



## "Smoke" Gary Lloyd Crosssett Sr.

August 4, 1945 - March 29, 2019

Gary "Smoke" Crosssett, age 73 of Mt. Juliet, TN, passed away Friday March 29th, 2019 from his long battle with cancer.

Smoke lived out his dream to be on a stage and to entertain the people in front of him and to see the world. He was a funny guy and a prankster who was always ready to tell a story and make you laugh. He loved his family dearly, he loved music and he loved to just strike up a conversation and talk. It's comforting to know he is now pain free and at peace with our Lord and Savior, and that there are so many loved ones before him there, to welcome him to his new home eternal. He will be sorely missed and always loved by all of his family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents Durwood and Bernice Crosssett; and grandson Layne Wilkes Crosssett. He is survived by his sons Gary (Chique) Crosssett and Matthew Ryan (Leah) Crosssett.; daughter Tresia (Aaron) Michael; brother Bobby (Jean) Crosssett; grandchildren Zachery, Alicia, Gwen, and Ethan Crosset, Tyler Marlin, Lauren, Brendon and Kaleb Michael; and great-grandchildren Bailey and Sidney Eing, Sophia Walker, and Chloe Michael.

His family will receive friends on Thursday, April 4, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. until his Celebration of Life Service at 7:00 p.m. at Austin and Bell Funeral Home in Hendersonville with Rev. Rhonda Lee officiating.

Memorial Contributions may be made to The Luther Indian Ministries, 15400 Capital Dr #20, Brookfield, WI 53005, or to the Academy of Country Music, Lifting Lives, [www.acmliftinglives.org/donate](http://www.acmliftinglives.org/donate), in memory of Gary Crosssett.

The family has entrusted services to Austin & Bell Funeral Home and Cremation Service, 104 Sanders Ferry Road, Hendersonville, TN. 615-822-4442.

# Events

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**APR**   **Visitation**                      04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Austin & Bell Funeral Home - Hendersonville  
104 Sanders Ferry Rd., Hendersonville, TN, US, 37075

**APR**   **Celebration of Life Memorial Service**                      07:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Will forever thank God for blessing me with the most precious gift of friendship with Smoke! Forever grateful for our chance meeting in Reno in 1985 when TG was performing at the Nugget! So many, many memories through the years, that my eyes blur with tears even though they were happy times!

When he lived in eastern TN, 2001, he came to visit when I had a tour there and drove a few customers and myself around showing us the sights! He joined us again in 2010 on the motorcoach, went to the Opry and had dinner with another tour I had taken to TN. In January of this year 2019, my cousin Pam and I went to Nashville to visit when he was still able to get out and enjoy himself a bit! Another visit to the Opry was a highlight for him! He was an amazing man, an amazing friend and will be missed by all who knew and loved him!

Thank you for the memories my sweet forever friend, and I will recall them often, and with each and every time, I will give thanks! Will forever love and miss you, your voice and your laughter were always so full and rich! Till we meet again, you will forever be in my heart!



Connie Robinson Lowe-Boyle - April 23 at 11:18 AM

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“ 61 files added to the album LifeTributes



Austin & Bell Funeral Home - April 04 at 12:12 PM

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“ Have loved Gary since I was 11 years old. He was 21. A nicer man I have never met. My first crush. My daddy and Gary both played in Lloyd Arnold's band in 1966. Such a loving man, good friend and a hell of a drummer. He knew who loved him and had such an open heart, he drew people to him. They couldn't help it. That was just Gary. I know most people call him Smoke but I knew him from his days before he became Smoke. I will miss my friend. Love to his family and friends. I am proud to be one of them. Will see you later Gary. Hope you have run into my daddy up there. He loved you too.



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of "Smoke" Gary Lloyd Crossett Sr..



April 02 at 07:15 PM

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“ Doc Livingston and Anita Livingston. purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of "Smoke" Gary Lloyd Crossett Sr..



**Doc Livingston and Anita Livingston.** - April 02 at 09:45 AM

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“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of "Smoke" Gary Lloyd Crossett Sr..



April 02 at 09:32 AM

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“ My heart breaks when I think of Smoke's passing. We go back to when I was a young guy, and we have literally travelled 1000s of miles together. When I lived in Nashville, Smoke lived close to me and I would give him rides to meet the bus to go on the road with TG, we'd talk about our lives, and futures, he was a friend.

So many memories from what seems like another lifetime ago...

I was fortunate to see him briefly some years ago when TG came to our area in NC.. Indy got to meet him and she loved Smoke. We wanted to talk with him before he passed, we did call but he was not able to call back. He was further along with the

cancer than I realized. I love you Smoke, truly sorry that this terrible disease took you from us...

**Steve Dixon** - April 02 at 09:29 AM

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“ Smoke , you put up one heck of a fight, i am proud of you in more ways then one. My Memories of Smoke will carry me through my life, thinking and laughing about all the crazy stories, I will miss not speaking to you on the phone, do me a favor give my mom and Slug, a hug.

To the Crossett family, my prayers and thoughts go out to you, i am feeling your pain, i will hold you in my prayers daily. I Love you all

To his road crew, prayers and thoughts go out to you all as well. I am so thankful thaat 39 yrs ago I met the crew and was like a sister Smoke and I could talk about anything.

Thank you country Music for bringing this Loving soul into my life, and to the Crossett family thank you for sharing your Dad, Grandpa, Husband with so many people, I am so blessed for having known your Dad.

**Jherdi Morris** - April 02 at 03:29 AM

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“ My heart, thoughts, and prayer goes out to Smoke's family and friends. My heart is heavy, knowing I will not see him again.

My first T.G. concert was when I was one month shy of 14. I met Smoke through T.'s concerts when I was 15. I am now 50. Over the years we shared stories, laughed, shared a dance and our love of sarcasm. He loved to give me a hard time. I visited him in Dandrige when he lived there. Over the years people drift apart. But I always hoped to see him again sometime.

He loved all his kids. He spoke about you all to me so often. He loved life on the road no doubt but sometimes felt like he missed out on so much of your lives. He loved you all so dearly. He was so proud of his kids without a doubt. I wish I had gotten to meet you all. I met Ryan when he was young but he would not remember it.

My love and heart goes out to all of you. You are all in my very deepest thoughts.

**Michele Watson Adkins** - April 01 at 05:48 PM

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“ To Smokes children and family. I pray God will put his arms around you with comfort and peace at this time. Smoke has crossed over to his heavenly home. We all will miss Him. Rest in Peace my good friend.. Will see ya again when "The Trumpet sounds"

**Garry Valentine** - April 01 at 03:49 PM

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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of "Smoke" Gary Lloyd Crossett Sr..



April 01 at 01:38 PM

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“ Always had fun with Smoke on the Road, lots of laughs. So sorry prayers for the family



**ric wright** - April 01 at 12:52 PM

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“ Bobby and I send our condolences to the familt of friends of Smoke. He was a good and kind man.

**Bobby and Cathy Marlin** - April 01 at 11:28 AM



“ \*This should say to the family and friends of Smoke.

**Cathy** - April 01 at 01:32 PM

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“ Bobby and I are saddened by the loss of Smoke. Our condolences to his family and friends. ~ Bobby and Cathy Marlin

