



Scott Smith

July 17, 1964 - February 28, 2023

Billy Scott Smith, age 58, of Knoxville, passed away Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at the Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center in Knoxville. Memorial services will be conducted at 1pm Saturday, March 18, 2023 in the chapel of Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield with Brother Marvin Crouch officiating.

The family will receive friends from 11am until time of the service at 1pm Saturday, March 18th, at the funeral home.

Mr. Smith was born July 17, 1964 in Nashville, TN to the late Billy Mac and Mary Alice Smith. Billy received his Bachelors Degree from Lipscomb University and went on to receive his Masters Degree from Tennessee State University. He spent his career as football coach and educator. His 2001 Ezell-Harding Christian School football team went 15-0 in route to winning the TSSAA Single A State Championship.

Mr. Smith is survived by his daughter, Oakley Sloan Smith; a son, Paxton Bryant Smith; and a brother, Chad Drake Smith.

Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield is in charge of these arrangements.

AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME-

509 WALNUT STREET, SPRINGFIELD, TN (615) 384-1000

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAR 18. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home Springfield
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Springfield, TN 37172
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Tribute Wall

JS

“ I didn't realize there was a place to share my thoughts. The list of people that directly molded me into the person I am today is pretty small. Coach Smith will always have a place on that list. Thank you Coach for giving me the opportunity to be your QB. What I got from that, my confidence, the ability to go play college football, coach college football, is all because you took a chance on me all those years. I miss you man, and I'm sorry I didn't seek you out later in your life.

JP Shelly - February 27, 2024 at 05:14 PM

NV

“ I was a football player for Coach Smith from his time at Ezell Harding including the unforgettable 2001 season. He was always kind, making me smile, and coaching me to do better in everything. His departure from Ezell was a great loss and I'm sorry that I didn't stay in touch more. It just goes to show that life is short, and one needs to make time for old connections, especially ones that impacted so many people. To me you will always live on in my memories inspiring me to always go 100%, never using the word can't, and motivating me to do my best both on and off the field.

Nick Vilailack - June 01, 2023 at 11:31 AM

TB

I was Captain of that team. I don't remember you.

Travis Bischoff - January 24, 2024 at 10:17 PM

NV

I was in middle school as an 8th grader at the time. Coach Smith coached Ezell Harding's middle school, junior varsity, and varsity. I remember all three teams going undefeated and it was only because of Scott Smith and his coaching style.

Nick Vilailack - January 15, 2025 at 05:58 PM



Timothy Eaton

“ I was a student and Football player at Independence High School. He was truly a brilliant person. Funny, Smart, Caring, Charismatic, and Outstanding Educator and Coach! Coach Smith, you are engraved on my heart forever. My deepest condolences and prayers go out to your family. Your loss in this world will be felt for many generations, as you were one of a kind. I’m so so so sorry I didn’t keep in touch more. Thank you for your help when I was in school, and thank you for being a wonderful role model to your students. With Love and Gratitude, TJ Eaton

Timothy Eaton - May 09, 2023 at 05:09 AM



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Austin & Bell Funeral Home - March 18, 2023 at 10:29 AM



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Austin & Bell Funeral Home - March 15, 2023 at 05:08 PM



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Austin & Bell Funeral Home - March 14, 2023 at 03:25 PM

JM

“ *I was a classmate of Scott's at Springfield High School. After moving to Coopertown at age 14 and not knowing anyone, Scott was one of the first people I met and was always so kind.*

Janis McKinney - March 14, 2023 at 10:29 AM

JP

“ *Knew Scott from his tenure at Greenbrier High School. Sincere condolences to his brother and children.*

Judy Pinson - March 14, 2023 at 09:38 AM

LH

“ We had the opportunity to know Scott as the football coach at Ezell Harding Christian School. Our son, Austin, played for him 4 years. Scott was passionate about football, and coached the 2001 team to a state championship. We have good memories of Scott and his family- his parents were at all our games and enjoyed sharing in the game experiences with the players and families. Our deepest sympathy to Chad, Oakley, and Paxton in the loss of Scott. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Lynn and Don Henderson

Lynn Henderson - March 13, 2023 at 09:47 PM

LR

“ I worked with Scott at Kroger when we were teenagers. He was such a nice, polite, and fun young man. I am thankful for good memories of him. Prayers for his family.

Lisa Blick Randolph - March 13, 2023 at 09:25 PM

MD

“ Knew Him as a Neighbor not as a Coach
Always pleasant and friendly. Sympathy to His Family.



Mary Daniel - March 12, 2023 at 11:26 PM

LF

“ I’m so sorry to hear of Scott’s passing. We were SHS classmates and friends, my family keeping the family in our prayers during this time.

*With sympathy,
Lynda Traugber Feeley*

L Feeley - March 12, 2023 at 09:24 AM

KH

“ We share your loss with good memories about Scott and all his family. Remember and appreciate Scott and all the family so much. We love you and pray that your current sadness at his loss will (with time) be changed to pleasant memories.

Love,

Kenny Wayne and Linda

Kenny Wayne and Linda Head - March 11, 2023 at 10:12 AM