



Kevin D. Smith

June 26, 1966 - December 9, 2020

Mr. Kevin Smith made his transition on December 9, 2020. Please use this time to encourage and uplift the Smith family with some everlasting words on our tribute page.

To send Flowers and Memorial gifts please visit our sympathy store.

Previous Events

Strolling Visitation

DEC **21.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services
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Family/Friends Time

DEC **22.** 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

DEC **22.** 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Kevin D. Smith*



Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services - December 22, 2020 at 08:53 AM

IP

I knew Mr. Smith as a gym teacher for 2 years he was so nice and I am going to miss him so much but prayers to the family and friends

Imani Parker - January 11, 2021 at 11:07 AM

IR

Prayers Going Out to Mr. Smiths Family And Freinds 🙏 RIP My Favorite Gym Teacher .

Ilanah Richardson - January 11, 2021 at 11:21 AM

JL

I knew mr smith 3 years and this really breaks my heart to see him all gone his smile was the brightest smile I have ever seen in a person rip mr smith you will always be loved cherished in loving memeroy

jamya luekkett

jamya luekkett - January 12, 2021 at 09:13 AM



“ *Kevin D. Smith*

September 27, 2022 at 08:40 PM



“ *Kevin D. Smith*

September 27, 2022 at 06:52 PM



“ *I know Mr. Smith for 2 years i didnt want to see him die): Aka My fav gym teacher*

dj - December 09, 2021 at 05:41 PM



“ *He was my favorite gym teacher.*

d - December 09, 2021 at 05:39 PM



“ *Mr. Smith was my elementary and middle school gym teacher. I didn't have a lot of friends as a child and Mr. Smith always managed to put a smile on my face. He was an absolutely lovely human being and he will be sorely missed.*

-Smiley

J.Walker - April 08, 2021 at 07:50 PM



“ *I have known Mr. Smith for four years. He was my gym teacher at Bates Academy. He was always nice. From Tyler Partmon*

Tyler Partmon - March 11, 2021 at 08:55 PM

TS

“ Kevin was my student trainer at Central State in the mid 1980’s. He was a pleasure to work with and I would like to send my heartfelt condolences to his family entire family during this time of bereavement.

Troy Shockley - December 23, 2020 at 03:18 PM



“ I knew Mr. Kevin Smith for 5 years; we were colleagues at Bates. When I was hired, he was among the first to make me feel welcome. Everyday myself and others were greeted with a huge smile and an exuberant “Good Morning!” Our classrooms are in the same hall, so we often had a few minutes to chat during lav/drink breaks with our students. I’ll miss seeing him and the cheerful energy he brought to our school. He was one of the kindest people I’ve ever met. At staff meetings, breakfasts, luncheons, PD-whatever it was, he always made an effort to engage with others and get to know them. He truly cared about people and his students. One thing that stood out from getting to know Kevin in our conversations, was his absolute love for his family. He spoke so highly and lovingly of his wife and son. He was SO proud of Garrick and his accomplishments. We talked hockey a couple times, as my brother in law played in college. He was so excited for his future. I’m beyond saddened by Kevin’s passing and still so stunned. My deepest condolences go out to his family, friends and all who had the pleasure of knowing him. Rest in Heaven, Kevin.



Tracy Lynn - December 22, 2020 at 10:07 PM

ES

“ Our family is deeply saddened to have heard about the passing of Mr. Kevin D. Smith. My son Ethan, has played with and/or against Garrick for some years now. I never was able to have the pleasure of his company for very long and mostly knew him in passing or very brief conversation about hockey. The Smith family is in our thoughts and prayers...God Bless...

Erik and Lacy Smith

Erik Smith Sr. - December 22, 2020 at 04:22 PM

MF

“ The Mitchell family sends our condolences to the Smith family. He was my colleague, my daughter's and son's Gym Teacher and later became my son's Basketball Coach. Mr. Smith was always pleasant to my husband and I. We had great long conversations. Truly a loss. We will continue to keep his family in our prayers. 🙏🙏🙏

Mitchell Family - December 22, 2020 at 02:22 PM

PH

“ Praying for God to strengthen you and your family during and beyond this time of transition. May the precious memories you shared bring comfort. Mr. Smith's kind spirit will forever live on.

