



# Joshua Smith

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**J**oshua Thomas Smith, 38, of Huntersville, died Sunday, July 7, 2019 at home surrounded by his loving family.

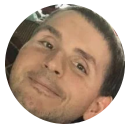
Josh was born to Steve and Deborah Smith of Charlotte, NC on November 10, 1980. He is survived by his parents, Steve and Deborah Smith of Huntersville, his sister, Elizabeth Rampey (Aaron), his brother, Taylor Smith of Huntersville, and his nephew and nieces: Ike, Marlowe, Naomi, and Amelia Rampey.

Josh graduated from North Mecklenburg High School in 1999 and pursued creative writing at Central Piedmont Community College in the years that followed. His passion to write led him to complete two movie scripts and diligently work on several unfinished projects. He was also a member of the East Coast Writer's Guild. He deeply loved his family and friends and enjoyed analyzing movie plots and characters.

A celebration of Josh's life will be held at Huntersville First Baptist Church on Wednesday, July 10 at 1 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. Immediately following the service, all are invited to stay for an informal time of fellowship with friends and family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Josh's memory can be sent to Make-a-Wish Central and Western NC, 217 E Tremont Ave, Charlotte, NC 28203 or Second Harvest Food Bank of Charlotte 500-B Spratt St, Charlotte, NC 28206.

James Funeral Home is assisting the family, online condolences at [www.jamesfuneralhomelkn.com](http://www.jamesfuneralhomelkn.com).



## Tribute Wall

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SB

**Sarah Barber** posted:

Deborah and Steve. I was so sorry to hear about Josh. He was an inspiration to a lot of people. In reading his obituary, he was so talented - how impressive. I know he had a lot of love and support throughout his life. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. It is hard to give up a child. Would love to see you all again sometime. Our families are getting smaller. Love, Sarah and Phillip Barber.

July 27 at 10:43 AM

DN

**Daniel Norwood** posted:

Josh, My life is better because I knew you - you were a good and loyal friend in a world that is severely deficient of both. Thank you. They say that to remember someone is the greatest honor you can give that person. If that's true, you'll be immortal, because there is a line of people waiting to share memories of their time with you. Godspeed, my friend. Daniel Norwood

July 10 at 1:12 PM

DN

**Daniel Norwood** shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.



July 10 at 12:16 PM

JC

**John Clarke** posted:

Josh was a courageous individual who, despite his physical challenges, showed others what it meant to live each day to the fullest. His positive outlook and always pleasant disposition served as a gift to those around him. He was an inspiration and will be missed. Gwynn and John Clarke, Huntersville, NC

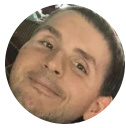
July 10 at 8:25 AM

TR

**Tracey** posted:

Deborah and Steve, I am very sorry for your loss. During my visits, I enjoyed talking basketball with Josh, even though I am not a Duke fan. He was a very smart and fascinating person. I hope that you will find some comfort and peace in knowing that he is no longer in pain. Thank you for sharing him with us. Tracey M.-Bayada

July 10 at 7:46 AM



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**Alli Main** posted:

I was so so sorry to get this news today. Lifting you all up in prayer.

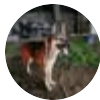
July 10 at 7:09 AM



**Janice And Steve** posted:

Our deepest sympathies and heartfelt prayers go out to your family from our family. The Luckeys

July 10 at 5:00 AM



**Kristi Dougan** posted:

Josh you will be missed. I still think of you often though we haven't spoken lately. Thank you for the wonderful memories. My thoughts are with your family.

July 9 at 2:20 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Small Garden Dish to the Smith family.



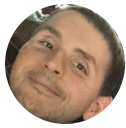
July 9 at 9:41 AM



**Melinda Phillips** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. Josh was a true light in this world. Thank you for allowing us to be part of his life. Melinda Phillips

July 9 at 9:36 AM



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**Yolanda Moore** posted:

Steve, Debra, Liz, and Taylor...you are all in my thoughts and prayers. I know this is a very tough loss for the family. Josh was definitely one of a kind and will be sorely missed. Thank you all for welcoming me in, not only as a caregiver, but as a friend and family member. I vividly remember being the Friday nurse for years and coming to hang out with Josh. I will always remember those times. You all be comforted in knowing that he is now in our Father's hands and at peace. Love you all! ~Yolanda~

July 9 at 9:19 AM



**Yolanda Moore** July 9 at 9:36 AM  
Correction: "Deborah"



**Virginia Steelman** posted:

You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Thank you for giving us the privilege of helping take care of Josh for many years. You all became part of our family, and allowed us to become part of your family too. We are grateful for that. Josh will be remembered as a loving, kind, fun young man. All my love, Virginia Steelman

July 9 at 8:19 AM



**Jackie Da Silva** posted:

We are blessed to have the Smith family in our lives and truly blessed to know Josh for 15 years. Praying for you all, always. The Da Silva Family

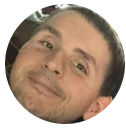
July 9 at 7:18 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Arrive in Style to the Smith family.



July 9 at 6:24 AM



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HD

**Hank & Charlotte Draddy** posted:

Josh was such an inspiration to anyone that met him, and you were such an inspiration to any other parent anywhere, with your unconditional love and support throughout his life. Josh will always be in our hearts and mind from now on, as well as our prayers for you on the loss of a child..Love, The Draddys

July 9 at 5:04 AM

TD

**The Draddys** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Smith family.



July 9 at 4:44 AM

KM

**Kathy, Karrie, Kelly, Maribeth** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Smith family.



July 8 at 4:17 PM

KG

**Ken And Gail** posted:

Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you and Debra as this time. Keep all the good memories and the fun times in your mind and I know you know that Josh is running around, doing cartwheels, jumping and no one can keep up with him. Ken and Gail

July 8 at 6:05 AM

SM

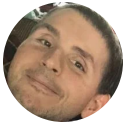
**Susan Mayes** July 19 at 8:08 AM

I was sorry to read about Josh in the local paper. I will remember him as a happy third grader. I can still see him running around on our field trip to Reed Gold Mine. I'm sure Steve has fond memories of this trip. I was blessed to be his third grade teacher. I know he is laughing and running around in heaven. Susan Mayes

KL

**Kelley Lefler** July 8 at 5:13 PM

Our sincere love&prayers to you both and to your family. I've always admired the way you fought for the best Joshua and live out unconditional love. Joshua is surely Heaven's gain! Hugs to y'all.



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Josh with Dale Earnhardt, Jr.



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Joshua by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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