



## Guthrie C. "Scott" Smith, Jr.

August 28, 1958 - February 23, 2016

Guthrie C. "Scott" Smith Jr., 57 of Cary, NC passed away on February 23, 2016 surrounded by his loving family. Scott's courageous battle with ALS inspired many and his message of perseverance, love, and friendship continues. He was born on August 28, 1958 in Johnson City, NY. A 1976 graduate of Garinger High School and 1980 graduate of Appalachian State University.

His passion was evident as a friend, mentor, and leader in his 32 year career in the medical sales industry. He thrived on helping others achieve success and pursue their dreams. His love and devotion for family and the selflessness of caring for others is the foundation of his legacy. His adventurous spirit created happiness, beautiful memories, and joy.

Scott is survived by his wife of 34 years, Janet, son, Ryan and his wife Claire (Marks), daughter Allison and her fiancé Carlos Ranghel, mother Ruth Smith-Byers and her husband Richard Byers, his sisters Debbie McMorrow and Sharon Thompson and their families. In addition is survived by his mother in-law Peggy Stemple, and Janet's brothers, sister, and their families. He was predeceased by his father Guthrie C. Smith, and father in-law Edward F. Stemple.

The Smith family extends our warmest thank you to the staff at Duke ALS clinic, our Transitions hospice team members, Father Daniel Oswald and Leslie Stironek from St. Michael's Parish, and our family and friends. A funeral mass will be held at 1pm on Saturday, February 27, 2016 at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, 804 High House Road, Cary NC. Visitation with the family begins at 12 noon. Inurnment immediately following. Memorial contributions may be made to The ALS Association or Transitions LifeCare. Online condolences may be made at [www.wakefuneral.com](http://www.wakefuneral.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 27. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church  
804 High House Rd.  
Cary, NC 27513  
<http://www.stmichaelcary.org/>

## Funeral Mass

FEB 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

LY

“ So sorry to hear of Scott's passing. It was so good to see him at the last high school reunion and to meet you. You and Scott just looked so happy together and like you were made for each other. My thoughts and prayers will be with you for God to give you the strength and guidance in the days to come, as I know you must miss him dearly. Scott was such a nice person to know. God Bless. Lori Younger

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**Lori Younger** - March 25, 2016 at 07:32 PM

JS

*Thank you Lori, I'm so glad we attended the reunion and we reconnected with many wildcat friends ! we miss Scott very much everyday and will always remember how he much he loved life and brought much joy to our lives!*

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**janet smith** - March 28, 2016 at 08:23 PM

MC

“ Dear Janet and Family,

*I was so very sorry to learn of the loss of Scott. May it comfort you to know friends and colleagues are lifting you in prayer. May God be with you in your time of grief.*

*With deepest sympathy,*

*Mark Collins*

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted".  
Matthew 5:4*

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**Mark Collins** - March 05, 2016 at 07:17 PM

JS

*thank you Mark !*

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**janet smith** - March 09, 2016 at 09:14 PM

SH

“ Dear Janet & Family,  
I got to know Scott when he was in high school. I dated his sister Debbie for over three years and was at their house all the time. He was always friendly and had a good sense of humor. I went to Catholic Church with them on many occasions and was invited to dinner quite often. Scott had great social skills and I had a feeling that he would make an excellent salesman. I moved out west many years ago but have always thought about the Smith family, such good people. Small world, but my brother lives in Raleigh, works for Cardinal Health, and met Scott at a conference some years back. Scott was a wonderful person, and he will be greatly missed. Steve Horton, Green River, Wyoming.

Steve Horton - March 02, 2016 at 06:36 PM

JS

thanks for your msg, I remember when you & Debbie dated!

janet smith - March 09, 2016 at 09:15 PM

BN

“ Dear Janet and Family,  
I was so sorry to learn of Scott's passing. The first time that I met you and Scott, you had just returned from a cruise. His smile and positive attitude were infectious. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.  
In Friendship...Barb Newhouse

Barb Newhouse - February 28, 2016 at 02:31 PM

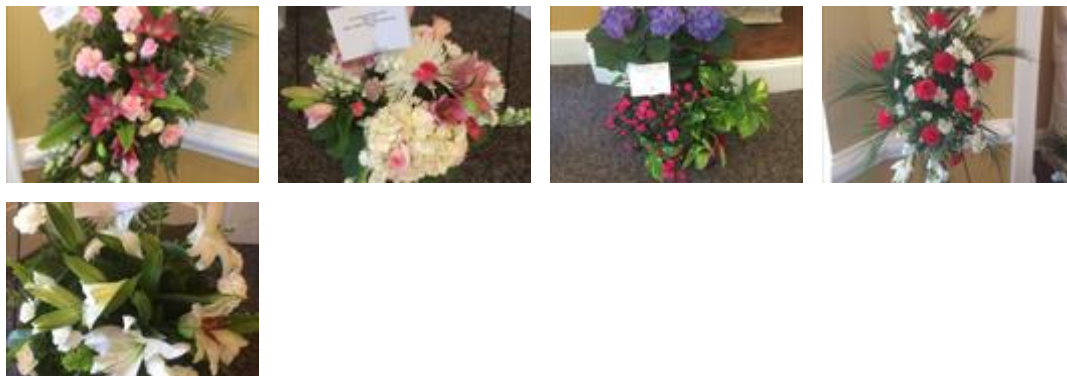
JA

thank you Barbara !

