



John Robert Smith

February 24, 1968 - May 15, 2023

Big Stone Gap, Va.

John Robert Smith, age 55, passed away Monday, May 15, 2023, at Johnson City Medical Center in Johnson City, TN.

John was born February 24, 1968, in Kingsport, TN, the son of Emmit Smith and Alicia Poteet. He was one of 2 children. John grew up in Wise County and was a 1986 graduate of Powell Valley High School. After graduating, he spent his career in trucking. He was a member of Christian Life church.

John was preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents.

He is survived by his father, Emmit Smith (P.J.) of Fruitland Park, FL.; mother, Alecia Poteet,(Don) of Jacksonville, FL.; brother, Ron Smith of Honolulu, HI., sons, Jonathon Smith, wife Brandy, of Fall Branch, TN., Isaac Smith of Big Stone Gap, VA.; daughter, Audrianna Eldridge of Big Stone Gap; grandchildren, Miranda, Savannah, Alex, Adam, and Jacqueline; half-brother, Josh Hipler of MT.; aunt, JoAnn Gilley, husband Les, of Mt. Carmel, TN.; uncle, Jack Poteet and other close relatives and friends.

John will be laid to rest in a private committal service officiated by Pastor Mike Dalton in Riverview Cemetery in East Stone Gap, VA.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

A memorial video has been created for family and friends at:

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/KBHK5ZN7JTXH24B>

An online register is available for the family www.holdingfuneralhome.com

Holding Funeral Home is honored to be serving the family of John Robert Smith.

Tribute Wall



“ *Holding Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of John Robert Smith*



Holding Funeral Home, Inc. - May 18, 2023 at 08:33 PM



“ *John Robert Smith*

October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *Dear Alecia, I'm so sad to see you have to endure losing your child. I love how connected you make me feel to my Poteet family. Mark, Libby, and I all are holding you in our hearts as you navigate this painful time!*

Amy

Amy Poteet - May 18, 2023 at 10:36 PM



Love you all more than I can say!

Alecia Poteet - January 03, 2024 at 07:02 PM

GS

“ We will miss you John always.
Love,
Fred, Gloria, Korey and Tyler



Gloria I Snodgrass - May 18, 2023 at 01:00 AM

KC

“ I will remember the day John brought the rig over to Sherry's house and Mamaw Nell was over to see John and the rig. John gave Mamaw are ride down the street. She was smiling from ear to ear.

Kim Chambers - May 17, 2023 at 05:30 AM

KP

“ Kenny Pleasant lit a candle in memory of John Robert Smith



Kenny Pleasant - May 16, 2023 at 03:33 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Robert Smith.



May 16, 2023 at 12:58 PM

SH

“ Remember John always had a big Jolly Laugh and Smile to match his giant height and soul. John Loved his Hamburgers and Family Time. He will be missed at Aunt Jo and Uncle Leslie when we Visits from Florida. He loved Aunt Jo cooking and homemade dessert. Rest in Peace Cousin.

Susan Hart



Susan Hart - May 16, 2023 at 12:44 PM

BF

“ Brian And Joyce Fletcher lit a candle in memory of John Robert Smith



Brian and Joyce Fletcher - May 16, 2023 at 10:58 AM

MJ

“ Margaret Jensen lit a candle in memory of John Robert Smith



Margaret Jensen - May 16, 2023 at 09:50 AM

HV

“ We married as kids at only 17 and 18. We were married for 23 years with 3 beautiful children ❤️. He was able to share the last several holidays at my house enjoying time with his grandchildren. He will be greatly missed.

Hope Vanover - May 16, 2023 at 05:49 AM