Piper Herbert - December 22, 2020 at 12:07 PM



“ I have only known Mr. Smith for only a few short years, but I felt I knew him for a lifetime. It was my pleasure seeing him at all of the sporting events such as the Detroit Tigers baseball games. He would always go out of his way to speak to me even if I did not see him, so that we could discuss the latest events with the teams. I will also miss our rides to Ford Field either on the People Mover or the free shuttle bus to probably see the Lions lose another game. Mrs. Smith worked with my wife so that is how we met. He was always smiling, always warm, and always shared some good news about his son Garrick. We will truly miss him. God Bless the family!

Gary Winston Sr. (Dr. Deborah Winston).

Gary Sr. - December 22, 2020 at 11:54 AM

PJ

“ I thank God for blessing me and my family with Kevin, Cassandra and Garrick, we spend some great years talking and laughing in the back yard on Prest Street. Kevin was always so helpful with removing snow for my mom. Sharing in your sadness. My heart goes out to Cassandra and Garrick, may you be surrounded by strength and compassion. Always praying for you. love pam & cierra Judkins family



pam judkins - December 22, 2020 at 11:26 AM

BM

“ I'll never forget cousin Kevin. Although we lived in Pittsburgh, every time we came to Michigan he greeted us like we never left. I can't help but smile when I think about our conversations. The last time we spoke, he could not stop talking about Garrick and hockey. He absolutely lit up when talking about how proud he was of you, Garrick.

Cassandra and Garrick, I'm so sorry for your loss.

Brian McKinney - December 22, 2020 at 10:49 AM

LP

“ I only knew Mr. Smith for a short while, but he had a big smile and a warm personality. He will be and is greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.
Mrs. Pelt and Family

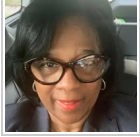
Latricia Pelt - December 22, 2020 at 10:29 AM

PH

“ I thank God for Kevin and Cassandra. They are a part of my daughter's Village God Parents and I am grateful for Him placing them in our lives. Before my God asking for comfort for Cassandra, Garrick, and Mr. Smith love Always Patrece and Selena



Patrece Hamblin - December 22, 2020 at 10:17 AM



“ *Denice Riggs lit a candle in memory of Kevin D. Smith*



Denice Riggs - December 22, 2020 at 10:08 AM



“ *Mr. Kevin Smith and I worked at the same school. When I walked in the building every morning, I would see this bright smile greeting me Good Morning! How are you? That made me smile and say Good morning! I am doing well, How about you? I am going to miss seeing you every morning greeting me with a smile. RIP. I am Keeping the Smith family in my prayers. God Bless you from Tamara Williams and the Williams Family.*



Tamara Williams - December 22, 2020 at 09:28 AM



I met Kevin Smith several years ago at work. As a newcomer, I received a very warm and genuine welcome from him. People who are genuinely welcoming to newcomers always leave a positive lasting impression. He was always a respectable gentleman and he will truly be missed.

Mishele West - December 23, 2020 at 10:43 PM



“ *Adrienne Leonard Pollard lit a candle in memory of Kevin D. Smith*



Adrienne Leonard Pollard - December 22, 2020 at 08:42 AM

RD

“ *Mr. Smith! Thank you for all of your kind words, laughs, and good food. I will miss you dearly. I will continue to pray strength for your loving wife, Cassandra, son, and Dad! Until we meet again....Dotson*

Rachelle Dotson - December 22, 2020 at 04:38 AM

AB

“ *Mr. Smith a very kind good person who would help anyone and colleagues. Always have a big beautiful smile on his face. He'll be missed much and more. Mrs. Smith, Garrick and Father Smith and family love you all. God and Jesus is with you all always. With love to the Smith Family from Airy and Rickey Butler.*



