



Ladd Shawn Smith

October 9, 1980 - November 3, 2020

Topic: Ladd Smith Funeral Services

Time: Nov 12, 2020 12:30 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

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Ladd Shawn Smith returned home to his loving Heavenly Father on November 3rd, 2020. He valiantly fought with health challenges for years and is now free from them.

Ladd was born to Dee and Marjorie Smith on October 9th, 1980 in Murray, Utah. He was the oldest of their 6 children and was the very embodiment of “Big Brother”. He tried to set good examples for them. He was very responsible from an early age and was always helpful and had a great work ethic.

He grew up in Sandy, Utah and made lasting friendships there. He graduated from Alta High School in 1999 and lettered in both academics and wrestling, which he excelled at for several years. He was a steadfast and life-long member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He served a

faithful LDS mission in the Minnesota Minneapolis Mission. He held many callings in the Church, but had a passion for family history work and indexing archived records for others. He was in the top 1% of church members in terms of names indexed. His proudest achievement however, his greatest treasures*, his supreme joys, were his three beautiful children: Luke (16), Jade (14) and Ruby (12). He was the most committed and loving father to his children. They were the center of his world and he cared for them fiercely and tried in every way he could to show them his love for them, despite his own struggles and the subsequent obstacles that were placed in his path. He left a great example of enduring faith in Jesus Christ for his family to follow.

Ladd had a special place in his heart for all things outdoors. He loved spending time with his children and siblings, playing games with them, watching movies with them, serving others. He also loved making people laugh, even until his last communication with family. He tried to find humor in everyday things. He was quick-witted and used puns- A LOT. He will be missed!

He is survived by: children Luke, Jade and Ruby Smith; parents; brothers Layn (Celeste), Dallin; sisters Ashley Atkinson (Jarem), Amber Rigby (Connor), Lauryn; 8 nieces and nephews, Grandpa Kenneth Brown and Grandma Karin Brown, as well many loving aunts, uncles and cousins.

In Ladd's honor please thank our Heavenly Father for your blessings, express words of love to your relatives and friends, make someone laugh, and say a kind word to a stranger.

*Matthew 6:21 "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Previous Events

Viewing

NOV 12. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (MT)

Eastridge 3rd Ward
1187 E Draper Parkway (12300 S)
UT 84020

Funeral Service

NOV 12. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (MT)

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Interment

NOV 12. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (MT)

Larkin Sunset Gardens
1950 East 10600 South
Sandy, UT 84092

Tribute Wall

LS

“ I remember going to fantasy con with Dad and then doing fireworks and grandma and grandpas house.

luke smith - October 17, 2024 at 10:56 PM

LY

“ I remember when we were going mini-golfing he picked me up & twirled me around. I will never forget how much I enjoyed that moment.

Lyla - October 15, 2024 at 03:53 PM

LY

“ Ladd was my loving, kind uncle. I love him so much. I would like to thank my grandma and grandpa for their love

lyla - September 28, 2023 at 05:27 PM

RS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Ruby Smith - April 30, 2021 at 12:34 AM

MB

“ I don't know Ladd, but I know and love Luke and Jade. They are so amazing, so their father must be pretty awesome too. Luke and Jade, I adore you and miss you. I wish I could give you both a big hug. Stupid Covid. Hang in there my friends. I totally adore you!!

Michelle Bagley - November 16, 2020 at 04:28 PM

LU

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Luke - November 16, 2020 at 03:57 PM

LU

“ Dad I am really going to miss your sense of humor

luke - November 16, 2020 at 03:47 PM

TJ

“ Dee and Marj, we mourn with those who mourn. Gayle and I are so sad at the news of your dear Ladd' s passing. You are good and faithful saints, and because of that you will be blessed with that peace which comes from He who has suffered all things. May you and all who love Ladd feel that peace. Thank heavens we know what we know. I have so many fond memories of your missionary service along side of my parents way back when. They loved you. You and yours are in our prayers.

Todd and Gayle Jenkins

Todd Jenkins - November 14, 2020 at 03:39 AM

SG

“ *Ladd, you always had a smile when we came to visit. I can see that smile and laugh you brought joy to others and I always had a good time when you were around.*

Shannon Glade - November 13, 2020 at 12:40 AM

CW

“ *I am a big fan of Ladd Smith!*

Many of my memories are from talking with Ladd on the playground at Sprucewood Elementary or running around on Woodridge road back in the day, bouncing from house to house. Generally we just joked around. He was always quick with a pun back then. I don't know if that extended into later in life, but he always had one at the ready. As mentioned by many others his constant smile and kindness was always present when I talked with him and we always just wanted to laugh.

