



Mason Smith

June 14, 1976 - August 24, 2006

Funeral services for Mason Buster Smith, 30, will be held at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, August 27, 2006 at Rivers of Living Water. The Rev. Tom Gainey will officiate with burial in Flowers Cemetery directed by Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home. The family will receive friends Saturday, August 26, 2006 from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Smith died Thursday, August 24, 2006. Born in Darlington Co., SC, he was a son of Elbert Wayne "Buster" and Carolyn Cross Smith. He was a beloved son, brother, husband and father. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and the Clemson Tigers. He was generous and loved life and his family.

Surviving are his wife, Crystal Woods Smith of Hartsville, SC; daughter, Macy Smith of Hartsville, SC; son to be born January 18, 2007, Mason Buster Smith, Jr.; father and mother of Hartsville, SC; sisters and brothers-in-law, Shannon and Gene Grimsley, Candy and Michael Kirshy, all of Florence, SC; paternal grandmother, Carolyn Milsap of Cottageville, SC; nieces, Logan Grimsley, Mackenzie Grimsley, Caroline Grimsley.

Previous Events

Service

AUG 27. 4:00 PM (ET)

Rivers of Living Waters Church
540 Pond Hollow Rd
Hartsville, SC

Tribute Wall



“ Sorry for your loss Mason will be remembered as a great person. My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Ron Atkinson JR##imported-end##

October 16, 2006 at 08:18 AM



“ Buster and Carolyn,
I am very sorry to hear about the death of your son. I cannot imagine what you are going through. I just want you to know that your family is in my thoughts, and prayers.
Sincerely,
Ron Howard##imported-begin##Ron Howard##imported-end##

September 22, 2006 at 01:52 PM



“ BUSTER AND CAROLYN WAS SORRY TO HEAR OF YOUR LOSS.SORRY I COULDN'T COME TO FUNERAL HOME BUT MY GIRLFRIEND WAS IN THE HOSPITAL.SHE HAS LUNG CANCER AND WASN'T DOING TO WELL.PLESAE KNOW YOU WERE IN MY PRAYERS AS I WAS THINGING OF BOTH OF YOU.
LEO##imported-begin##LEO OUTLAW##imported-end##

September 12, 2006 at 10:44 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##kevin and Angie Bellamy##imported-end##

September 05, 2006 at 01:43 PM



“ *Buster and family,
Mason and I were friends in highschool and he was such a great
guy. My family and I are very sorry for your loss. Eventhough I did
not see him often I will still remember all the great things about him.
We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers...
Will, Mandy and Alex Bass##imported-begin##Will Bass##imported-
end##*

September 05, 2006 at 12:16 PM



“ *Candy,
I was so sorry to hear about Mason. You and your family are in my
thoughts and prayers. Please pass my sympathies on to Buster and
Carolyn. Call me if there's anything I can do. God Bless you and
your family especially Mason's children.*

*Love,
Leslie Miller##imported-begin##leslie miller##imported-end##*

September 04, 2006 at 05:34 PM



“ *Buster and Carolyn, I just want to let you know that I am thinking of
you and that you are in my thoughts and prayers.
Corliss Maksin##imported-begin##Corliss Maksin##imported-end##*

August 30, 2006 at 09:20 PM



“ THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT. WE WILL MISS MASON DEARLY! I ALSO CANT WAIT TO GET TO HEAVEN TO SEE MY BROTHER AGAIN. WE WILL LOVE HIS CHILDREN LIKE WE KNOW THAT HE WOULD HAVE! IF ANYONE HAS A SPECIAL STORY ABOUT MASON PLEASE EMAIL ME AND SHARE IT SO I CAN MAKE A SCRAPBOOK FOR HIS CHILDREN. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR PRAYERS.
SHANNON MASON'S SISTER###imported-begin##SHANNON GRIMSLEY###imported-end##

August 30, 2006 at 06:22 PM



“ We would like to thank everyone for all your thoughts and prayers. Our family would also like a copy of the photo submitted. Thank you to whomever submitted it to the photo album. If you could email me a copy or get in touch with someone in the family, it would be greatly appreciated.###imported-begin##Crystal Smith###imported-end##

