



JAMES MICHAEL SMITH

James Michael Smith of Bowling Green and Frankfort entered into eternity on October 1, 2007. He was born September 29, 1958 to June Keith Smith and James W. Smith who preceded him in death. Mike is a 1977 graduate of Warren East High School and attended Western Kentucky University. He retired from the Kentucky Corrections Cabinet August 1, 2006. Throughout his career in Corrections he received multiple citations for exemplary performance and service to the Commonwealth of Kentucky. When others would give up on the potential of an inmate, Mike never did. He lived by his code of Strength and Honor and that all men are equal in God's eyes. He never allowed his men to forget that. Mike was a trained FBI hostage negotiator and took pride in his communication skills. As one of the winningest coaches in penitentiary history during his career as athletic director he was most proud of the accomplishments of his men. Following his retirement Mike was able to return often to his farm in Hunt's Bend. Peaceful evenings were enjoyed on the front porch in his rocking chair. He embarked upon a new career in the mortuary business and last week earned his apprenticeship II with the support of his comrade Wade Hughes. Mike truly enjoyed his new family at Hardy & Son Funeral Homes. During the past 12 months Mike felt it was an honor to be able to help those suffering from loss. His goal was for all of Warren County to know of the integrity, professionalism, Christian ethics and quality of service that was provided by Bill, Wade, Faye and Betty on the north side of the river. Mike shared his beliefs that his community and country owed a great debt to the men and families of World War II and that our country was great today because of them. He loved history and was collecting material for several books including one about basketball and sports in Warren County and wanted all to remember the national recognition earned by Richard Hendricks and the Bristow players. Services will be held at Hardy & Son Louisville Road Chapel at 1 p.m. on Thursday with burial in Martinsville Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wed. and will begin at 10 a.m. Thurs. at the funeral home. Expressions

of sympathy may be give to the Bristow PTO Mike Smith Athletic Fund
6151 Louisville Rd., Bowling Green, Ky 42101
Mike is survived by the love of his life, his wife Sabra Martin Smith, his
treasured daughter Brandi June Smith of Frankfort and his beloved son
Clinton Boone Smith of Bowling Green who will always remember AFLND.
Their dad always signed his notes with that acronym to remind them that
A FATHER'S LOVE NEVER DIES. He is also survived by his sister Wanda
Kay and her husband Phillip Sowders of Bowling Green and many aunts,
uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews who also mourn his passing.

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