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Thomas Miles Duane Smith, 77, of Lakeland, Florida, passed away peacefully on August 29, 2025. Born in Hamilton, Ohio, to Thomas and Lena Smith, Thomas devoted his life to faith, family, and ministry.

In 1967, Thomas married the love of his life, Ruth, with whom he shared nearly six decades of unwavering companionship and love. Together, they built a life rooted in service and spiritual devotion. A proud and faithful member of the Church of the Nazarene, Thomas dedicated over 40 years of his life as an Evangelist and Song Evangelist, traveling and ministering to countless congregations across the country. His powerful voice and heartfelt message touched the lives of many and left a lasting legacy of hope and inspiration.

Thomas had called Lakeland home for the past 25 years, where he continued to serve with humility and grace. He will be remembered for his deep faith, his joyful spirit, and his unwavering dedication to sharing God's love through word and song.

He is deeply missed by his beloved wife, Ruth; his sisters, Kathy Letcher and

Sharon Smith; and his brother, Scott Smith. He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Lena Smith.

A graveside service will be held on Thursday, September 4, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at Serenity Gardens, 3350 Mall Hill Drive, Lakeland, Florida.

In lieu of flowers, the family invites you to honor Thomas's memory by donations to KMBC, 855 HWY 541, Jackson, KY 41339.

Cemetery Details

Serenity Gardens

3350 Mall Hill Drive
Lakeland, FL 33810

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PC

“ *Rev. Smith held several revival for my husband, Doug Wright. We could count on his honest, spiroot-filled messages. I know his preaching was used by God to strengthen Christians and cause new Jesus relationships for many. Prayers his family experience strength, peace, and wisdom.*

Paula Wright Coyle - September 06, 2025 at 09:23 PM



“ *We loved Duane and Ruth in Barnesville Ga. His ministry blessed us immensely and they will forever hold a special place in my heart. Sending heartfelt sympathy with love, hugs and prayers for Ruth and family. Nanette Underwood*

Nanette Underwood - September 05, 2025 at 08:08 PM

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“ *We cherish many memories of sharing ministry together in various camp meetings across the country. We loved both Duane and Ruth and appreciate their genuine servanthood. Love and prayers are with all the family.*

Larry & Tamla Leckrone - September 05, 2025 at 07:59 PM

MF

“ *From the Fowlers at the Barnesville, GA Nazarene Church...*

Duane and Ruth were very special to us. Had him many times here in Barnesville. They were such a blessing to our congregation when tragedy struck that took our pastor's wife and daughter. Anytime he was close by in revival we attended. Our love and prayers to Ruth and his family.

Mandy Farmer - September 05, 2025 at 04:18 PM

DS

“ In loving memory of my Uncle Duane 🌳
A memorial tree has been planted in honor of Thomas Miles Duane Smith. Though the site didn't allow me to include it, I was the one who purchased it with love. I will carry and share the memories of him always. 💙 Dawn & Family

Dawn Schauff - September 04, 2025 at 12:28 AM

BB

We appreciated Duane and Ruth through many years of ministry. Our paths crossed at times as we both served in evangelistic ministry. Duane and Ruth were a joy to know, and the church was edified by their ministry.

Beth Bond - September 07, 2025 at 03:43 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas Miles Duane Smith.

September 04, 2025 at 12:15 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Miles "Duane" Smith.



September 03, 2025 at 04:22 PM

MM

“*Duane and I were in the same class, graduating from Westmont High School, Hollansburg, Ohio, in 1966. When I connected with him at a class reunion years later, he was the same kind, pleasant guy who had grown into a faithful servant of his savior Jesus Christ. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Ruth, as she moves on until she and Duane are together again.*

Marilea Alexander Meder

Marilea Alexander Meder - September 02, 2025 at 11:35 PM