August 30, 2006 at 01:24 PM



“ I have known Mason since high school. I've always enjoyed his company and was shocked & saddened to hear of his death. Crystal, my heart breaks for you & your daughter, for Mason's entire family & his large group of friends. I hope Mason Buster Smith, Jr. can some how bring you solace. I have to make it to heaven one day so I can finally know why God does things the way he does. I will pray for you all and keep you in my thoughts. Mason will be greatly missed.###imported-begin##Dana C. Sampson###imported-end##

August 30, 2006 at 11:37 AM



“ *Crystal & Macy,*

We are thinking about you through your time of sorry. I can't even imagine what you are going through because I am expecting again also. Beth is going to have a little sister.

Crystal lean on God more than ever. He will be your strength and try to be strong for Macy and the little one to come. I will keep you in my prayers.

Tracy and Beth Beasley##imported-begin##tracy beasley##imported-end##

August 29, 2006 at 12:11 PM



“ *To the Smith Family, We were saddened to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Ellie & Ronnie (Pineapple) Jackson##imported-end##*

August 29, 2006 at 12:07 PM



“ *Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. May God comfort and strengthen during this time of such great loss. Pastor Randy D. Freeman##imported-begin##Praise The Lord Ministries##imported-end##*

August 29, 2006 at 10:18 AM



“ *Buster:*

Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Elliott I. Walden##imported-end##

August 29, 2006 at 09:44 AM



“ *May God keep you all craddled in His comforting arms. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.*

*God bless,
Earshalia (Gibson) Peterson and family###imported-
begin###Earshalia (Gibson) Peterson###imported-end##*

August 28, 2006 at 04:30 PM



“ *Dear Mrs. Carolyn and Family,
I know all of you are devastated. I am so sorry to hear of your loss.
You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Donna Arrants###imported-begin##Donna Arrants###imported-end##

August 28, 2006 at 12:50 PM



“ *Dear Shannon and Family, Shannon its been a long time, but I wanted you to know I am deeply sorry for your family's great loss. I will keep you and your family in my prayer's through this very sad time. Tracie Talbert Jacobs###imported-begin##Tracie Talbert Jacobs###imported-end##*

August 28, 2006 at 10:35 AM



“ Crystal,
Please know that you and your entire family are in our thoughts and prayers.
If there is anything we can do for you, please let us know. We love you.
Tammy and Cheryl
Progress Energy
RNP Occupational Health##imported-begin##Tammy White and Cheryl Gainey##imported-end##

August 28, 2006 at 09:27 AM



“ Crystal since the news you have continually been in my thoughts and prayers. This wonderful child that will be coming into this world will have missed the chance to know such an amazing person, but Mason will continue to live through your hearts and souls. Never forget that Mason is always there through the eyes of the two beautiful children you have together. Don't forget that I am allows in Hartsville if there is anything you and your family ever need. Much love and sympathy go out to you and your family.##imported-begin##Hester Kelly Scarsella##imported-end##

August 28, 2006 at 07:57 AM



“ I was so saddened to hear of Mason's passing. He was a big guy full of love and laughs. Hopefully those traits will live on through his beautiful children.##imported-begin##Katie McKorell Liddle##imported-end##

August 28, 2006 at 01:41 AM



“ *Crystal, Buster and family. It was heart wrenching to hear of your loss. Sorry I could attend services. I am on a fire detail in Hot Springs, AR. We will continue to keep you in our prayers.*

Kay##imported-begin##Kay Warr McCutcheon##imported-end##

August 27, 2006 at 08:10 PM



“ *Crystal and family, You are in our thoughts as you go through this difficult time. I don't always have the right things to say in these situations, but I want you to know that I love you. If there is anything that we can do, please don't hesitate to let us know.##imported-begin##Heather Lewis Cook, Charlene Malloy, And Phyllis Lewis##imported-end##*

August 27, 2006 at 07:35 PM



“ *Sorry to hear about Mason your family are in my prayers.*
Ronnie##imported-begin##Ronnie Vann##imported-end##

August 27, 2006 at 04:58 PM



“ *Dear Carolyn and Buster:
All of my family and Elloitt and Pat send our sympathy. You are in our prayers.*