Although we weren't super close later in life, every small interaction I had with Ladd and Layne was a positive one filled with humor and nostalgia.

Marj, Dee, and family, I love you guys. Your family has always had purely positive influences on my life and character and I'm thinking about you at this tough, tough time.



Collin Wightman - November 12, 2020 at 03:22 PM

EA

“ Ladd was always such a kind and enjoyable person to be around and hang out with. I especially appreciated what a gentleman he always was. He had a contagious smile and the kindest heart! I am so very saddened to hear of his passing! Ladd, you will never be forgotten. You have left lasting imprints on each of us!

Emily Denison Anderson - November 12, 2020 at 02:20 PM

LS

“ I loved talking with Ladd, he was always friendly and out going. I remember when Brock was 5 and was in an accident with a car while on his bike, Ladd drew a picture of Superman on a card, telling Brock he must be like Superman because he didn't get hurt too badly. Kim and Brock have many memories of growing up with Ladd. Kim said they loved playing games in our neighborhood and at recess while at school. While Ladd was on his mission in Minnesota he met my sister Laurie at church in the foyer. As they visited and talked about where he was from, he was so excited to say he knew our family and had grown up playing at our house! He was so friendly! Years later, I saw his boy at church and was amazed by how much he looked like Ladd. Ladd is remembered for being a good person, full of love and goodness. He will be missed by all who knew him. Sending my love to his family and feeling heartbroken for your loss.

Sincerely, Linda Reese Stosich

Linda Stosich - November 12, 2020 at 09:31 AM

DS

“ Our baby boy on near his first birthday. He grew to be a man of great faith in our Savior Jesus Christ. Oh, how we'll miss him but we know our separation is just temporary.



Dee and Marj Smith - November 11, 2020 at 11:52 PM

DS

“ I remember Ladd and his contagious smile. Whenever I was around Ladd I knew he could make you laugh with a good joke. I remember seeing Ladd when he worked at the movie theater and how he looked like he loved his job because he was always smiling. He was also the type of person you could count on. Ladd you will be missed. Till we meet again my brother. Dave smith “Ma”

Dave Smith - November 11, 2020 at 11:37 PM

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Linda Stosich - November 12, 2020 at 09:22 AM



“ My oldest brother was always the protector, the example, and the enforcer. He was a fun babysitter, with lots of times playing hide and go seek in the dark. When I was bit by a dog in 4th grade, Ladd was the one who carried me out of the hospital. He always cared fiercely for his siblings, and took his leadership role very seriously. He left a wonderful example to follow and I will miss his friendship so much.

Ashley Atkinson - November 11, 2020 at 09:58 PM



“ Please share the following memory with Ladd’s family:

“Ladd was one of the first people I met when we moved to Utah from Colorado. From day one, he was always incredibly nice, friendly and funny. Growing up, we would play football in the front yard after school. Ladd was bigger, stronger and faster than all of us. I remember time and time again Ladd would let us scrawny kids catch or run the football so we felt included. He wanted everyone to feel like they were a part of the game. It is a life lesson I have tried to remember on a daily basis - be inclusive, not exclusive of those around you. Ladd will be missed, but has left a lasting imprint on anyone and everyone that has had the pleasure of knowing him.”
Travis Smith

Amanda Smith - November 11, 2020 at 08:53 PM



“ My sincere sympathies to this very special family. Although I didn't know Ladd well, I know that he has amazing parents. You are in my thoughts and prayers. - Steve Lovell

Steve Lovell - November 11, 2020 at 07:52 PM

KL

“ *Dee and Marjorie, We extend our deepest sympathies in the loss of your treasured son. Sincerely, Ray and Karma Larsen*

Karma Larsen - November 11, 2020 at 05:31 PM

CS

“ *I have so many fun memories growing up with Ladd. I remember when Ladd, Darron and myself bought matching bright yellow shirts and ugly orange pants, then we strode around malls and stores just to see how people would react. We laughed so hard when some tattoo'd, pierced, scary looking biker dudes did a double take at us! We also had some amazing adventures backpacking with our dads in the high Uintas. We took turns shooting Dee and Shane with BB guns, as we hid in the trees, watching them get mad. Ladd always did the right thing. He could laugh and joke and have fun, but he was also very sober when appropriate. He helped keep us boys in line. And he also had a knack for puns and smart comments that is unfortunately a family trait. Ladd was quick to smile and laugh. He was also faithful to the gospel of Jesus Christ. I am grateful he has entered into Gods rest. We love and miss you brother!*

Cameron Smith - November 11, 2020 at 05:04 PM

SW

“ *Dearest Ladd,*

We will miss the joy and warmth you brought to our lives. I was always impressed with the love and service you demonstrated, especially to your siblings and children. I'm proud to call you family and will look forward to reuniting on the other side.

