



Pastor Donald Ray Smith

July 7, 1948 - August 15, 2021

Pastor Donald Ray Smith, 73, passed away August 15, 2021. He was born July 7, 1948 in Lafayette, Indiana to Geraldine Alley (Pries) Smith and the late Robert Smith.

Don grew up in Boswell, Indiana and college years were at Ball State University before he returned to Benton county to begin teaching and coaching basketball. He taught government at Benton Central Jr/Sr high school in Oxford, Indiana. In 1976, he attended seminary and began his ministry. He pastored several Methodist churches in the area, was itinerate pastor and pastored New Life Agape Fellowship in Boswell Indiana for 17 years. Pastor Don came to Sarasota in 2006 from Charlotte, North Carolina. He loved pastoring and teaching the bible and was an associate pastor and member of the Myakka Family Worship Center. He enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 47 years, Carol; children, Kimberly Kult and her husband Jeff; Michael Rohan and his wife Mindi; and Heidi Chawkins and her husband Neil; mother, Geraldine Smith; sister, Diana Reed; grandchildren, Michael, Mya, Allison, Chaz, Christopher, Caison and Ben.

In addition to his father, Donald was predeceased by his brother Bryan.

Visitation will be Saturday, August 21, 2021 from 3:30 to 4:00 pm at the Myakka Family Worship Center, 33420 Singletary Road, Myakka City, Florida 34251. Funeral will follow at 4:00 pm. Burial will be at 2:30 pm on Sunday, August 22, 2021 at Sarasota Memorial Park, 5833 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, Florida 34231.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Myakka Family Worship Center youth and children's ministry. Memories and condolences may be left online at www.MFHcares.com.

Cemetery Details

Sarasota Memorial Park

5833 S. Tamiami Trail
Sarasota, FL 34231

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 21. 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Myakka Family Worship Center
33420 Singletary Road
Myakka City, FL 34251

Funeral Service

AUG 21. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dearest Carol & Family,

We are so very sorry to hear about Don's passing. Although we know Don is at peace and in joy in the Lord's presence now, we understand the very great loss you and your family are going through. Please know you all are in our thoughts and prayers for your peace and comfort. We have many good memories of times spent together with both you and Don which we will cherish.

May God Bless you all and cover you with His peace and love.

*Bob & Sue Jones
Michigan and Florida*

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