Paul##imported-begin##Paul Cannarella##imported-end##

August 27, 2006 at 12:22 PM



“ *Buster, Carolyn & family.
so sorry to hear of Mason's passing. just a few weeks ago he was
here at the pond fishing. just know that you are in our thoughts and
prayers. we know how difficult a time like this is, so if there is
anything we can do please let us know.##imported-begin##Charlie
& Robin Boykin ##imported-end##*

August 27, 2006 at 09:54 AM



“ *Buster, Carolyn, Crystal and the entire family -- our thoughts and
prayers are with you. May God bless you in your loss. Doris & Allen
Atkinson##imported-begin##Doris & Allen Atkinson##imported-
end##*

August 26, 2006 at 10:07 PM



“ *Dear Crystal, Buster, Carolyn & the rest of the Smith family. May we
express our heartfelt sympathy on the passing of Mason. May the
Grand Architect of the Universe provide the balm to help all of you
to ease the pain you are now feeling. He is now in a better place
and someday we will all be reunited.##imported-begin##Victor A. &
Rebecca J. Makowski##imported-end##*

August 26, 2006 at 09:34 PM



“ *Sorry for your lost, Are you J.W.Cross daughter. I'm Ingram Hall
daughter Mary Lee Hall##imported-begin##Mary Watson
(Hall)##imported-end##*

August 26, 2006 at 08:57 PM



“ CRYSTAL,BUSTER, AND CAROLYN
I KNOW WORDS CANNOT FILL THE VOID IN YOUR HEART
RIGHT NOW. BUT WE JUST WANNA LET YOU KNOW THAT WE
ARE PRAYING FOR YOU AND IF WE CAN DO ANYTHING
PLEASE LET US KNOW ONLY JESUS CAN FILL THE
EMPTINESS IN YOUR HEARTS AT A TIME LIKE THIS WE ARE
SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS.##imported-begin##RICKY AND
KIM LLOYD##imported-end##

August 26, 2006 at 05:27 PM



“ Crystal,
Sweetie, my heart aches for you. I cannot even fathom the pain that
you must be going through. In the wake of such a loss, we're
haunted by things we don't, and may never, understand. Yet the
solace we seek may not come from answers. So we look for comfort
in the belief of love's everlasting connection. May that love lift you,
hold you close, and give you peace. Just always remember that
memories are like stars in the dark night of sorrow. Those memories
will comfort your children in years to come as you can share the
memories that you had with their father that was taken all too soon.
May God's presence begin the healing in your heart and soul, and
may His love surround you with the comfort only He can
give.##imported-begin##Brandy Morrell##imported-end##

August 26, 2006 at 04:32 PM



“ Sometimes unthinkable things happen in this life and we often wonder why??? The answer is sometimes not for us to know. What we need to know and remember is that God had a plan for each of us before we were even born. Although a tragedy, that is so very hard to grasp and wrap your mind around, we need to give thanks to God for the time he did allow Mason to be in our lives. Mason will be missed Always and loved Forever. May Gods hands wrap around you and give you comfort and strength in this time of need.###imported-begin##Darcie, Brent,and Kayla Fowler##imported-end##

August 26, 2006 at 03:21 PM



“ Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God bless and my he keep his arms around you and your family !###imported-begin##Regina F Byrd##imported-end##

August 26, 2006 at 02:08 PM



“ Dearest Krystal, Carolyn, Buster and Family,
My heart breaks for all of you. Even though we haven't seen each other much over the years, I still love you. That love you feel for friends never goes away. I am so sorry you are having to go through this. I can't imagine a worse situation to have to face. The days and months ahead are going to be very hard. The only way you can possibly bear it is to hold onto Jesus' capable hands to embrace you and hold you tightly. Please turn to Him as you never have before. I have heard all of my life, "we will understand it all by and by" I will be praying for all of you for some time and you have to believe and know trusting in God is the only one who can see you through.
Love in Christ, Jo Lynn###imported-begin##Jo Lynn
Newsome###imported-end##

