



## Mr William Gary Smith

August 18, 1940 - October 20, 2014

William Gary Smith died peacefully in Montgomery, Alabama on October 20, 2014 at the age of 74. He was born on August 18, 1940 weighing only 1 lb 11 oz. He is survived by his former wife Janis (Jordan); three children, Gary, Cheryl (Scott), and Daniel (Kelley); nine grandchildren and one great grandchild; and one sister, Carolyn. He was preceded in death by his parents, Leo E. and Jewel Hill Smith, and two sisters, Melinda and Susan. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and later the Army where he proudly served his country in Vietnam. As a result of his service, he was awarded both a Purple Heart for being wounded in battle and two Bronze Stars for acts of bravery. After returning from overseas, his legacy of generosity and service to the community continued as he served as a Montgomery firefighter for 18 years. For decades, many around the Montgomery area recognized him as the man who rescued their pet, the man who helped save their homes or even their lives. Many, many others even recognized him as Santa Claus. He touched the hearts of all with whom he came in contact. Visitation will be from 6-8:00pm on Wednesday at Brookside Funeral Home in Millbrook, Alabama. Family and friends will assemble graveside for a service to be held in his honor at Montgomery Memorial Cemetery at 2:00pm on Thursday. Interment to follow service. Generous to the end, Gary asked that in lieu of flowers, those wishing to honor him do so by making a donation to the Brantwood Children's Home in Montgomery. Dad, your life was a miracle in every way. We love you more than we can ever express. We will miss you every day until we meet

again. FAMILIES ARE FOREVER!

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr William Gary Smith*

October 09, 2023 at 12:36 PM



“ *Mr William Gary Smith*

October 07, 2023 at 11:21 AM