angela Smith Moore.

Relatives and friends, also pastors, officers and members of St. Mary Baptist Church, Mt Sinai Baptist Church and the 113th Wing DCANG are invited to attend a Funeral Service at St. Mary Baptist Church, 6223 6th Ave, Marrero, LA 70072 on Monday, July 17, 2023 at 10:00 am. Visitation will begin at 8:30 am until 10:00 am. Internment: Southeast Louisiana Veterans Cemetery, Slidell, LA. Arrangements by Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave. New Orleans, LA 70125. Please visit [www.rhodesfuneral.com](http://www.rhodesfuneral.com) to sign the online guestbook, share memories, and condolences to the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Southeast LA. Veterans Cemetery

34888 Grantham College Dr, Slidell, LA  
70460  
Slidell, LA 70460

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 17. 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Baptist Church  
6223 6th Avenue  
Marrero, LA 70058

## Funeral Service

JUL 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

CE

“ We had good times during our time at the 113th. Willie always gave me a hard time during equipment inspections, he always made us laugh. He took care of his fellow guardsmen. Willie you will be missed.

Carmen Ellis - July 16, 2023 at 09:55 PM

CS

“ Condolences to the Family. Memories to last forever. You are never to be Forgotten.

Carol Allen Scott - July 16, 2023 at 07:06 PM

MB

“ Dear Family, I pray that God will strengthen you as you go through this time of great loss!!! My Love and Prayers to everyone!!!Mary L. Brooks❤️❤️❤️

Mary Smith Brooks - July 16, 2023 at 05:44 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Willie Leon Smith.

July 15, 2023 at 07:30 PM

ML

“ Sending my condolences to the family. So sorry about your loss. Willie was a very unique person and I am glad our paths crossed.

Marion Laster

Marion Laster - July 14, 2023 at 06:36 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Willie Leon Smith.



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July 14, 2023 at 04:34 PM



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“ Honored to have served in the DCANG with Willie for many years one of the nicest people I know-my thoughts and prayers are with all the family and friends of Willie Smith.

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**Connie Moore** - July 14, 2023 at 01:18 PM



“ Sincere condolences to his family and friends. Willie most definitely a wonderful friend and coworker for many years, someone who gladly helped me and others out numerous times. He will be dearly missed.

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**David Ajello** - July 14, 2023 at 12:33 PM



“ *Willie's infectious laugh and his smile are the things I remember most about him. Condolences to his family and friends. Thank you for your service to the country! RIP*



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**Michael Hill** - July 13, 2023 at 07:55 PM

HW

*My Deepest sympathies to you and your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of grief. I am sorry for your loss.*

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**Helen E. Wilson** - July 14, 2023 at 10:18 PM