August 26, 2006 at 11:58 AM



“ Dear Crystal & Family,
We are so sorry to hear of your loss. My family and I had the pleasure of enjoying Mason & Tony's company on Bull Island when they were working in the area where we live. We shared fellowship in several meals and enjoyed so much Mason's sense of humor. We hope your wonderful memories and support of family and friends help to sustain you in this time of sorrow. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.
Love,
Pam & Family###imported-begin##Pam (Warr) Padgett &
Family###imported-end##

August 26, 2006 at 11:53 AM



“ *To the family I am very sorry to hear about your loss. It is my prayer that God will give you peace and comfort during this time. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. God will give you strength, just put your trust in Him.*

God Bless. Grady O'Neal. Hartsville, SC##imported-begin##Grady O'Neal##imported-end##

August 26, 2006 at 10:29 AM



“ *Caroline, Buster And Family,*

We are so sorry to hear of Mason's passing our prayers and thought are with you and your family if you need anything or if we can be of any service to you all please call or come by the house.

Love,

Louise and Misty Atkinson##imported-begin##Louise Atkinson and Family##imported-end##

August 26, 2006 at 10:28 AM



“ Dear Buster,
Our prayers are with you and your family
at this time in your life Buster i will always remember that you were
a lot of help to me and Richard when we started to church at ROLW
this is a time in your life that you will need to lean on God cause he
is the only one that can and will pull you though this ,, See your
angel went home to God now he will watch over you til you get there
if you ever need someone to talk to any of you please let me know i
know the pain of this all to well .
MAY GOD WATCH OVER YOU NOW AND FOREVER
I KNOW MASON WILL BE

TO HAVE KNOWN ME AND TO HAVE RAISE ME WAS A
BLESSING FROM GOD ABOVE MOM & DAD & FAMILY I WILL BE
WAITNG FOR YOU IN HEAVEN .

MRS. RICHARD CLARK & FAMILY##imported-begin##Mr & Mrs
Richard Clark & Family ##imported-end##

August 26, 2006 at 07:40 AM



“ Dear Crystal & Family,
I am so sorry to hear about your loss.
May God be with you and your family during this time. You are in
our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Sharon & Jamie
O'Neal##imported-end##

August 25, 2006 at 11:07 PM



“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you at your time off
need.##imported-begin##William D johnson & Family##imported-
end##

August 25, 2006 at 10:07 PM



“ I know that there are no words to help with the lose of Mason. I know God has a beautiful angel. He also has my mother now too. Please know that all of you are in my prayers. Always love and trust in God no matter what, he will always be there for all of you.##imported-begin##Janelle Skinner##imported-end##

August 25, 2006 at 09:19 PM



“ *buster & family*

we were so sorry to hear of your loss. may god confort you in this time of sorrow. may god continue to be with you and your family.##imported-begin##burke & wendy hoffman##imported-end##

August 25, 2006 at 09:03 PM



“ *Buster and family i am sorry to hear about your son my praying for you all my god be with you all .nettie skinner##imported-begin##nettie skinner##imported-end##*

August 25, 2006 at 07:41 PM



“ *May God bless you all during this tragedy in your life. He will be missed terribly!*
Karen##imported-begin##Karen Johnson##imported-end##

August 25, 2006 at 06:36 PM



“ *Candy, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. It saddens me to think that you are going through this. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Love,
Elizabeth##imported-begin##Elizabeth McKorell
Johnson##imported-end##*

August 25, 2006 at 04:38 PM



“ *Shannon,
Our prayers are with you and yur family. May God comfort you during this difficult time. We all love you!
Linda, Harry, Alli and Rachel##imported-begin##Linda
Freeman##imported-end##*

August 25, 2006 at 03:35 PM



“ August 25, 2006

Dear: Candy Kirshy and Family,

I am extending heartfelt sympathy on the passing of your brother. One of the greatest bonds of relationships we have is the one that exists between brother and sister, and the breaking of the bond no doubt brings unspeakable pain.

While I cannot offer you the answer to the “why”, I do believe that we have a wonderful God and Comforter who is the Holy Spirit that will be there in your times of grief and pain.

The Bible give great assurance for the Christian as it says in I Cor. 15:55, O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? In other words, we know that even though death has “a word” here on this earth, it does not have the “final word” since we know the Resurrection of Christ has removed the “sting and victory”.

