



Hunter Smith

April 12, 1987 - March 25, 2023

Ryan Hunter Smith, age 35, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on March 25, 2023 after a tragic accident. Hunter was born on April 12, 1987 in Huntsville, TX to David Smith and Linda Carlson. Growing up in Walker County, Hunter loved the outdoors and could frequently be found walking a creek bed looking for rocks and arrowheads. Some of his favorite interests have always been science, carpentry, astronomy and anything he could build with his hands.

Hunter graduated from Huntsville High School in 2005. Hunter was on the junior high and Huntsville High School golf teams. Hunter first started playing golf at age four and continued to love the game throughout his life. Hunter also attended Sam Houston State University.

Hunter's love of the outdoors would follow him into adulthood. He loved to hunt, fish and explore. He always had his special companion, Buddy- his dog- with him everywhere he went. Hunter rescued Buddy off the side of the road, when he was just a puppy and they shared an inseparable bond.

Hunter loved the Lord and was a member of Northside Baptist Church. He had a kind and generous heart and a giving spirit. He was always willing to help anyone in need. Hunter also had a love for cooking, a skill he acquired from his mom, Linda.

Hunter is preceded in death by his grandparents Joe and Ann Smith; Oscar and Sue Carlson and his aunt Karen Kay Carlson along with his step-mother Peggy Seale Smith.

He is survived by his father, David Smith and Debbie Mitcham; mother Linda Carlson and John Routh; step-brother Kelly Routh; sister McKinsey McAdams Copeland and husband Baron; nieces Emery Kate and Madison Copeland, nephew Walker Copeland; his aunt JoAnn Smith and Scott Kelley. Cousins John Crow and his wife April and son Cody, and his cousin Kelly Crow. He is also survived by some very special "aunts and uncles" and many friends, too numerous to name.

All are invited to greet the family at a visitation on Friday, March 31, 2023 at 10:00am at Northside Baptist Church on FM 980. The funeral service will follow at 11:00am. Hunter will be laid to rest at one of his favorite and a place he considered among the most beautiful places he had ever known- a waterfall on the family ranch, where he could always find comfort and peace. Hunter left this world way too soon and he will be greatly missed.

Pallbearers are Steven Townley, Ricky Langley, Sean Harding, Colton Harding, Garrett Sprott and Travis Cobb.

In lieu of flowers, memorials for the Hunter Smith scholarship fund can be made to Northside Baptist Church (1207 FM 980, Huntsville TX 77320). Memorial condolences may be made to the family at www.shmfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Northside Baptist Church
1207 FM 980
Huntsville, TX 77320

Funeral Service

MAR 31. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Northside Baptist Church
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Huntsville, TX 77320

Tribute Wall

JB

“ These are 2 photos of our daughter, Donna Brinegar (approx age 15) with Hunter (approx age 16) about 2004. I'm not sure what the reason was for the HHS dance, but she had a good time. 😊



Jamie Brinegar - April 08, 2023 at 09:29 AM

MB

“ Hunter Smith I will forever and always love you and the friendship we had since I was 4 at the first time we met "corner pocket". I just heard the news from Krystal Crocker, and it broke my heart. You are an amazing friend and someone I could tell anything to whenever I was having a bad day or just needed to vent. Anytime I needed a ride or wanted to go hunting you always dropped whatever you were doing to come pick me and Krystal up and Holly lol. The time we did doughnuts in the San pit on ur property and we flopped and dislocated my knee lol. Fun times. I love you man and may God rest ur soul

Love,
Morgan Middleton-Birmingham

Morgan Birmingham - April 06, 2023 at 11:16 PM

AC

“ There is so much more I wanted to tell you. There's so much more I wanted to do. There are so many more things that should have happened. I'm so sorry, Hunter! I really thought we had more time! You are one of the best friends I have ever had and I know I'm a better person for having met you. Forgetting you would be impossible because you are a part of who I am. I will always love you, Hunter Ryan Smith.



Angela Collier - April 05, 2023 at 09:18 AM

GP

“ David: I am so sorry for the loss of Hunter's passing. I was a very good kid, I am praying for comfort and peace. He is in a better place. Love David.

Grace Puckett and family

Grace Puckett - March 31, 2023 at 03:12 PM

LF

*Dear cousin David, I am heartbroken to learn about the passing of your son, Hunter. Gone too soon like our Gabe! I am assured that he had a wonderful life with you and because of his love of nature. I think that comes with being a Smith! I will be thinking about you and Hunter and his Buddy for the days to come. With heartfelt sympathy and Love,
Libby Fowler*

Libby Fowler - April 03, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ I am saddened by the passing of my classmate and friend. But the joy I feel knowing that he is the presence of our Lord, makes the sting a little less, makes the hope a little more. I know we will see him again. He is in the best place he could possibly be. No pain, no tears. I will be praying for those left to pick up life without him here. That the Lord wrap His arms around them and comfort them the way only He can. I'm so very sorry.

Christina Pennington - March 31, 2023 at 08:30 AM

JF

“ David, McKinsey, and family,

Words cannot express how sad I was to hear about Hunter's passing, I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with him and you all.

Jessica Fowler and family

Jessica Fowler - March 31, 2023 at 01:56 AM

JB

“ We are so very sorry to hear about Hunter's passing! I know he and our youngest daughter, Donna, were friends in high school. Wishing your family much love & compassion through these rough days ahead. God Bless your family. 🙏🙏

Jamie & Don Brinegar
Huntsville, Texas



Jamie Brinegar - March 30, 2023 at 04:13 PM

AL

“ David,
There are no words, only prayers. Praying for strength to get through the coming days. Praying for comfort and peace in the coming weeks and months. Please remember that our family is here for you in whatever it is that you may need.
~ Ricky, Angie & Holden Langlely

Angie Langlely - March 30, 2023 at 01:29 PM

MD

“ Linda and Smitty May God hold you dear during these difficult days and May happy memories comfort you in your sorrow. I love you both.
Hunter May you rest in peace. You are loved and will be deeply missed by those you loved and who loved you.

