



## Louis V. "Buster" Smith

June 11, 1939 - August 31, 2019

Louis V. "Buster" Smith, age 80, passed away on Saturday, August 31, 2019 at his home.

He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Carolyn. Buster leaves behind three sons: Louis (Alain), Steve (Carolee) and Danny (Carrie). In addition to his children, he is survived by six grandchildren, Ethan Schlueter (Jaclyn), Kristina Medina (Jered), Allison Smith, Daniel Smith, Sarah Smith, and Kaylee Smith as well as one great-grandchild, Maverick Schlueter. Buster's siblings, Julia Beets and Jack Smith, both of London, also survive, along with a host of loving nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother, Sally Smith.

A 1959 graduate of Bush High School, Buster worked several years in construction and used car businesses. Buster spent twenty-six years in service to Laurel County, having served as deputy under three sheriffs. He served as Laurel County Sheriff from 1982 through 1985. He retired from service in 2013.

Buster loved working in his garden through the years and especially enjoyed the company of his pet cat, Tom. Rarely seen without his trademark pipe, he could always be found a faithful fan of the Cincinnati Reds, serving as armchair coach. Buster was also a member of the family of Slate Hill Baptist

Church.

Funeral services for Louis V. "Buster" Smith will be held in the chapel of House-Rawlings Funeral Home on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. burial will follow at the Slate Hill Cemetery with Rev. Johnny Schell officiating. The family will receive friends on Monday, September 2, 2019 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. also at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests donations be made to CASA of Laurel County or the London Homeless Shelter (Good Samaritan House 220 East Fourth Street London, KY 40741). The family has entrusted House-Rawlings Funeral Home with the arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 2. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

House-Rawlings Funeral Home  
510 East 4th Street  
London, KY 40741  
(606) 864-2158  
info@houserawlings.com  
<https://houserawlings.com>

## Funeral Service

SEP 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

SR

“ My daddy worked with and for Buster as a deputy. When Buster was running for Sheriff, a friend of mine and I were recruited to pass out campaign cards at the EB school poll site. Back then you could campaign at the polls. We were just in elementary school ourselves but we passed out those pastel colored cards all day. Our pay, getting to go to McDonalds for Happy Meals. We were thrilled. A fun memory of a man who was always so nice and kind.

Sheila Rice - September 02, 2019 at 04:06 PM

RF

Yes he was kind too everyone rip buster smith one the best sheriff Laurel county had

Russ fields - September 06, 2019 at 07:24 PM

BW

“ Becky Williams lit a candle in memory of Louis V. "Buster" Smith



Becky Williams - September 01, 2019 at 09:11 PM

DL

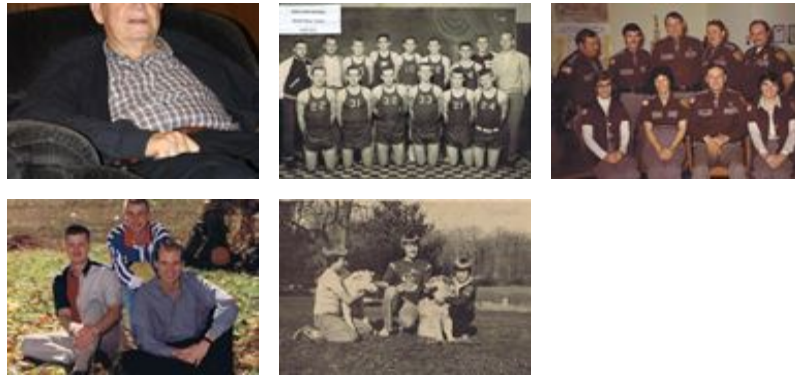
“ Denny Liford sent a virtual gift in memory of Louis V. "Buster" Smith



Denny Liford - September 01, 2019 at 04:52 PM



“ 86 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



House-Rawlings Funeral Home - September 01, 2019 at 04:33 PM

TB

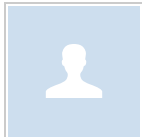
*Prayers for comfort during this difficult time for family and friends.  
Thank you for sharing these beautiful pictures of loving memories.*

Tammy Beijer - September 01, 2019 at 09:53 PM

JF

*Sorry for your loss. Jewel Whitaker a high school classmate 1959.*

Jewel Whitaker Flannery - September 05, 2019 at 09:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Louis V. "Buster" Smith.*



September 01, 2019 at 03:34 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Louis V. "Buster" Smith.*



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September 01, 2019 at 01:44 PM



“ *Prayers for this precious family that we love so much. Allen and Kathy Wright*

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**Allen and Kathy Wright** - September 01, 2019 at 09:17 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Louis V. "Buster" Smith.*



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September 01, 2019 at 07:30 AM



“ *My heart is breaking but I know Buster and Jim are already arguing about who's better...those Wildcats or the Hoosiers! Peace, Buster, and lots of love.*

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**Bonnie Stewart** - August 31, 2019 at 09:15 PM