Rest assured, I will keep you in my prayers, and if there is any way that I can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With Warm Regards,

Alethea Davis MA LCS

*Growing Home Southeast Service Coordinator##imported-
begin##Alethea Davis##imported-end##*

August 25, 2006 at 01:30 PM



“ *Crystal, Macey & family- You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Mason was one of a kind and will be missed by so many.##imported-begin##Brantley & Summer Beckham##imported-end##*

August 25, 2006 at 12:51 PM



“ *Crystal and family, I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. My thoughts and prayers will be with you at this time.##imported-begin##Sherry Johnson Hammond##imported-end##*

August 25, 2006 at 12:18 PM



“ *To The Smith Family You are in my thoughts and prayers.david##imported-begin##DAVID RODGERS##imported-end##*

August 25, 2006 at 12:16 PM



“ *Crystal,
My heart is broken for you and Macey. I know that the Lord allows things to happen for a reason, but we don't always understand WHY.Just remember that I am here if you need me for anything. My thoughts and prayers will be for you during this time. I love you.##imported-begin##Pat James##imported-end##*

August 25, 2006 at 11:54 AM



“ THE AGENCY IS THINKING OF YOU AND YOUR FAMILY DURING YOUR HOUR OF BEREAVEMENT. WE PRAY THAT GOD BE WITH YOU ALL.##imported-begin##FCDSS-FOSTER CARE & LICENSING##imported-end##

August 25, 2006 at 10:20 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family.##imported-begin##Dora Miller and Family##imported-end##

August 25, 2006 at 10:10 AM



“ Crystal and Family,
We are very sorry to hear about the loss of Mason. We will be thinking and praying for you and your family.
Hartsville Cardiology Staff##imported-begin##Hartsville Cardiology Associates##imported-end##

August 25, 2006 at 09:56 AM



“ Buster and Carolyn, I am very sorry to hear about your loss. If I can do any thing just call.##imported-begin##Von Johnson##imported-end##

August 25, 2006 at 09:50 AM



“ Crystal,

Charlie and I can not put into words the pain we feel, or the love we had for Mason. He had a wonderful personality with a great sense of humor. I know for Charlie especially he made many days alot brighter just by being Mason. We pray that God will help you through this difficult time now and in the future. We are unable to comprehend this fully right now however we know all our lives have forever been changed. Please know that we would do anything in the world for you or your family, and if you need anything ever please don't hesitate to ask, we will always be here for you.##imported-begin##Charlie and Melissa Knotts##imported-end##

August 25, 2006 at 09:15 AM



“ Crystal,

You are still "a little girl" to us and we can't believe you are all grown up and going through this. We are so sorry. We will be praying for you. We love you and your family so much. Take care of yourself. Love,##imported-begin##The Pierce Family##imported-end##

August 25, 2006 at 08:34 AM



“ Words can't express how sorry we are for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##David & Lisa Atkinson##imported-end##

August 25, 2006 at 07:10 AM



“ *Crystal sorry for loss may God help you through this time of sorrow.May god continue to bless you !*

Love Cotton Linda and Patrick###imported-begin##Cotton,Linda and Patrick###imported-end##

August 25, 2006 at 12:08 AM



“ *BUSTER AND FAMILY,
I CAN HARDLEY BELIEVE THIS,AND CAN NOT EVEN BEGIN TO KNOW WHAT TO SAY.JR AND MYSELF AND THE CHURCH ARE PRAYING FOR YOU ALL.I PRAY THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL FULFULL HIS MANDATE TO YOU ALL AT THIS TIME AND THAT IS TO COMFORT YOU.LOVE BECKY AND JR AND BTC###imported-begin##JR AND BECKY BOYKIN###imported-end##*

August 24, 2006 at 10:32 PM



“ *Our prayers are with you and your family. We love you.###imported-begin##Lisa Tyner###imported-end##*

August 24, 2006 at 06:42 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Mason had a contagious sense of humor and will be missed.###imported-begin##Brandy Wilkes Zeller###imported-end##*

August 24, 2006 at 06:38 PM