



## John Franklin Smith

October 18, 1942 - October 7, 2018

John “Johnny” Franklin Smith, 75, of Mooresville, passed away on Sunday, October 7, 2018 at Gordon Hospice House in Statesville.

He was born on October 18, 1942 in Mooresville, NC, to the late William Kermit Smith and Johnsie Fleming Smith. Johnny was a 1960 graduate of Mooresville High School, where he served as Class President. He was a downtown Mooresville figure for many years. Beginning his retail clothing career with Kelly Clothing Company when he was 14 years old. Then later became owner and operator of John Franklin, LTD in Mooresville.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his former wife, Brenda Ivey Smith; and brother, William “Bill” Smith, Jr.

He is survived by his daughters, Kimberly Randall, DVM (Noble), Rhonda Smith (Anthony Crosby); fiancée, Cathy Bumgarner Rohloff; sister, Barbara S. Church (Roy); brother, Allen Smith; grandchildren, A.C. Crosby (Hannah), Alex Crosby, Zac Randall, and Zoie Randall; and his former wife and mother of his daughters, Toni Torrence Wheeler.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, October 18, on his birthday, from 6:00-7:30 PM with a Time of Reflection at 7:30 PM at Heritage House of Cavin-Cook Funeral Home with Brent Thompson and Eddie Karriker

officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Gordon Hospice House, 2341 Simonton Rd, Statesville, NC 28625.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Smith family. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Franklin Smith*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *John Franklin Smith*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *John Franklin Smith*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *I've Johnny for many years. He was an awesome friend to me and a good husband to my good friend Brenda. He always had a big smile on his face and a compliment for all who knew him. He help to dress my son and my grandsons in the finest clothes for whatever the occasion. You will be missed my friend. My heart goes out to his family and all who called him a friend. May God bless you all and I know he is at peace with his Heavenly Father in heaven.*

*Evelyn Fox Robbins*

**Evelyn Robbins** - October 17, 2018 at 10:32 AM



“ *Johnny Smith was my dear friend and neighbor for over 20 years. He was an awesome person and will surely be missed by all that knew him. Karen S. Taylor*

**Karen S. Taylor** - October 14, 2018 at 02:17 AM

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“ I met Johnny in 2010 when I came to Mooresville (from Ohio) to get married at my parent's house on the lake. I got my tuxedo there and every time I came to visit, I went to the shop to get a few pairs of Johnston & Murphy shoes. He was a good guy and always had a smile. Prayers to the family.

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**Chris Bell** - October 10, 2018 at 11:50 AM



“ Johnny was a great guy! My family ALWAYS used him for our suit needs-from proms to weddings. I was like we are not going to anyone but Johnny! He always was so fun to go and see. Later on, as I grew up, I worked for the newspaper and he was one of my advertisers. Still so fun to go see and always had a great attitude. One of my favorite memories is when they shot "Homeland" at the store and they "bombed" his store in the scene. They had another guy standing behind the counter in the scene and I was like Johnny they should have put you in the tv show!! It would have been much better! But maybe he would have stolen the scene. He just was the best. Prayers for the family!

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**Melissa Spinelli** - October 10, 2018 at 10:01 AM



“ Johnny lived his passion! He loved good clothes, quality shoes and a well put together outfit and he helped many people achieve that! He also gave great hugs! He will be missed!

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**Donna Brawley** - October 08, 2018 at 09:27 PM

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“ My prayers and condolences are with all of Johnny’s family. When I walked into his store, even when the place was packed, he always had the gift of making me feel like I was his only customer and he’d just been waiting for me to get there. He was a consummate salesman, a gentleman, and, most importantly, a good man. I was blessed to know him and honored to do business with him. May God be with you all in this difficult time, and may you draw comfort from the fond memories so many have of Johnny.

*Mark Childers*

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**Mark L. Childers** - October 08, 2018 at 08:52 PM

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“ I have known Johnny for nearly sixty years and have always counted him as my friend. He was always been a positive force in our downtown and will be missed in our hearts. Our gallery was just two doors down from his store and one time my gallery was upstairs over his shop so we saw each other every day for over forty years. Johnny was a true friend and I will miss him dearly. God bless you Johnny Smith for brightening my days for so many years. Love you my man!

*Cotton Ketchie*

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**Cotton Ketchie** - October 08, 2018 at 07:19 PM

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“ Johnny was one of the nicest guys you will ever meet and to this day I cannot find anyone who fits suits for me as good as he did. I will miss the personal touch, the warm handshake and his presence. It's just not the same without him. At least I know he will be impeccably dressed and maybe Heaven itself will be done up just a little bit nicer with him there. God bless his family and I'm so sorry for their loss.

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**Rob Reading** - October 08, 2018 at 06:17 PM

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*Johnny was my high school sweetheart. Never to be forgotten*

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**Gail Henley** - October 10, 2018 at 07:15 PM

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“ A fun guy,always looked and dressed nice,always had a smile and a hug for me no matter where we saw each other. Johnny and my husband,Larry, went to school together. I have missed seeing uptown. All is well now Johnny.



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**Carol Knox Robinson** - October 08, 2018 at 05:29 PM