Janet - February 29, 2016 at 05:50 AM

BP

“ 21 files added to the album Floral arrangements



Britt Paynter - February 28, 2016 at 11:30 AM

KD

“ Janet and family,

*I am so sorry for your loss. Always know that you all have friends who love you and will be there for you, always !!! I am praying for you and your family !!! Scott has left a lifetime of smiles for you all to share with all of us !!!*

*Always,  
Kathy Dixon*



Kathy Dixon - February 27, 2016 at 06:44 PM

JS

*thank you Kathy, I'm sure you remember when we first started dating ....way back in 1976!*

janet smith - March 13, 2016 at 08:08 AM

Kimmy Whelan

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Kimmy Whelan - February 27, 2016 at 02:48 AM

JS

*I treasure these pics, thank you!*

janet smith - March 13, 2016 at 08:10 AM

JD

“ Dear Janet, Bill and I were so sorry to hear of Scott's death. He was taken too soon . I hope that you can take some solace in the fact that every time I saw him, he was always talking about you or the kids. It was so obvious that he loved all of you so much! When I think of him , I always see him with a smile on his face. I 'm sure that he will be missed by many.

*Under normal circumstances we would come by your house,or certainly attend the mass,but I broke my hip in December so I 'm limited in what I can do.*

*You are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Fondly, Jane Demeritt*

jane demeritt - February 26, 2016 at 07:58 PM

JS

*thank you for your msg Jane! I have fun memories spent w/ you & Bill from Scott's IVAC days!*

janet smith - March 13, 2016 at 08:13 AM

MM

“ Janet, you are all in my thoughts and prayers. I will always remember all the fond memories of the good times together at the "R". Scott has such a beautiful smile and great personality, he'll be forever missed. My heartfelt and deepest sympathy to you all.

*RIP Scott. Love, Marge*

marge MacFawn - February 26, 2016 at 04:58 PM

JS

*love you Marge, we have many great "R" stories to keep us smiling!*

janet smith - March 13, 2016 at 08:15 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Guthrie C. "Scott" Smith, Jr..



February 26, 2016 at 10:54 AM

MM

“ Scott - you'll be greatly missed and I am honored to have known you professionally and personally. I've learned from you professionally, but even more importantly I strive to be a great DAD like you with my two kids. You have an amazing family and I hope someday I also leave such a legacy and footprint as you have with your children to be remarkable individuals.

You'll be greatly missed but never forgotten.

God Bless -

Love,

Mark, Tanya, Laleh and Aryan McBride

*"May the road rise to meet you.*

*May the wind be always at your back.*

*May the sun shine warm upon your face.*

*And rains fall soft upon your fields.*

*And until we meet again,*

*May God hold you in*

*the hollow of His hand."*

*-Irish Blessing*

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**Mark McBride** - February 26, 2016 at 10:52 AM

JS

*Thank you for this beautiful msg. and Irish blessing! Scott loved his honey badgers !*

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**janet smith** - March 13, 2016 at 08:17 AM



“ Garden of Memories was purchased for the family of Guthrie C. "Scott" Smith, Jr..



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February 26, 2016 at 10:51 AM

MM

“ 7 files added to the album *Scotty*



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**Mark McBride** - February 26, 2016 at 10:28 AM

JS

*thx for the pics.....priceless!!!*

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**janet smith** - March 13, 2016 at 08:18 AM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Guthrie C. "Scott" Smith, Jr..*



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February 26, 2016 at 09:19 AM

PL

“ *Dear Janet, Ryan and Allison,  
In the few short years we knew Scott, mostly through Ryan, we watched his courage and love for life and his family with great pleasure. We just wish we had been lucky enough to have spent more time with him and gotten to know him better. He has been in our prayers and our thoughts as long as we have known him and we continue to pray for all of you. What a wonderful family you are.*

*Peggy and Jim Love*

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**peggy love** - February 25, 2016 at 08:38 PM

JS

*Thank you Peggy and Jim, Scott was very happy to attend Ryan & Claire's engagement party and wedding and to meet all the family members! We treasure the joyful time spent together!*

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**janet smith** - March 13, 2016 at 08:24 AM

SB

“ Janet, Ryan, and Allison. Scott was an amazing man, who had an awesome family. My heart and prayers go out to you. It is a sad day for the entire community to lose such a fine mentor, supporter, and family man.

Stephanie Ball - February 25, 2016 at 03:04 PM

JS

Thank you for your sweet message, Stephanie.

janet smith - March 13, 2016 at 08:26 AM

NW

“ Dear Janet, Ryan and Allison, My heart goes out to all of you. I remember the first time I ever saw your family. It was at a swim meet and we had just moved to Cary. I remember thinking what a sweet, beautiful couple and beautiful family! Our kids were in elementary school. Throughout the years, I have always thought what a beautiful, loving family. It is that same love that remained unwavering during Scott's illness. I will always remember his beautiful sweet, beautiful smile and infectious personality. My prayers, thoughts and love are with you.