Airy Butler - December 21, 2020 at 11:09 PM

PC

“ *Pastor Terry Adams - Cousin lit a candle in memory of Kevin D. Smith*



Pastor Terry Adams - Cousin - December 21, 2020 at 10:30 PM

JL

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Joyce Leonard - December 21, 2020 at 05:32 PM

JL

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Joyce Leonard - December 21, 2020 at 05:25 PM

TB

“ The Brown Family sends their condolences to the Mr. Smith's family. Alyssa Brown is a student of his and he is one of her favorite teacher's at Bates Academy. He had all of my children (24, 17, and 9) at Bates. Thank you Mr. Smith for being some a great teacher. You will be deeply missed. Alyssa tells us everyday to Stay Positive. This is what you would tell your 1st hour gym class every morning before dismissal of class. Rest in Peace!!



TiJuana Brown - December 21, 2020 at 04:35 PM

MF

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Mitchell Family - December 22, 2020 at 09:08 AM

KT

“ Smith I can't believe you're gone. For the past 11yrs we've laughed, talked, joked just about every day at work. You would even look out for my family and I at the Tigers games. The next person may not be able to grill for the entire school for field day as good as you. The staff will no longer enjoy your famous breakfast casserole. I always ended up scraping the dish because everyone else beat me to it. I'll still help make sure the student's don't leave your gym trashed with snack debris after their pep rally's.



Your son was your heartbeat. You lived and worked for Garrick, bragged about his accomplishments ... a proud father. You spoke about retiring once he finished college. I wish you could have enjoyed the product of your life's work with your wife, son, and future grandkids. My condolences to your wife, son, family, friends, colleagues, present and former students, etc. You were truly one of the good, hard working guys. You'll definitely be missed. Your end was definitely too soon. Still in disbelief. Kay Thomas

Kay Thomas - December 20, 2020 at 11:45 PM



“ Glorious Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kevin D. Smith.



December 19, 2020 at 11:37 PM

JL

“ Kevin is my nephew, the first grandchild in our family. I remember babysitting him as an infant. He grew into a caring and loving young man. Always smiling, he never had a harsh word to say about anyone. For him, love was action. One could feel his love with every encounter. Rest in God's eternal peace, Kev. You will always live in our hearts. Aunt Joy.

Joyce McKinney Leonard - December 19, 2020 at 06:28 PM

RR

“ Russell Family



Rev W. L. Russell - December 19, 2020 at 01:37 AM

PF

“ My prayers are with your family Mr. Smith. Coach your teaching skills were impeccable. Coming to Bates to service my students in the gym and seeing you were the high lite of my day. Detroit Public Schools Community District was blessed have such a devoted man. Rest in peace Mr. Smith (coach)

Pat Finnegan
Adaptive Physical Education teacher for students with autism
(Retired)

Patricia J Finnegan - December 18, 2020 at 08:29 PM

MT

“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Coach Smith and my heart goes out to the Smith family. Coach was a man who truly loved his family and his craft, Physical Education.

I'm still in shock with this loss. It is a tremendous loss. "Coach" was a wonderful man and educator who dedicated his time and efforts to the children of the Detroit Public Schools community.

I will miss coming to Bates to service my students and talking to Coach in the gym, conversing about our children, how we can better serve our students, HBCU's, SKATE, offering encouraging words and any information and knowledge he had, he was always willing to impart to help the next person.

I will miss my dear friend. But now you can rest my brother. Job well done...

M. Tinnon

Myia Tinnon - December 18, 2020 at 05:14 PM

TF

“ The SKATE Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Kevin D. Smith.



The SKATE Family - December 18, 2020 at 01:43 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Kevin D. Smith.*



December 18, 2020 at 01:39 PM



“ *My thoughts, prayers, and sincere heartfelt condolences to The Smith family. I met Kevin over 20 years ago at the "old Bates" aka The Greenlawn Bates. Kevin was always a warmhearted man, eager to give of his time and talents. Like introducing my daughter to the wonderful world of archery. Always there with a helping hand and a kind word of encouragement. I will deeply miss reminiscing over old time and seeing your infectious smile. Yours is a presence that will surely be missed. Rest well my friend.*



Robin Howard - December 18, 2020 at 12:32 PM



“ *My prayers are with The Smith Family. May God hold you close and give you strength during this time and the days to follow. Mr. Smith will be forever remembered.*

Audra Butler - December 18, 2020 at 11:59 AM

ND

“ He was my gym teacher for a while at Bates. He was never one to be mean. My prayers go out to his family.

