



Mr. Kevin Smith Obituary

August 12, 1969 - July 4, 2012

Mr. Kevin D. Smith, 118 Johns Dr., Leesburg, died Wednesday, July 4, 2012 in St. Augustine, FL.

His funeral service will be Monday 10 AM at Crown Hill Cemetery with Dennis Lanning officiating. The family will receive friends Sunday 4 to 6 PM at Kimbrell-Stern.

A native of Spokane, WA, Mr. Smith had lived in Leesburg for a number of years. He loved to golf, fish and scuba dive.

Survivors include his wife Kristie G. Smith, Leesburg; daughter, Karoline Smith, Leesburg; parents, Harold and Norma Smith, Leesburg; sister, Bernette Holt and brother in law Stuart, Macon.

Those desiring please make memorials to Life Link of Georgia, 2875 Northwoods Parkway, Norcross, GA 30071.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 8. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors
1503 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707

Graveside Service

JUL 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

Crown Hill Cemetery
1907 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Kevin Smith Obituary*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *Mr. Kevin Smith Obituary*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *RIP Kevin. I know life was hard, but I know you are resting with our Lord. I think of you sometimes, when you cross mind. Rest my friend.*

Lance Wilson - July 15, 2022 at 06:33 PM



“ *We love you Kevin!!! Miss you lots!*

Heather and Holli - Rocky face, GA - Friend/coworker - March 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Karoline and Sarah during your darkest times. When God closes one door, he opens another for you. May you find some comfort knowing your friends care deeply about you.*

Pudge Reese, Mike Kiely & John Vincent - St. Augustine, FL - Friend - July 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“*Kristie, please know that you, Karoline and family are in our hearts and prayers.*”

Debbie Tilley - St. Augustine, FL - friends - July 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JE

“*“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more deaths, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.” Rev. 21:4*”

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. Kevin was a trainer for the Chattahoochee circuit, and I attended several sessions taught by him. He always greeted me with a smile, kind words and his presence alone made a difference. I knew he was devoted to his family because he talked about you all. He had an impact on many lives and he left a mark that can not be erased.

I know you all probably have a lot of questions, but trust God even when it doesn't make sense. He is the only one who can get you through these times. My heart goes out to all of you.

Josephine Ford

“Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the Lord forever for in the lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.” Is. 26:3-4

Josephine Ford - Columbus, GA - GDC employee - July 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PK

“*we are so sorry for you lost. my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*”

Patricia Street - Albany, GA - a friend of Kristy and Kevin - July 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ I do not have the words to express how deeply sorry I am for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Rob sends his deepest condolences also.

DeJuan Borum Prestwood - Estill Springs, TN - Friend - July 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Although I haven't seen Kevin but a few times in many years, it was great to re-connect with him on Facebook recently. To Harold, Norma and Bernette - I have great love and respect for each of you and will keep you in my prayers. To this devastated wife and child who I haven't met, my prayer is that in time God will bring healing to your broken hearts.

Kevin was an outstanding human being and he got it honestly - coming from an outstanding family.

Although all of us down here are shocked and surprised at Kevin's death - God is not surprised. He sees from a different perspective and He never lets go. Never. Never.

Love to you all.

Bruce Goddard - Warner Robins, GA - Friend of Family - July 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Kristie you and Karoline are in my thoughts and prayers.

Jennifer Jewell - Leesburg, GA - Friend - July 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ John 14:1-3 (King James Version)

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

I met Kevin through work. I was a part of four different training sessions with him during my career. My heart aches for your family. He seemed to be a "sweet spirt." He was a very good trainer/facilitator! I know this last year or so has been full of rain, and I can't imagine how hard it has been to journey through this storm. However, I hope your family finds solace in knowing that God's promises never fail; even when there seems to be "no sunshine." I hope God gives you peace, acceptance, endurance, and strength. Let him lead you through this, and remember to carry every good part and memory of Kevin with you in your hearts. I will be praying for you and your family.

Sara O. Webb - Columbus, GA - Co-worker - July 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ KRISTIE, YOU ARE IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME. I WILL ALWAYS BE HERE FOR YOU IF YOU NEED ME. LOVE YOU JESSICA

JESSICA TANNER - ARABI, GA - FRIEND - July 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ My condolences to Kevin's family. I have everyone in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless you all.