Nancy Wright - February 25, 2016 at 11:49 AM

JS

Nancy, thank you for this beautiful msg!. Scott made our life wonderful❤️xo

janet smith - March 13, 2016 at 09:05 AM

TF

“ The Shams Family purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Guthrie C. "Scott" Smith, Jr..



The Shams Family - February 25, 2016 at 11:31 AM

JJ

“ Dear Janet,

Gene Upchurch sent me an e-mail this morning about Scott passing away. I am so very sorry & I send my heartfelt & deepest sympathy to you, Ryan, Allison & all of your family. My thoughts & prayers are with you during this sad & difficult time.

Love, Jeannie Jones  
Dunn, NC

Jeannie Jones - February 25, 2016 at 09:53 AM

JS

*Thank you so much Jeannie, and I received your sweet message at home!*

janet Smith - April 16, 2016 at 11:47 AM



“ *Rose Tribute was purchased for the family of Guthrie C. "Scott" Smith, Jr..*



February 25, 2016 at 09:42 AM

JD

“ *Scott was always one of the most positive guys I'd ever met. I first met him working at the Manhattan Bagel store he owned in the mid 90s. He was a great help with giving me advice on how to get into medical sales after college too. And more than anything else, anytime I saw Scott and Janet anywhere in town over the last 20 years they were the kindest people and felt like people you'd known your whole life. Scott - you will be missed. Thoughts and Prayers to the Smith Family.*

*-James Dunn*

James Dunn - February 25, 2016 at 06:42 AM

JS

*Thanks you James for this beautiful message!*

janet Smith - April 16, 2016 at 11:44 AM

DZ

“ *I pray that God's love flows over you and comforts you in the days ahead. He is perpetually with you, taking care of you. You need not fear the future, for God is already there.*

*Love to Janet, Ryan, Claire, Allison, Carlos and family - Deborah Zechini*

Deborah Zechini - February 24, 2016 at 11:39 PM

JS

*thank you for your love & support , Deb.*

janet Smith - April 16, 2016 at 11:50 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Guthrie C. "Scott" Smith, Jr..*



February 24, 2016 at 08:55 PM

CB

“ *Chip and Mary Pat Busker purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Guthrie C. "Scott" Smith, Jr..*



**Chip and Mary Pat Busker** - February 24, 2016 at 08:01 PM

PG

“ *Remembering such a sweet family when the Ryan and Allison attended Morrisville El., and great food as you opened your great little restaurant (the name escapes me - sorry) - also years ago. Then losing touch over the years, but seeing you both again after Scott received his diagnosis. ALS is a horrible disease, but after having lost a friend just a year ago to this dreaded disease, it does allow you the gift to say those things that so many don't find the time to say. Wishing you so much comfort during these difficult days, and peace knowing that you had the gift to say those special thoughts. Prayers to you all - God bless!!*

*Pennie Gibson*

**Pennie Gibson** - February 24, 2016 at 07:35 PM



“ *Garden of Memories was purchased for the family of Guthrie C. "Scott" Smith, Jr..*



February 24, 2016 at 07:32 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Guthrie C. "Scott" Smith, Jr..



February 24, 2016 at 07:07 PM

MM

“ My family and I want to tell the family that they are in our thoughts and prayers. Scott we have never met but my family knows your in laws very well. We decided to do the ALS Bucket challenge for you 2yrs ago and it was an honor for us to do it. Sleep tight now and the Lord has taken you in his glorious home with peace and health now.

God Bless all of you during these trying times but know he is at peace

Sincerely

Mariann & Lester

McDaniel and family

Mariann McDaniel - February 24, 2016 at 07:01 PM

CW

“ Janet and family, though I only met Scotty twice his personality was as big as he was. My deepest condolences to all of you in the physical loss of Scotty. I pray for your ability to hold your memories close and your love for him closer through this difficult time and for all your days.



Colleen Wood - February 24, 2016 at 06:53 PM

SD

“ Susan and Ronnie Dedmon purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Guthrie C. "Scott" Smith, Jr..



Susan and Ronnie Dedmon - February 24, 2016 at 06:33 PM

LC

“ *The laughter, the hugs that lasted forever, happy hour, pool days and patio nights. Janet and Scott opened up their home, family and their hearts to a "renter" in building one. The love and strength that Scott, Janet, Ryan and Allison have shown is a testament to how amazing this family is! Scott, Janet, Ryan and Allison you are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Leslie Czemerda*

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**Leslie Czemerda** - February 24, 2016 at 05:28 PM

JM

“ *One memory? Hard to pick one! Our brief time at the "R" with Scott and Janet will forever remain in our hearts and minds! We came to know them, love them and share special times and memories with them. Am sure he has a special seat in heaven <3 RIP Scotty and God's blessings and comfort for Janet, Ryan, Allison and the whole family! xoxoxo*

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**Jack & Cathy Mulligan** - February 24, 2016 at 05:18 PM