



Harold E. "Doc Holiday" Smallets, Jr.

October 10, 1948 - June 8, 2012

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Harold E. "Doc Holiday" Smallets, Jr. was born on October 10, 1948 to Harold and Mary Smallets, Sr. in Fremont, Ohio. He went home to be with his Lord and maker on June 8, 2012 at 8:17 am.

Growing up, Doc had an older brother, Anthony and many children to play with. His father was a musician and both his father and mother sang. He never had formal music lessons and did not read music, however, he could play many instruments; the guitar, accordion, piano, and drum. Music was truly his God given talent, and later in life, Doc realized that God had been speaking to him his entire life through music. Doc fell in love with drums when his brother brought home bongo drums and a record while enlisted in the Navy and stationed in Hawaii. His love of music took him to Brazil, Sweden, England, Las Vegas, New York and Key West. While on these travels he met Roy Orbison, Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings, George Jones, Johnny Lee, Johnny Paycheck and then Governor George Bush, Sr., and he almost met Elvis. Doc earned his Associate degree in Communications from The Columbia Broadcasting School. He was a member of several bands and music groups and produced several records and albums. Doc was a radio broadcaster for over 25 years, including KSAM in Huntsville, and played the drums at University Heights Baptist Church each Sunday morning for worship

service. He loved his church and the Lord. Doc was also a “critter man” and loved all animals. He loved the beach, and enjoyed travelling, whether it was via airlines, cruise ships, or a vehicle for road trips.

Doc was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Elizabeth Smallets and his father, Harold E. Smallets, Sr. He is survived by his wife Laura of Oakhurst, TX; daughter Heather and her husband Troy of Ohio; daughter Nicole Hight and husband Jimmy of Oakhurst, TX; son Joseph of Austin, TX; son Jim Raley and wife Jennifer of Colorado; brother Anthony Geiger of Colorado; sister-in-law Kelly Paddy of Riverside; sister-in-law Vickie Ferguson of Oklahoma; brother-in-law Jimmy Echols, Jr. of Riverside, TX; 7 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, 5 special “stand-in grandchildren”, and many nieces and nephews.

A gathering of celebration will be from 10:00 am until the start of the celebration of life memorial service at 11:00 am on Thursday, June 14, 2012 at University Heights Baptist Church, with Dr. Richard Rogers officiating. In lieu of flowers, Doc himself requested that a package of cookies be brought to the celebration of life service to share with others. In his own words, “You can’t eat flowers!”

The family would like to give special thanks to TDCJ/TCI, KSAM, University Heights Baptist Church, Walker County Federal Credit Union, and the entire Walker County and surrounding communities for their support during the last six months. Also a special thanks to caregivers; daughter Nicole; Dr. John Knight, Dr. Elham Abassi, Dr. Lawrence Small, Dr. Charles Monday, Huntsville Memorial Hospital, Conroe Healthcare and Solara Healthcare, Conroe Regional Hospital, MD Anderson and Dr. Naval Daver and Leukemia Team, Oakhurst Volunteer Fire Department, Kroger Pharmacy, AeroCare Medical Equipment and finally, Odessa Hospice for making his final days at home peaceful.

Thanks to everyone for prayers, finances and emotional support. You have been selfless, may God bless you.

Memorial condolences may be made to the family online at www.shmfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Harold E. "Doc Holiday" Smallets, Jr.*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Dear Laura and family, May God's loving comfort lift you up and draw you closer to Him. Be comforted knowing that he is with the Lord and that you will be reunited some day! God is a God of all comfort, as we read in 2 Corinthians 1:3-5, and He promised to never leave us!*

Anita Green - June 13, 2012 at 09:19 PM



“ *Laura, I am sincerely sorry for your loss. Doc was a awesome person with such a huge personality. I feel real fortunate to have gotten to know Doc and watch you two start your life together (I think I was around for the first date or two wasn't I? lol). Isn't it neat how music has such an affect on peoples lives. He will be greatly missed Laura but he is no longer suffering and my prayers are with you and your family. RIP "DOC" and may the Lord cover you and your family in peace.*

Sonja T. - June 13, 2012 at 09:35 AM



“ *Condolence goes to All the family. When you hear music, you'll feel him in your heart and know he is playing music with his Father, for their Heavenly Father. A Joyous reward to a great person and his life. We will share cookies in Ohio Thursday and be with you in Spirit. May God Bless you. Carolyn and Jim Smallets*

Carolyn Smallets - June 12, 2012 at 06:16 PM

AL

“ My prayers go out to Laura "Ms.Doc" and the family. Doc was a wonderful person to know and be around. He will be missed, but we know he is in a much better place. He probably has already tried out for the Heavenly Band. God Bless all the family.

Ann Lender - June 12, 2012 at 05:34 PM

JB

“ Laura and family,
I am so very sorry for your loss of "Doc". He was always a carefree person that just loved to live life and it always showed in his & your happiness. I'm sure that you have so many wonderful memories of your time together that will help you through the rough days ahead! Please know that your TDCJ family is thinking of you & hoping you will just let us know what we can do to help ease your pain! You're a special friend to all of us!
Jamie

Jamie Brinegar - June 12, 2012 at 11:36 AM

KP

“ Best Brother-in-Law EVER!! I will miss him but am glad he-and you Sister-are no longer suffering. We will all rejoice when we see him again. May God give you peace and strength in these coming days...Doc's spirit is on your side...I'll be on the other. I Love You Sister!!

Kelly Echols Paddy - June 11, 2012 at 06:28 PM

MT

“ Sorry to hear of the loss of Doc. he will be missed dearly. our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Michael and TeresaLawson - June 11, 2012 at 05:30 PM

RM

“ My prayers and thoughts go to the family and friends of Doc. Celebrate his life and enjoy the cookies and beach wear. Sorry I will not be able to attend the celebration. Rest in peace Doc.

Rona Moser - June 11, 2012 at 04:15 PM

TF

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family as well as the KSAM family of this great radio personality. Huntsville listeners will miss him dearly. God Bless You and Yours All of Your Days.

The Venette Family - June 11, 2012 at 12:34 PM

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“ I had the pleasure of travelling with YO YO when he was with the Wendall Adkins Band - touring with the David Allan Coe Band. What a great fun loving guy. He will be missed by all that knew him. Rest in Peace my "road son".

Meme Coe

Meme Broussard (Coe) - June 10, 2012 at 01:35 PM

MC

“ I did not know Doc personally, but, I listened to him on the radio.... loved his corny jokes, and his laugh made me laugh! I am so sorry for your loss. Doc was loved by many people, even the ones he never met!!! But he touched many lives over the radio waves!! I am one of them... God Bless!!

Margo Keller Chandler - June 08, 2012 at 11:36 PM

T9

“ We were very saddened to hear of your loss and know that Doc will be miss by all. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family and extended family at KSAM.

The Staff of K-Star Country 99.7 - June 08, 2012 at 09:51 PM

TR

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. I hope you will always remember the joy this man brought to so many people. I know that I will.

Traci - June 08, 2012 at 04:43 PM

AL

“ "...God is with mankind ...and he will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more." Rev 21:3, 4

Angie Strong, Fleet Data Management, M & L - June 08, 2012 at 03:18 PM

BN

“ My prayers for the Smallet family and the KSAM family. "Doc" will be missed by many Huntsvile residents. Rest in Peace and comfort "Doc". God be with you!

Beverly Niederhofer - June 08, 2012 at 12:03 PM