



Larry Randall Smith

August 2, 1948 - August 3, 2007

Newport native Larry Randall Smith, 59, died at his Hopkinsville, Kentucky home August 3, 2007, with his loving family and friends by his side. His death ended a year and a half battle with cancer. Larry was born August 2, 1948, the only son and eldest of three children of I. Jay and Evelyn (Neas) Smith of Newport. The Smiths were prominent business owners in Newport, operating Smith Hardware for over 50 years. Larry was reared in the Lutheran faith. Following his graduation from Cocke County High School in 1966, he entered Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville to play football and to pursue an engineering degree. In the spring of 1967, he transferred to University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and that summer married his high school sweetheart, Ann Overholt. For six years, beginning in 1967, he served in the Army Engineering Corps in Greeneville, Tenn. He also worked for Stokely Van-Camp as a field manager. In the fall of 1968, he purchased his first truck, a step that saw the beginning of Smith Trucking Services, a business he owned and operated until 2006. He hauled tobacco for local warehouses and then started hauling cattle for Wilson Livestock Market, delivering materials for local industries, and later hauling groceries for Cocke County Wholesale Grocery Company. In March, 1990, the Smiths purchased a 500-acre farm in Western Kentucky. Larry loved to ride horses, raise cattle, grow crops, and work on the farm. He and his son had been cultivating over 1000 acres until his recent illness. Preceding Larry in death were his father, his father-in-law and mother-in-law Connie and Marjorie (Correll) Overholt, and a sister-in-law,

Patricia (Ramsey) Overholt. Larry is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Ann (Overholt) Smith, of the home; daughter and son-in-law Jennifer (Smith) Eisenhower and Brian and grandson, McKinley Smith Eisenhower, Newport; son and daughter-in-law Leejay Smith and Ashley and granddaughter Emily Claire Smith, Hopkinsville, Kentucky; his mother, Evelyn (Neas) Smith, Newport; sister and brother-in-law, Sharon (Smith) Styles and Jimmy, Newport; sister and brother-in-law, Robyn (Smith) Floyd and Mark, Knoxville. Other survivors include his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Joe and Charlotte Overholt, Newport; brother-in-law, Robert Overholt, Newport; nephew Chuck Styles and his daughters Tonya and Sonya Styles, Newport; niece and husband Sheri (Styles) Donaldson and Darrell and their son Kolbe, Canton, North Carolina; nephew Matthew Floyd, Memphis; nephew, Michael Floyd, Knoxville; nephew and wife Mike and Lisa Overholt and children Allison, Allen, Alex, and Allie, Newport; niece and husband Susan (Overholt) Drinnon and Allen and their children Ridge and Danielle, Lake City, Florida; nephew and wife Dan and Dr. Candi Overholt, Winston-Salem, North Carolina; nephew James Overholt, Dandridge; and nephew John Overholt, Newport. Larry is also survived by countless friends. Larry bequeathed his body to the University of Louisville School of Medicine, so that even in death, he was able to carry on his tradition of helping others. To honor Larry, his family will hold a memorial service Saturday, August 11, 2007, at 5 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Newport, Tennessee. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 140 Lincoln Avenue, Newport, TN 37821, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, c/o Larry Randall Smith Memorial, or Christian County Literacy Council P.O. Box 609, Hopkinsville, KY 42240.

Tribute Wall



“ *Larry Randall Smith*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *I am so glad you printed the picture of Larry. It was like looking at him in High School except with a mustache. I just want you to know we have been and definitely will be praying for all of you. You have been such a close loving family and from what*

EARLENE ,CLAUDE & JULIE STRANGE - August 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Larry Randall Smith*

Wiley and Kate Morgan - August 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our Sympathies, to a wonderful family.*

Robert and Martha Pack - August 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Larry Randall Smith*

Julie Balch - August 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *My thoughts are with all of you during this difficult time. Love, Janice*

janice seay - August 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Larry Randall Smith*

Jack Shepherd - August 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ *for jennifer im so sorry for your lose may god be with all of you,take care of your self and your mom.we think the world of you.i cant be there for you but god can thinking of you wayne and kim belcher.*

wayne and kimberly belcher - August 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ *Larry Randall Smith*

Bart and Becky Thornton - August 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *I had the privilege of playing high school ball with Larry when I was a sophomore and he was a senior. I remember Larry as a tough, fierce competitor, but more as a role model and mentor to younger athletes. Larry would knock you down and then flash a big*

Dan Ragan - August 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Our prayers are with you.*

Jerry& Sharon Bryant - August 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ *Larry Randall Smith*

elizabeth mcnabb - August 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *Larry Randall Smith*

tara mcnabb - August 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *SORRY FOR YOUR LOST.*

mitch coakley - August 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *I was so sorry to hear about Larry's death. He was a junior in high school when I was a senior. He was always so sweet and nice, always smiling. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. Alice Freeman*

Alice Freeman - August 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

FH

“ *I love u to death Jennifer. I hate it that your dad died. I cried and cried when I read the newspaper Sunday. I couldn't even pay attention to the race Sunday. I love u McKinley. I wish I could meet you. Your coolest and favorite patient Felicia Hux*

Felicia Hux - August 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *I love u Jennifer. Debby Hux*

Deborah Hux - August 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ May GOD BLESS YOU ALL at this time of sorrow. You are all in my families thoughts and prayers. Just remember all the good times you all had together. God Bless Love your friends always, Missy and Mike Wood Wayne an

Missy and Mike Wood - August 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Sharon and Family, I am so sorry for the loss of your brother. I know how much he meant to all of you. He is now with God and all the pain has been taken away. Tonya and Sonya I love you guys very much!! Rusty, Kim, Courtney and Caitlynne

Rusty and Kim Hux - August 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ We are very sorry about Larry's passing. Patricia & Larry was loved by everyone. They will be missed." May God Bless You" Ann.

JERRY&PEARL BIBLE - August 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with each and every one of you.

Lloyd Sane and family - August 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ TO ALL OF YOUR FAMILY I EXTEND MY CONDOLENCES AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT YOU ARE IN MY PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS.

ANGIE EPLEY TURNER - August 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Please know all of you are in our prayers and thoughts at this very difficult time.

Jay & Mary Ann Chrisman - August 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ To all of the family we hope the good memories of Larry will give you comfort in the coming days. We will always remember our school years and his friendly smile. CCHS CLASS of '66

Danny and Gwen Dover - August 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Larry Randall Smith

Buster and Sylvia Gray - August 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ We are so sorry for your loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Parker & Nanette Wilds and Family - August 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Ann, Mrs. Smith & Family, My deepest sympathy goes to you and all who knew Larry. Over the years when I came back to Newport and saw Larry or any member of the family, I was met with a big smile. Friendship is a hard thing to replace. My love, prayers

Kenneth & Beverly Maloy - August 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Ann and family, you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Stacy Munn - August 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Larry Randall Smith

Steve Webb - August 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

Tommy & Waynella Ivy Large - August 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ Thinking of you and keeping your family in my prayers.

Tiffany Dover - August 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ May God bless all of you. You are in my prayers. GOD BLESS<
Marilyn & Carroll

Marilyn Auatin - August 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

FP

“ Larry Randall Smith

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