

G. Mike Smith – Born in 1942 into a military family, G. Mike Smith moved often, attending high schools in Virginia, Tennessee and Camp Lejeune, NC. While at Camp Lejeune, Mike played football under legendary coach Tom McGhee from 1959-1961. Upon his 1965 graduation from Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC, Mike earned a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. Mike was wounded in Vietnam and medically retired in 1968. His actions led to a Bronze Star in addition to the Purple Heart. While in recovery, Mike was visited by Coach McGhee, prompting a career at his alma mater, aboard Camp Lejeune. Mike spent the next 33 years there, as a teacher, coach, and Athletic Director until his retirement in 2001. He retired again in 2010, after a stint as Athletic Director and teacher at Northside High School.

Some of Mike's major accomplishments include: 1973 Teacher of the Year, 1975 Coastal Plains Conference Coach of the Year, 1999 National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association State Award of Merit, 2001 Lejeune High School "Hall of Distinction" Award, 2002 NC Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame, 2003 NC Athletic Directors Association Region 2 Athletic Director of the Year, and 2010 NC Athletic Directors Association Braveheart Award. He is the man behind the name of Northside High School's Mike Smith Athletic Complex.