*Special love,
Sonja*

Sonja Wicks - November 11, 2020 at 02:59 PM

RC

“ I have many fond memories of my cousin Ladd! My first thought is to mention how amiable he always was and how he never forgot to wear and share his friendly smile. And, yes, he had a great sense of humor!

I would like to share two memories that I have of Ladd. Both are memories from when he was little and both, for some reason, have stuck with me for these many years.

The first memory is from when Ladd was just a baby. I was riding in the back seat of Dee and Marj's car, alongside Ladd who was in his rear-facing car seat. Marj was driving. We were headed eastbound on 39th south. I assume that Marj was giving me a ride home from the old Car 39 restaurant. The song, 'Elvira,' by the country band, 'The Oakridge Boys,' played on the radio. Ladd sucked away on his pacifier while I rubbed his head. I'm not sure if it was the head rub, or the music, but Ladd seemed to be enjoying himself and was really in the groove!

The next memory is from about 3 years later. I was raking leaves with Grandpa on the south lawn of Fort Smith. Ladd and our cousin Cameron were outside with us, playing together on the lawn. Over and over again, Ladd and Cameron circled the large pile of leaves, sometimes running, sometimes walking. With each pass, Grandpa used his rake to drop a leaf or two on top of Ladd's head as he walked by. Ladd had a pretty good stack of leaves going before they fell and he finally got wise to what was happening. Ladd made it crystal clear to Grandpa that he had had enough and told him, "No! Buzz-off!"

Ladd, I just want you to know that I am honored to be your cousin! We will all miss you dearly! I also know that this is not the end and we will all see you again later. So, "Goodbye for now!" and "Enjoy your next assignment!"

Rolf Christiansen - November 11, 2020 at 02:16 PM

ST

“ My dear cousin Ladd has always been a joy to be around. His smile and infectious laughter and jokes are some of my favorite memories. He was an example to me of love towards his children and to his siblings. I always loved watching Ladd interact with his brother Dallin. Ladd's willingness to engage in conversations about movies or books with my husband and I made us feel like true friends. Ladd's physical presence will be deeply missed at family gatherings and events, but knowing that he is telling jokes and laughing with family members on the other side of the veil is a huge comfort to me. I'll be forever grateful for Ladd's positive influence on my life. My prayers are with his family at this time of his loss.



Stephanie - November 09, 2020 at 06:06 PM

AA

“ Ladd has a true ability to lift others. He did this mostly through laughter, but also through service. I would get texts multiple times a week with random movie quotes or inside jokes that never failed to make me laugh. I will dearly miss those random pick me ups. What an amazing older brother he still is!

Ashley Atkinson - November 09, 2020 at 04:05 PM

BA

“ Ladd was always so happy! It's sad to hear about the load he was carrying down beneath. I'm sure others who were around him but didn't know him so closely had no idea. All we saw was cracking jokes and smiling, and eyebrows moving up and down when he laughed. We'll miss him.

Brinton Atkinson - November 09, 2020 at 03:43 PM

HF

“ *My sincerest sympathies to the sweet Smith family. This was heartbreaking news to hear. Praying for you all. - Heather Hansen Fisher*

Heather Fisher - November 08, 2020 at 11:10 PM

BS

“ *I got to know Ladd at the Brookshire ward signal adults activity and I enjoyed talking and visiting with Ladd. I will surly miss him. He loved to helped others. And he was always smiling when ever I would see him. I will miss talking to him and seeing him. He really truly loved his kids and family history.. i will miss him..*

becky Smith - November 08, 2020 at 10:29 PM

DH

“ *I really enjoyed working with Ladd as part of the Family History group. He was so willing to share his knowledge and love for the work. We will miss him.*

Debbie Hacker - November 08, 2020 at 08:39 PM

PA

“ *Our hearts were truly saddened to hear of Ladd's passing. Our condolences and prayers are with his loving family that they may be comforted during this trial of sorrow. With love, Paula and Roger Bentley*

