



Vantory Smith

May 25, 1935 - January 27, 2026

Vantory Smith, age 90, of London, Kentucky passed away on Tuesday, January 27, 2026.

He leaves behind his loving wife, Patricia Abner Smith; two children, Linda Swafford of Manchester, KY, Lisa Parman & husband Everett of London, KY; one sister, Mandy Smith of Barbourville, KY; seven grandchildren, Roger Swafford, Jeniffer Collins, Darren Parman & wife Ashley, Allen Parman, Diane Parman, Samantha Smith, Darrell Smith; plus a host of great grandchildren, nieces, nephew, and other family and friends to cherish his memory.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James R. & Sudie Smith; one son, Darrell Smith; and by six siblings, Frank Robert Smith, Cleo Smith, Larkin Smith, Virginia Smith, Tressie Smith, Dexter Smith.

Vantory was a lifelong self-employed logger and true mountain man at heart. He leaves behind a legacy of hard work, quiet strength, and deep love for his family.

Vantory spent his life working the land, finding purpose and pride in honest labor. The woods were more than his workplace—they were his home. He understood the rhythms of nature, the value of patience, and the dignity that comes from providing through one's own hands.

When he wasn't logging, Vantory could often be found tending his gardens. He took joy in watching things grow, nurturing life from the soil, and sharing the fruits of his labor with those he loved. Gardening, like logging, reflected who he was—steady, thoughtful, and grounded.

Above all else, Vantory loved his family. He was a sweet soul with a gentle heart, known for his kindness, quiet ways, and the care he showed to those around him. His presence was a comfort, his love unwavering.

Vantory Smith will be remembered as a man who lived simply, loved deeply, and left the world better through his work, his patience, and his heart.

Vantory Smith will be laid to rest at Mills Cemetery in Manchester, Kentucky. Anyone wishing to make a donation to help with final expenses for Vantory Smith may do so in person at House-Rawlings Funeral Home, by phone, by mail or through the following link:

<https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/5JLRXNBDH4E5W>

The family has entrusted House-Rawlings Funeral Home with the arrangements.