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Smith, John H. (1931-2021) was born in Troy, Alabama the son of Thomas Alto “T. A.” and Lizzie Collins Smith. He served as pastor of churches in Alabama, Georgia and Florida including Evergreen Baptist Church, Westville; Santa Clara Baptist Church, Quincy, 1982-1986 and First Baptist Church, Malone. Smith and his wife, Jean Smith had two sons.



Reverend John H. Smith
Dothan, Alabama
August 29, 1931 - October 31, 2021

Reverend John H. Smith, 90, affectionally known by many as “Brother John”, slipped peacefully away to his dear Savior on Sunday, October 31, 2021 with his loving wife and son by his side.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at First Baptist Church of Malone, Florida. Reverend Smith will be placed in the church at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday for those who wish to pay their respects. Burial will follow at Antioch Baptist Church cemetery in Ashford, Alabama with Glover Funeral Home directing.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorials be made to First Baptist Church of Malone, Florida designated to the Brother John Smith Ministry Scholarship Fund to assist those seeking ministry education.

Brother John was born on August 29, 1931 in Troy, Alabama to Thomas Alto “T.A.” and Lizzie Collins Smith. He was married to Jean White in 1950 in Orlando, Florida. After his profession of faith and accepting the call into the ministry, he later attended The Baptist Bible Institute currently known as The Baptist College of Florida in Graceville.

Brother John pastored churches in the Wiregrass and Tri-State areas for over 52 years including Evergreen Baptist Church, Westville, FL, Antioch Baptist Church, Ashford, AL, Spring Creek Baptist Church, Donalsonville, GA, Santa Clara Baptist Church, Quincy, FL, Calvary Baptist Church, Cottonwood, AL, First Baptist Church, Cottonwood, AL, Jakin Baptist Church, Jakin, GA and First Baptist Church, Malone, FL. Brother John was known for being a loving friend and pastor to all people.

Brother John is predeceased by his parents and a son, David H. Smith.

He is survived by his loving wife of 71 years, Jean Smith of Marianna, FL; his son, Steven A. Smith of Charlotte, NC; his grandson, Jon Smith (Jennifer); his great-grandson, Ethan Smith; two nephews, Larry Puckett and Kelvin Puckett, both of Orlando, FL.

The deacons of First Baptist Church of Malone will serve as active pallbearers for the funeral service. Additional pallbearers and honorary pallbearers who were friends of Brother John will also serve.

The family would like to thank everyone for their prayers and thank the lovely teams at Westside Terrace Health and Rehab Center of Dothan, AL and Kindred Home Health of Marianna, FL who so lovingly cared for Brother John.

Santa Clara, Gadsden

YEAR	PASTOR	MEMBERSHIP
1950	E. M. Freer	?
1951	E. M. Freer	78
1952	E. M. Freer	99
1953	no records	
1954	E. M. Freer	85
1955	no records	
1956	no records	
1957	J. C. Fleming	170
1958	J. C. Fleming	174
1959	J. C. Fleming	175
1960	Mont W. Hash	183
1961	Mont W. Hash	207
1962	Mont W. Hash	272
1963	Mont W. Hash	298
1964	Vareen Clark	308
1965	Vareen Clark	267
1966	Marvin Lynn	283
1967	Marvin Lynn	274
1968	Marvin Lynn	279
1969	W. D. Carr	283
1970	W. D. Carr	283
1971	W. D. Carr	408
1972	Walter D. Draughon, Jr.	331
1973	Tom Anderson	336
1974	Tom Anderson	387
1975	Tom Anderson	451
1976	Truett M. Comer	354
1977	Truett M. Comer	359
1978	Truett M. Comer	400
1979	Truett M. Comer	482
1980	Truett M. Comer	482
1981	no pastor	386
1982	John H. Smith	402
1983	John H. Smith	401
1984	John H. Smith	426
1985	John H. Smith	443
1986	John H. Smith	437
1987	no pastor	434
1988	no pastor	409
1989	Wilbert L. Harbison	345
1990	Wilbert L. Harbison	400
1991	Wilbert L. Harbison	395
1992	no pastor	386
1993	Barrett Lampp	382
1994	Barrett Lampp	388
1995	Barrett Lampp	380
1996	Barrett Lampp	371
1997	Barrett Lampp	366
1998	Barrett Lampp	359
1999	Ward Bradley	356