



James "JW" Wayne Smith

July 3, 1959 - May 29, 2026

James "JW" Wayne Smith ., 66 of Hot Springs, Arkansas passed away Friday, May 29, 2026 in Hot Springs. He was born July 3, 1959 in Odessa, Texas to James Lee Smith and Bessie Lee Waits Smith. JW was of the Baptist faith. He was a truck driver and owner/operator of Right Choice Hot Shot. He enjoyed time with family and riding motorcycles.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one son, Aaron Smith.

JW is survived by one son, Colt Smith of Fort Smith, Arkansas; two sisters, Sandra Prewitt and husband Bill of Fort Smith, Arkansas and Suzie Newsom of Odessa, Texas; his life time friend, Mike Roach of Hot Springs; one nephew, Chad Maxwell; three nieces, Sonnie Osborn, Chey Cabaness, and Chelsea Doverspike; four great nieces of nephews, Noah Stice, Clover Shepard, Richlyn Cummins, and Carimie Smith; and two grandchildren, Emilee Smith and Piper Smith.

Open Viewing will be 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M., Tuesday, June 2, 2026 at Shaffer Funeral Home, 2315 West Commercial Street in Ozark.

Graveside service will be 10:00 A.M., Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at Mt. View Cemetery, 10739 Highway 219 North in Ozark, Arkansas with burial at Mt. View Cemetery in Ozark.

*In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made to the Cancer Research Institute, 29 Broadway Floor 4 New York, New York 10006-3111.

To leave an online memorial visit www.shafferfuneralhomeweb.com

Cemetery Details

Mt. View Cemetery

10739 Hwy 219 North
Ozark, AR 72949
(479) 209-6270

Previous Events

Open Viewing

JUN 2. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Shaffer Funeral Home
2315 West Commercial Street
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Ozark, AR 72949
(479) 667-4147
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Graveside Service

JUN 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Burial

JUN 3 (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *I have know JW for 41 years . He has always been very special to me . To the family I'm so sorry for your loss . I will truly miss him.*
Debbie green

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