Mary Ann Dougherty - March 30, 2023 at 12:09 PM

PM

“ David,

Mom and I were sorry to hear. Please know we love you and are praying for you all.

Pamela and Paula Moak

Pamela Moak - March 30, 2023 at 02:02 AM

PS

“ David, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.



Pat Sprott - March 29, 2023 at 03:52 PM

GB

“ David, I only remember Hunter as the cutest little boy at the Smith Family reunions. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and all of family.

Love, Gayle Wiley Brummett

Gayle Wiley Brummett - March 29, 2023 at 03:38 PM

LF

“ Devastated over the loss of Hunter. We all loved him very much, he's been a wonderful friend to the family for so many years now. All the memories over the years will be held close to our hearts. He will be sorely missed.

Our sincerest condolences to the family. All our love. -The Lee Family (Jimmy, Mary, Chelsie, Aaron & Phoebe)



Lee Family - March 29, 2023 at 02:42 PM

MJ

“ Dear David, There are really no words to offer that can make the pain go away. We send our prayers and love for you and loved ones surrounding you for comfort and peace during this time. Let us know what we can do to help you through this difficult time.

Matthew 5:4 (NIV) – Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Love, Michelle and Scott (Jones), Gloria and Mike (Mechaley) and Chris, Ingird, Sasha and Annika (Mechaley)

Michelle Jones - March 29, 2023 at 12:33 PM

JD

“ David, We are so very saddened to hear of this devastating news! We are out in AZ otherwise we'd be there trying to comfort you. We loved Hunter. He was always pleasant and friendly and helpful to us when we needed something done. Our love to Buddy, as well. Jan and Steve Davis

jan davis - March 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ David, McKinsey, and family - I am so sorry for your devastating loss. My thoughts and prayers will be with you.

Angela Stacks - March 29, 2023 at 09:44 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Hunter Smith.



March 29, 2023 at 06:22 AM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Hunter Smith.



March 28, 2023 at 07:49 PM

SR

“ We are so very sorry to hear of Hunter’s passing. He was a kind, polite young man. We will keep David and the family in our prayers.

Susan and Wolf Retzlaff - March 28, 2023 at 07:27 PM

SS

“ Thoughts and prayers for David and the family. Hold tight to all your precious memories. 🙏💕✝️



Sue Sprott - March 28, 2023 at 06:05 PM

JH

“ Prayers for David and family

Jack and Bill Heard - March 28, 2023 at 05:22 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Hunter Smith.



March 28, 2023 at 04:20 PM

LA

“ Dear David, as the days and weeks pass, and as you return to life's routine, may you continue to feel comforted by the love and support of family and friends. Please know that my most sincere thoughts and prayers are with you.
RIP, Hunter!



Linda Andrews - March 28, 2023 at 03:20 PM

LA

Linda Andrews

Linda Andrews - March 28, 2023 at 03:21 PM



David, so sorry to hear about Hunter know you will miss him dearly, thinking of you Lenora

Lenora Henry - March 28, 2023 at 10:19 PM

MG

“ Daer David, we are so saddened by the loss of Hunter. We hope you will be able to find some sense of peace through your memories of Hunter. Please know that you are in our thoughts. Marcus and Nisa

Marcus and Nisa Gillespie - March 28, 2023 at 12:38 PM

MH

“ M. Hyvl lit a candle in memory of Hunter Smith



M. Hyvl - March 28, 2023 at 11:37 AM

MA

“ *The love, memories and hope of seeing the loved ones that I have lost on the other side helps me with the grief. I wish the same for you. God bless you and keep you strong!*

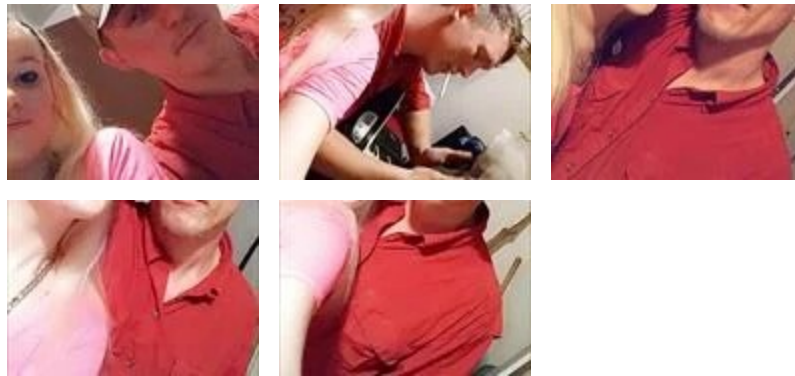
Mitchell Allen



Mithell Allen - March 27, 2023 at 10:41 PM

AR

“ *Hunter I love you!!* ❤️



Abigail raines - March 27, 2023 at 08:02 PM

DA

“ *Praying for his family* 🙏



Dawn - March 27, 2023 at 06:37 PM

MA

“ *Marjolein, Christopher And Anneke lit a candle in memory of Hunter Smith*



marjolein, christopher and anneke - March 27, 2023 at 06:28 PM

MA

And Christopher

marjolein, christopher and anneke - March 27, 2023 at 06:29 PM

DP

“ *We are so sad to hear of Hunter's passing. Please know that we are praying for the entire family. May God give you peace and comfort.*
Carol and Richard Byrd
Jan and Tom Rogers
Donna and Walter Paschall
Mary and Nathan Roe



Donna Paschall - March 27, 2023 at 06:20 PM