Cecil Borum - Fort Valley, GA - July 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Kristie,
You and Karoline are in my thoughts and prayers. I am so sorry.
Much love to you.

Angelina Quinones - Gordon, GA - friend/student - July 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Kristie and Karoline,
To know Kevin was also to know Kristie and Karoline. He was
definitely a devoted husband and father. We all knew him as a co-
worker and GDC Trainer but his love for his family was so evident in
his work.. I know Kevin struggled desperately the last few months
against seemingly, overwhelming obstacles. Now, may God grant
you and Karoline the peace that passes all understanding in the
coming days.

CAROL RAINEY, - DAWSON, GA - CO-WORKER TERRELL PDC - July 09, 2012
at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Kristie, Karoline, and Family,
My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this sad and
difficult time. I have known Kevin for years and he always greeted
me with a smile and kind words. As everyone knows he also had to
brag a little about his little girl , Karoline and wife, Kristie. You could
tell he was a devoted family man. He was a joy to be around and
will be truly missed. God has given him peace and his spirit and
memories will be with you forever. God Bless and keep each of you
as you deal with your sorrow.

*Linda Phillips
Friend and co-worker*

Linda Phillips - Leesburg, GA - Co-worker/Friend - July 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Dear Kristy and Karoline,

Kevin was kind, gentle and loving. He leaves these and many more positive character traits as his legacy. May the Good Lord bless and keep you as you go through this difficult time. My prayers and thoughts are with you.

Byrd Garland - Jackson, GA - Friend - July 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ To all Kevins' loved ones...My heart simply breaks for the tragedy Kevin endured and now the tragedy you, his family, must endure. Please know my prayers are with each and every one of you. I did not know Kevin real well, however, my baby sister, Holli Braden, worked with him daily and spoke of him so very often that I felt as if I knew him really well, too. I do know he was a wonderful, loving, kind and upstanding person, or my sister wouldn't have thought so highly of him. Kevin will be missed and always loved by the entire GDC family. May God be with each and everyone of you. Especially little Karoline, as my baby sister used to joke with him when he was on "Karoline Time". He loved his family very much. God Bless you!

Robin Braden Sapp - Abbeville, GA - friend/gdc employee - July 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Kristie, I can't find the words to tell you how my heart is broken for you. Please know that you and sweet Karoline have been and will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers. I consider you all part of my family and love you guys.

Stephanie Rumph - Albany, GA - Friend - July 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Kevin was a fantastic trainer! I will never forget the time he was teaching us CPR here at Calhoun and I was having a problem trying to figure out where I was suppose to place my hands to give compressions and he showed me where.....I made the comment of how I was going to have a spot tattooed on my chest that says "pess here" He got so red in the face and we had a good laugh on that. We have lost a good trainer and a good person. I am proud that I was able to meet him and be trained by him. May God gather all of Kevin's family and friends close and comfort us all at this time.

Jacquelin Drinkwater - Arlington, GA - friend/co-worker - July 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Dear Kristie and Karoline, Harold and Norma, Bert and Stuart... I cannot imagine the pain and sorrow that you must be experiencing in the wake of Kevin's death, but I know that my heart is breaking for all of you. I have read each of the tributes to Kevin here, and while it has been more than 25 years since I last saw him, I have no doubt that every good thing said about him, and more, is true. I remember what a kind, fine, upstanding young man he was when he left Reynolds. I'm honored to have know him for the short time that I did, and proud to know that he went on to touch so many other lives in a good way. I pray for all of you that God will wrest you in his loving arms and give you comfort and peace.

Jay Whatley - Reynolds, GA - Family Friend - July 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Bert,
I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your brother. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.
Kim Sumner Guidry

Kim Sumner Guidry - Perry, GA - high school friend of Bert - July 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ My deepest sympathies & prayers for the family & friends of Kevin Smith for their loss. Kevin was always a well-mannered man with the utmost display of professionalism. I knew him when I worked at Autry and he was ALWAYS someone that could be depended on no matter what the situation. I have not seen him since I left, but he was the kind of person you could not forget, or want to. I pray for him everlasting peace, and that God bless all of those mourning this fine man. "Fear not, for I am with you always." This is God's promise, and just remember that He can comfort you as no other if you ask Him. Blessings of comfort to all.

