



Ricky Allen Smallwood

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Ricky Allen Smallwood, 67, of Nashville, Tennessee, died on Tuesday, March 14, 2023. Born August 11, 1955, in Nashville, he was the son of the late Frank Allen Smallwood and Gloria Ann Steakley Smallwood.

Ricky was a longtime employee for Ambrose Printing where he was a pressman. He also worked for Courier Express and Zip Express. Mr. Smallwood was a man of strong faith. He attended Donelson First Church and Lakewood Baptist Church. He also enjoyed driving a bus for Room in the Inn downtown, helping Nashville's homeless access food and showers. Ricky was an accomplished carpenter and made many items for his family, friends and church. He crafted everything from bookcases to knives. He also enjoyed tending to his garden and was a proud member of the National Rifle Association.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his grandchild Levi Alexander Jones.

He is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Brenda Smallwood; daughter Angela Jones; son Derrick (Lindsey) Smallwood; sister Sharon Kay Johnson; brother Frankie Lee Smallwood; grandchildren Caleb Allen Jones, Joshua Andrew Jones, Gabriel Ayden Jones, Liliana Grace Smallwood, and Darrius Alijah Smallwood; nieces Melody Dawn John and Christen Danielle Johnson; great nephews Bryson Nathaniel Johnson and Braylen Edward Johnson.

Visitation will be Friday, March 17th at Spring Hill Funeral Home from 4 pm until 8 pm. A Celebration of Life Funeral Service will be conducted by Pastor Bruce Cullom on Saturday at 10 am at the funeral home. Burial will follow in the Historic Spring Hill Cemetery.

Arrangements entrusted to Spring Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery 5110 Gallatin Road in Nashville. A Landmark since 1785, "Where Nashville Comes to Remember."



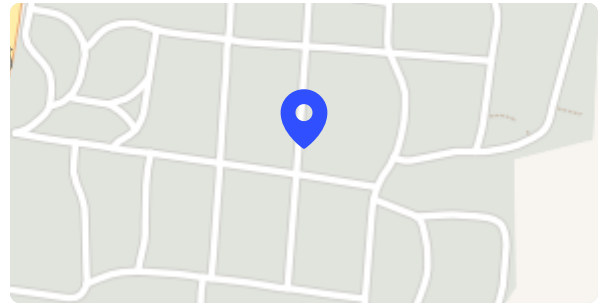
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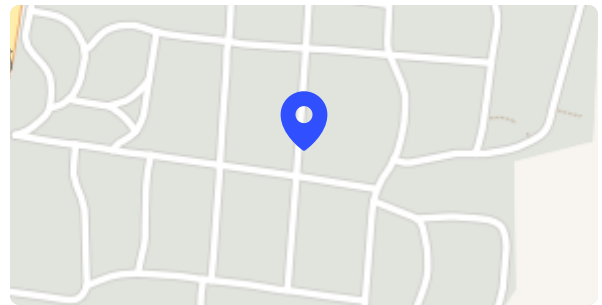
Visitation

- Friday**, March 17, 2023
- 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT
- Spring Hill Funeral Home**
5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville TN 37216



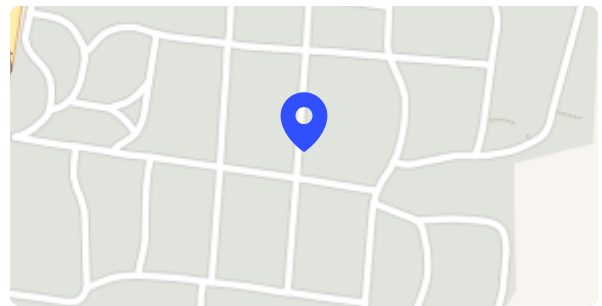
Celebration Of Life Funeral Ceremony

- Saturday**, March 18, 2023
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT
- Spring Hill Funeral Home**
5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville TN 37216
- Pastor Bruce Cullom officiating



Cemetery Details

- Spring Hill Cemetery**
5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville TN 37216
- 615-866-1419**





Tribute Wall

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Anonymous sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Smallwood family.



March 17 at 6:55 PM



Larry Lafever posted:

Ricky was a man of great common sense. That is a trait that is increasingly rare today in a culture that struggles to know good from evil and right from wrong. He was also a man of great compassion as is evident from the good works he was endlessly doing for and with his family, friends, church, and even strangers through missions like Room In the Inn. Ricky was also a man of great faith as both Ricky and Brenda had been tested physically, and spiritually and emerged unshaken. Finally, but not least, Ricky was a man of few words. I know after his throat cancer it was more difficult for Ricky to speak. But he just never seemed to be a man of words to me. He was more a man of action. And because of this, when Ricky did speak, you took notice and listened. Thank you Ricky for your friendship, love, and wisdom.

March 17 at 1:44 PM



Melissa Lewis posted:

I enjoyed working with Ricky in service for our Lord. He always made clean up day fun. He always had a smile and a hug for me on Sunday mornings. RIP sweet friend.

March 17 at 10:02 AM



Katie Burnett posted:

So sorry Melody for you & your family. I remember your Uncle Ricky dearly 😞 he was always so kind & helpful. He will be missed for sure ☐☐☐♥

March 17 at 9:56 AM



John Steven Johnson sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Smallwood family.



March 17 at 4:34 AM



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Anonymous sent a Serene Retreat to the Smallwood family.

March 16 at 5:35 PM



Anonymous sent a Love's Journey to the Smallwood family.

March 16 at 12:58 PM



Anonymous sent a Small Garden Dish to the Smallwood family.

March 15 at 6:22 PM



MF

Martha Farrar posted:

Ricky was a loving caring Christian man, I had the honor of serving with him several years at Donelson First Baptist Church, He was a caring person who always wanted to help others and did, He loved GOD and his family, He will be greatly missed by all of us who knew him. I will miss my brother in Christ and his quick wit and the love he had for his family and friends always willing to help.

March 15 at 10:02 AM



CT

Carol Taylor posted:

Ricky was a wonderful Christian, funny, compassionate man. I wasn't blessed to have known him for a long time but he was the type of person that made a lasting impression. I will always remember him for his quick wit and being the person to always step up when things needed done. Rip my friend!

March 15 at 4:27 AM



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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Smallwood family.



March 15 at 3:23 AM



Amanda Lawrence posted:

I grew up with Angela and Ricky was one of our softball dad's, we had many. I spent a lot of my childhood at the Smallwood house when I was growing up. He was always nice to me and accepted me as one of his own. There was this one time he made Angela and myself a pizza with a boat load of cheese on it. Well I ended up getting super sick and they took care of me but I told Ricky that I am never eating cheese again. It was so funny but I actually did not eat cheese for a long time for fear it would make me sick. I have so many fond memories of him as a child. He was a great guy and will be dearly missed.

March 14 at 5:09 PM



Sharon Moss March 26 at 9:31 PM

I sure will miss him. He would come and help load for Sneedville. He was always checking on us to see if we needed anything. Such a kind man. I was honored to know him. Blessings to his sweet family.



Memories only last if you share them

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



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