Nadrienna Damaris

Nadrienna Damaris - December 18, 2020 at 06:11 AM

VD

“ Our love, sympathy and prayers 🙏 to Cassandra and Garrett in the lost of my brother Kevin!! Bro . Vermon, Rev. Dr. Gloria & Bro. Micah Dillon & The Glory Ministries Church Family of Xenia, Ohio



Vernon Dillon - December 17, 2020 at 08:52 PM



“ Amella Washington purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Kevin D. Smith.



Amella Washington - December 17, 2020 at 04:19 PM



“ Mr. Smith will be remembered as a good man, great teacher, and faithful friend. My prayers and condolences to his family.
Amella Washington



Amella Washington - December 17, 2020 at 04:15 PM

CW

“ *Celeste Turner, Robin Howard, Angela Williams purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kevin D. Smith.*



Celeste Turner, Robin Howard, Angela Williams - December 17, 2020 at 02:16 PM

GK

“ *Mother, father and sons, what a wonderful family! Kevin was always so kind to all people and loved his parents completely. What a wonderful man God give to this life and what a wonderful blessing to us all. He was special in every way. How fortunate I am to have known him all his life - to see him grow and be nurtured. You surely have made a difference in this world. Thank you Lord, for allowing us to have him in our lives.*

*God bless you and the family.
gloria*

gloira koss - December 17, 2020 at 01:55 PM



“ *Kevin was just a wonderful person the two of us use to swim at 6 in the morning at post middle school such a tragedy for everyone Neal victor retired bates teacher*

Neal Victor - December 17, 2020 at 10:47 AM

TP

“ Dear Cassandra, Our Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Peters



Tammie D Peters - December 16, 2020 at 01:14 PM

CT

“ Celeste Turner lit a candle in memory of Kevin D. Smith

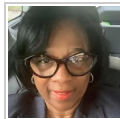


Celeste Turner - December 16, 2020 at 07:49 AM

NK

Kevin a wonderful energetic young man whom I had the pleasure in meeting. May deepest sympathy to Cassandra, Garrett and DeWayne for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Naomi Kennedy

Naomi Kennedy - December 21, 2020 at 03:54 PM



Mr. Smith was such a humble and kind person. He was a true team player and willing to assist where ever needed. Holding two or three classes at a time when there were NO substitute teachers available. You did not have to ask for help, he would see the need and offer to step in. Mr. Smith's heartbeat was his son. He spoke about Garrett with such pride and joy. Sending heartfelt condolences to his wife and son. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Denice Riggs - December 22, 2020 at 10:26 AM

BR

RIP Mr. Smith. Thank you for having an impact on my life and my family's life. My prayers are with your wife and your son during this trying time.

Blair Ramsey - December 22, 2020 at 10:35 AM

MP

Dear Cassandra and Garrick, please accept our families deepest condolences for the loss of Kevin. While we haven't yet had the chance to meet, our son Tommy and Garrick are teammates and we share a bond with you through our hockey family - the Metro Jets. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the rest of your family. Please take care and let us know if there is anything we can do for you.

Michael Purton - December 22, 2020 at 11:24 AM

CT

My deepest sympathy is with the Smith family. Cassandra, my heart aches for you and your family during this time. As the days pass, I hope you find comfort and support in the people that surround you. I am here for you.

Crystal Towns

Crystal Towns - December 22, 2020 at 11:31 AM

MD

Our deepest condolences go out to Cassandra, Garrick and DeWayne for the loss of Kevin. We have many memories from the summer family cookouts and his unwavering kindness. He always wore a smile and proudly poured into the lives of young people. We will keep the family lifted up in prayer.

-Love Aunt Margie and Cousin Kim

Margie Duffey - December 23, 2020 at 02:00 AM