Luquita Fowler - Pelham, GA - co-worker - July 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ I am sad to hear of the passing of such a wonderful person. I got to know Kevin when I worked in Training. He was always such a joy to talk with and was such a great guy to be around. I remember his desk being filled with pictures of his lovely wife and daughter. My prayers will be lifted for the family of Kevin and I pray God's comfort be upon you during this time. Proverbs 3:5

Leeann Gordy - LYONS, GA - Friend - July 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ I cherish memories of working with Kevin in the Reynolds United Methodist Church Youth Group. He had a sweet, loving soul and I believe that he will find peace with our Heavenly Father. I also pray for peace and comfort for his family and send them my love.

Sandi Fain - Reynolds, GA - friend - July 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Krisite and Karoline,

We pray that GOD will give you strength, comfort and peace. Kevin was not only a co-worker but a friend to my husband and myself. I don't believe I have ever met anyone with as much kindness and gentleness as he exhibited. He always brought a smile to the faces of those he encountered. We shared many conversations about his beautiful wife and daughter and what a joy the two of you brought into his life and the excitement of what was yet to come. We will continue to keep your family in my thoughts and prayers in the days to come.

Chris and Sabrina Layfield

Sabrina Layfield - Leesburg, GA - Co-Worker - July 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ *I was so sorry to hear about Kevin's passing. I went to BPOT with him and he was one of the best people that I know. He always had a smile on his face and loved talking about his family. Kevin always managed to keep things positive and was always someone that I could count on. He was a great person and he will be missed. I am sending my thoughts and prayers to the Smith family.*

Anna Greene - Atlanta, GA - co-worker - July 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Smith Family during this difficult time. Mourning the loss of a loved one leaves a heartache no one can heal, but Love will always leave a memory. God Bless.*

LeVetta Davis - Albany, GA - Co-Worker - July 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ I am so sorry to hear of Kevin's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Lisa McDonald - Mauk, GA - Friend - July 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Kevin and his family. I worked with Kevin at Autry State Prison, in Pelham. He was a great friend and co-worker, and someone that we all could count on. My prayers are with you all.

Laurie Dickson (formerly Westbrook) - Pageland, SC - co-worker at Autry State Prison - July 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Rest In Peace, Kevin. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Danny Smith - GA - July 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ We are sending positive energy to all that are hurting from the absence of Kevin. Sweet, sweet Karoline, may peace find your heart sooner than later. Kristie, Bernette, Mr. And Mrs. Smith, we are so sorry for your loss.

Allyson Sellers - Albany, GA - July 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *Mere words are not enough to express my sadness for your loss. Kevin was a GREAT man and loved his family dearly. It was always evident when having conversations with him how much he loved Kristie and Karoline. His face always lit up when he spoke of them. Kevin was kind and gentle. We are all lucky for having known him on this earth. I pray that strength and peace from the Lord be with his family in the days ahead.*

Tammy Sexton - Jackson, GA - Friend - July 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ *Well, this was a shock and my heart is broken. I will miss you like so many people will, who has known you for many years.....Ms Linda*

Linda Powell - Reynolds, GA - neighbor/friend - July 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *May God's love guide you and your family during this time of sorrow, and may you find solace in His care.*

Barbara Arnold - Leesburg, GA - student of Ms. Smith - July 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *Kristi, I'm so sorry for your loss. My heart hurts knowing the pain and sorrow that your family has endured this past year. Our prayers have been and will continue to be with you and your family. I pray that GOD has wrapend his loving arms around Kevin and finally given him peace. NBL*

Keith and Seila Reed - Edison, GA - Friend and Co-worker - July 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

OW

“ Words can not express how sorry I am for your loss. God has another Angel in heaven! I knew Mr. Smith as a trainer and I just loved him so much. He was always in great spirits and always knew how to keep us laughing even when times got rough. He taught me how to shoot my first gun, but he had so many jokes about my shooting. Mr. Smith was not only a teacher, but a friend to many of us. I will truly miss him and my prayers are with each of you.....Ofc. S. Brown "Ga. Department of Corrections"

Ofc Brown - albany, GA - co worker - July 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to the entire family. Kevin was a good friend to me. I will not forget him.