Paula - November 07, 2020 at 08:13 PM



Dear Dee and Marjorie, Although our paths have not crossed for many years, I think of the two of you often and wonder how you are doing. Through my fb friendship with Carl, I've just learned of this sad news. I can't imagine the heartache. May you find some form of peace and comfort by knowing so many family and friends, even those from so long ago, care for you and are keeping you in their thoughts and prayers. Lisa Hancock Bagley

Lisa Bagley - November 11, 2020 at 08:08 PM

MF

Ladd, You were a true brother in our Elder's Quorum and I was looking forward to working with you more in our new calling as ministering brethren. Despite your long-standing and ongoing wrestle with extreme adversity, you were always so cheerful and optimistic. I'm so sorry. I will miss you and pray that you will have peace. God bless and comfort you and your loved ones.

Matt Ferguson - November 11, 2020 at 09:48 PM



Dear Smith Family, We are so sorry for your loss. Your family is in our thoughts prayers. We pray that the Lord will give you strength and courage to cope with such a painful loss. Please know we are here for you. All our love, The Kinney Family (Brittany & Dustin and Children)

Brittany Gustaveson Kinney - November 12, 2020 at 12:44 PM

BJ

Our Dearest "Elder Smith," Dee and Marj:

Elder Dan Ashcraft was kind enough to let us know of Ladd's passing. In speaking for the Joseph and Nancy Jenkins Family, our hearts are saddened that your family is going through this pain. We did not know Ladd, but in reading the many tributes, it sounds like he took after his Dad with the puns, and he had his Mother's smile.

Dee, we hope you know how much Mama and Daddy (Prez. and Sister Jenkins or Nancy) love you. And we also hope that you know that eight children found you to be the funniest person with an endearing smile that we would hold dear forever. Of course it would always be a toss up as to who was the greatest with the puns...you or Elder Ripley. The Jenkins family has been richly blessed to count you and Marj as part of our missionary family, an epic time that we will always hold dear.

We all know the teachings of Jesus Christ, and we all understand eternal life. Knowing this is comforting, but when the sting of death comes, sometimes it takes a while to embrace those teachings and feel the comfort that we are suppose to feel. Our hope for you two and your family is that you will feel of Ladd's spirit, that you will feel him assure you that all is well and you need not worry.

I sent the notice to the missionaries that I had contact information on, not knowing if they were in the mission at the same time as you Dee. I am trying to gather whatever contact information I can so that I can send it out to our missionaries. I last knew that you and Marj lived in the Sandy/Draper area, I believe. I'm going to try to track you down. In the meantime I am going to give my contact information to Legacy/Serenity and see if they will pass it on to you.

Dee and Marj, please know that it is not a hollow statement when I say that you and your family have been in our prayers, and your names have been put on the prayer roll. I noticed that Todd sent a separate message. All of the Jenkins children send their love and embrace to you both.

*As Daddy Would Say,
Your Eternal Companions,*

Jane, Jody, Barbara (sending this message), Malissa, Todd, Chris, and Matt Jenkins

Barbara Jo Jenkins - November 24, 2020 at 12:36 AM

RS

i miss my dad so much but i know he is in a good resting place. i made this little poem to help me know that my dad is in a better place too. it is called meet him in the light.

I know you can't see Ladd but trust me he's there although hes in heaven his love stays near so often he sees your hard times and he just wants to give you a big hug and ease some of your pain he wishes that we could see him in the kingdom of god. If we could see him laugh and smile, you would feel much better but our loving heavenly father has promised when the time is right well step out of the darkness and meet Ladd in the light

By: Ruby

Ruby Smith - March 17, 2021 at 01:37 AM

RS

i would also thank my amazing grandparents Marj and Dee smith i know this is so hard for them and my prayers are with you always

Ruby Smith - March 17, 2021 at 01:40 AM

LY

I loved Ladd so much, that I can't even explain how much I loved him! He kept on giving, and he barely had any money. We were at home one night, and my grandfather, and Ladd came to our house, and he brought us a dessert pizza, and some circus peanuts. I also feel super bad for my grandmother and my grandfather, having to deal with all of this. We love you Ladd!

Lyla - May 01, 2023 at 05:15 PM

LY

Ladd, I love you too much! Grandma, Grandpa, I love you so much! You raised a good son!

Lyla - November 08, 2023 at 01:03 PM