



Michael Ray Smith

October 17, 1965 - August 27, 2015

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Jennings: A Mass of Christian burial will be held at Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church for Michael Ray Smith, 49, of Jennings, LA on Monday, August 31, 2015 at 10:00 AM with Father Charles McMillin officiating. Visitation will be held at Matthews & Son Funeral Home on Sunday, August 30th from 10:00 AM until the time of his Funeral Mass with a rosary recited at 6:30 PM Sunday evening. Michael will be laid to rest in Hyatt Cemetery in Merryville, LA.

Michael was born in Conroe, TX on October 17, 1965 to Walter Smith and Linda Lorenz and he was called from this life on August 27, 2015. Michael worked in the Asphalt business for 32 years, he was a member of "NAPA" National Asphalt Pavement Association as well as "LAPA", Lafayette Asphalt Pavement Association. He loved being outdoors, and he enjoyed hunting and fishing. Michael loved cooking for his family and friends. He was an avid fan of the New Orleans Saint, LSU Tigers, Houston Astros, and the Houston Rockets. Michael was loved by many and will be greatly missed by all.

Michael is survived by his parents, Walter and Linda Smith of Pennsylvania, and Linda and James Bowles of Whitewright, TX; his beloved wife, Loretta Mallet Darbonne Smith of Jennings, LA; three sons, Kyle Smith of Hathaway,

LA, Wesley Smith of Hathaway, LA, Tyler Smith (Margaret) of Iota, LA; three daughters, Jessica Smith-Davis (Lamont) of Pearl River, LA, Laura Smith Gautreaux (T.J.) of Estherwood, LA, Kayla Smith (Michael Sonnier) of Jennings, LA; four step-children, Shane Darbonne of Iowa, LA, Chrissy Begnaud Darbonne of Jennings, LA, Heather LaBouve (Brennon) of Jennings, LA, Katelyn Darbonne of Scott, LA; two brothers, James Donald "JD" Bowles(Debra) of Whitewright, TX, Scotty Bowles (Jeannie) of Fort Worth, TX; one sister, Laurie Smith-Sigler (Willie) of Edgewood, TX; as well as fourteen grandchildren, Austin Begnaud, Claire Darbonne, Logan Darbonne, William LaBouve, Nevaeh Davis, Katie Ann Smith, Keegan Smith, Jeremyah Davis, Alexia Smith, Leah Smith, Julian Smith, Kyndalynn Sonnier, Cohen Fox, Parker LaBouve and one on the way.

Michael is preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Willie "Mutt" Smith; paternal grandmother, Lucy Smith Lynch; maternal grandparents, Donald & Helen Lorenz; two uncles, Roy Lee Smith, John "Johnny" H. Smith; one aunt, Verbelee Kellebrew; one cousin, Curtis Kellebrew; one grandchild, Julian Ray Smith.

Carrying Michael to his final resting place will be Kyle Smith, Wesley Smith, Tyler Smith, Jessica Smith-Davis, Laura Smith-Gautreaux, and Kayla Smith. Honorary pallbearers will be Shane Darbonne, Brennon LaBouve, Austin Begnaud, T.J. Gautreaux, Ronald Young, Michael Sonnier, Gerard Hebert, James "JD" Bowles, Jeff Streeter, and Kelly Sills.

To extend online condolences, please visit our website at www.matthewsandsfuneralhome.net

Arrangements have been entrusted to Matthews & Son Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Hyatt Cemetery

694 Hyatt Cemetery Road
Merryville, LA 70653

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 30. 10:30 AM - 11:59 PM (CT)

Matthews Funeral Home - JENNINGS
511 N. Cutting Avenue
Jennings, LA 70546
(337) 824-4420
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<https://www.matthewsandsonfuneralhome.net/>

Rosary

AUG 30. 6:30 PM (CT)

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Visitation

AUG 31. 1:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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Service

AUG 31. 10:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church
710 North State St.
Jennings, LA 70546

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Ray Smith*

January 28, 2023 at 04:12 PM



“ *John Neal lit a candle in memory of Michael Ray Smith*



John Neal - April 20, 2022 at 06:02 PM



“ *Larry Orebo and family extend our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Mike will be truly missed...a great man, indeed!*

Sandra Orebo Davis - August 31, 2015 at 11:46 AM



“ *Sharon Ramsey lit a candle in memory of Michael Ray Smith*



Sharon Ramsey - August 30, 2015 at 06:02 PM



Mike, take your rest for a job well done. I thanked God for allowing me to be mentored by you. Like you said, "Fear is not an option Sharon, you could do this". I will never forget you.

Sharon Ramsey - August 30, 2015 at 06:11 PM

DH

“ *Today and always, may loving memories bring you peace, comfort, and strength* ”



Deborah Smith Holloway - August 30, 2015 at 02:51 PM



“ *Red Mixed Standing Open Heart was purchased for the family of Michael Ray Smith.* ”



August 30, 2015 at 02:14 PM

JS

“ *Jack D Smith purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Michael Ray Smith.* ”



Jack D Smith - August 29, 2015 at 03:46 PM



“ 42 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Matthews Funeral Home - August 29, 2015 at 12:55 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Michael Ray Smith.*



August 28, 2015 at 09:04 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Ray Smith.*



August 28, 2015 at 03:56 PM

LF

“ Love, your L.A. Family purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Michael Ray Smith.



Love, your L.A. Family - August 28, 2015 at 01:13 PM



“ Red & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Michael Ray Smith.



August 28, 2015 at 12:24 PM

SL

“ Sheldon and Bryan McManus, McManus Construction, LLC purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Michael Ray Smith.



Sheldon and Bryan McManus, McManus Construction, LLC - August 28, 2015 at 11:38 AM



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August 28, 2015 at 09:38 AM

BH

“ I would like to send my condolences to the Smith family. My husband Brian Hill worked with Mike for yrs and I never ever seen him form a bond like the one he had for Mike. I appreciate everything he taught my husband and he will be surely missed by Brian and its still hard for him to believe. After every conversation they would tell each other love u cause that's how much of a true friendship they had . I say again sorry for yall loss cause Mike was a good man and now the angels watching him

Brian&Angyle Hill - August 27, 2015 at 08:39 PM

SR

To the man that embraced my work ethics as well as pushed me to the limits on my job. Mike, the asphalt world has lost a great human being but God is in control . You will be missed. To the family and Coastal Bridge family, you all have my deepest sympathy. May God bless each and every one of you. Take your rest Mike for a job well done.

Sharon Ramsey - August 30, 2015 at 01:33 PM