Jose Morales - Wrightsville, GA - Friend and former co-worker - July 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Kristie, your family has been in my prayers as was Kevin for the past year or so. I am so truly sorry for all the horrible things that has happened. The only thing I know for a fact and base my very being on is that God is in control. May He comfort you and give you and your family the Peace that surpasses all earthly understanding during the difficult times ahead. I haven't seen Kevin in a number of years, but I knew he was someone I could always count on at Autry. I was blessed to have known him.

*Sherri Green, RN
Pelham, GA*

Sherri Green - Pelham, GA - co worker Autry State Prison - July 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ You and your family are in my prayers. A prayer for you: Father God, in the mighty Name of Jesus I come before you as humby as I know how asking you to give Kristie strenght. Lord help her to understand that she couldnt have done anything any differently. Lord we know that all things happen for a reason and everyday have already been predestined. Lord wrap your arms around her everytime she feels lonely or dismayed. Wipe all of her tears away and please dea God, help her to understand the things that she can not change. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.

Katrina Bell - Pelham, GA - student of Mrs. Smith - July 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ My prays are with you and family.

Bsrbara Blackmon - Albany, GA - Kelvin's co-worker and friend - July 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ So sorry. My prayers are with you all

Betty Cox Barfield - Reynolds, GA - Kevins school bus driver - July 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ my heart is breaking for the loss of my adopted son .but i know my pain doesnt compare to yours.your in my prayers. i love you all.

Lou Riner - Reynolds Ga., GA - Friend of family - July 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ I am so sorry to hear about Kevin. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Kim Cribb - Gulf Breeze, FL - Friend - July 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers have been with all of you.*

lynn & j.o. miller - warner robins, GA - friend - July 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Kristie,
As I told you many times you were fortunate to have Kevin & Karoline. We always enjoyed seeing all of your smiling faces out in Randolph Co. I will remember Kevin as a kind & loving husband & daddy. He was a sweet and generous man.
We are so sorry for his untimely passing. Know that we are thinking of you & Karoline and that we are available for anything you need.
Bless you!
Ace & Joan*

Joan & Ace darden - Albany, GA - Friends - July 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ *You are all in my thoughts and prayers*

Wanda McDonald - Macon , GA - friend - July 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ *Kevin touched my life and so many lives in so many different ways. He will forever be missed. I am praying for God to grant peace and comfort for all of the family.*

Kevin Hartley - Reynolds, GA - Friend - July 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ Family may you find the peace and comfort that you need and when you have no answers to all the questions "WHY" know that God is in control and He is there by your side. Kevin and I had a great working relationship but most of all we shared a greater friendship! His intelligence, wit, charm, a caring heart and the amazing love he had for his family and friends is what made him a special person! I will truly miss "My Friend" Kevin I pray that Peace be with you at last!

Gwendolyn H. Meriweather - Leesburg, GA - Friend & Co-Worker - July 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. Kevin was always a fun loving energetic person..I have many fond memories of him from the youth group get togethers that the churches always had on the weekends. He will be greatly missed by all.

James Darryl Posey - BYRON, GA - Friend from Reynolds - July 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ My heart aches for you as I hear of your loss. Truly, no words can provide the comfort you are needing at this time. Please know there are many who want to surround you with love and support. Let us know how to lift you up.

Sincerely,

Nancy

Nancy Mitchell - July 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Kristie,
In 2 Timothy 4, the Apostle Paul speaks about finishing the race and receiving the crown of righteousness. I had spoken to Kevin on a couple of occasions during work where we shared our faith and how dedicated he was to you and bragged about yalls daughter. Kevin is at peace and with God. I know this type of pain personally and it does get better. Kevin was a great guy and instructor. May God be with each of you.

Charles Sanders - Tallahassee, FL - Former Co-Worker/Friend - July 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ *Know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

Pam and John Cary Bittick - Forsyth, GA - coworker/friend of family - July 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *Bert and Family, our hearts and prayers are with you for peace the passes all understanding.*

Andy and Kim - Warner Robins, GA - Friend of the family - July 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Kristie, I am so sorry for you and Karoline and the rest of your family. Kevin was a great guy who any time I saw him was bragging on you and Karoline. Just know all of you are in my prayers friend.*

Michelle Adams - Leesburg, GA - Friend - July 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MC

“*Kristie words can not express how we feel. We are truly sorry for your loss and will be here for anything you need!*”

Michael and Gail Conley - July 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TG

“*Kristie, there are no words to convey my heartfelt sympathy to you, Karoline, your family, and friends. I pray for God to wrapping his loving arms around you all during this difficult time. Tina Govingo*”

Tina Govingo - Dawson, GA - July 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“*Dear Kristie, Karoline and family of Kevin, I am so sorry for your loss and pray that you will have awareness of all the people who love and care about you. You are in my thoughts and prayers today and in the days to come.*”

Birdie Gates - Albany, GA - friend - July 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“*No words I can say will full the empty feeling you, your family, and I are feeling now. Praying for peace and comfort for us all who love Kevin that big blonde teddy bear.*”

Delmaria (Della) Powe - Leesburg, GA - Friend - July 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WF

“*Kristie, We are so deeply saddened to hear of your loss of your beloved husband Kevin. May the Lord help you and your family through this difficult time, and give you strength and guidance. Call upon Him, for he is there for you. Please know that we are thinking of you and Kristie.*”

Warren & Cathi - St. Augustine, FL - July 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ My prayers are with those left behind. May God wrap you in His loving embrace. Kevin will be missed, his smile, his kindness, his being. Follow God and his directions.

Steffin FEST - DRY BRANCH, GA - Friend and Co-worker - July 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ To the Smith family I am so sorry for your loss. I attended many classes that Kevin taught and I thought the world of him. Keep strong for god will wrap his loving arms around you. I will continue to keep your family in my prayers.....RIP Kevin

Theresa - Moultrie, GA - Coworker - July 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ May God hold you all in his loving arms and comfort you as only he can do.
So many memories of such a dear person. God Bless you all.

Ann Morton - Albany, GA - friend/co-worker - July 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Kristie and Karoline,

I can't seem to find the right words to tell you how sorry I am for your loss. You are both very special and loved by so many people. I am praying for strength and peace for both of you during this difficult time.

From what I got to know about Kevin over these last couple years he was always so kind and encouraging. He bragged about you two constantly. Everyone he came in contact with knew how much he loved you both.

Again, I am so sorry for your loss,

Sarah

Sarah Claypool - Albany, GA - Friend - July 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Kristy, may the prayers that are being lifted up for you and all of the Smith family, fall down from heaven in the form of comfort. peace and knowing that so many people truly care. May our Lord Jesus enfold you & family in his loving arms, as you go through this tragic and sad time in your lives. Jesus said he would never leave us. Hold fast to this truth! Remember the little song, "Jesus love me this I know, for the Bible tells me so", this isn't just for little children! It's for all of us, young or old. Whatever you may be feeling, I know God loves the Smith family & He will carry all of you through this! With much love, Betty Singletary

Betty Singletary - Albany, GA - Friend - July 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ My prayers are with all of you! Kevin was a good man and he will be dearly missed!

Michelle Hoover - Leesburg, GA - Friend - July 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Kristie, my heart and prayers go out to you, Caroline, and the family. Kevin was so dear to so many people. His radiant smile, his wisdom, his love of his two "girls" will always be remembered. He wasn't just a co-worker, I considered him a dear friend. May God guide you through the many hard days ahead, but always remember that you do have people who really care about you. May he forever RIP.

Brenda Shiver - Leesburg, GA - Friend / Co-Worker - July 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Sorry to hear of Kevin's untimely death. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you as you all share the loss of your beloved son, brother, wife and parent

Barbara McDonald - Waycross, GA - Friend - July 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ I am so sorry for your loss. You and Karoline are in my prayers. I am out of town and will be unable to come to the funeral and visitation. I wanted you to know how special you both are to me. I love you!

Shelley Shiver - Leesburg, GA - Friend - July 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM