



James "Snuffy" Smith

December 28, 1963 - March 15, 2017

James T. ❖Snuffy❖ Smith, age 53, of Madison passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, March 15, 2017. He was born on December 28, 1963, in Appalachia, Virginia, the son of Herbert and Joyce (Bledsoe) Smith. Given the nickname ❖Snuffy❖ by the maternity nurse at the hospital where he was born, James T. Smith legally changed his name as a teenager to the name his father loved and everyone had come to know him by. For those who knew him, his name was very fitting due to his over the top personality and humor, as well as a contagious laugh and smile. Snuffy was a man of many talents. However, he was most well-known for his music, which was his passion. He began his career at an early age, singing in church. Although life would lead him into a career in the financial industry, music was always his consoling friend. Some of his musical accomplishments included the hit ❖If You Could Only Believe❖ which maintained a number one position on the CCMA Chart and was named a finalist for the CCMA Christian Country male ❖Vocalist of the Year❖ award in 2000. He was also well known in the Madison music scene performing regularly as a soloist as well as with the Clyde Stubblefield All Stars and the Bad Daddies. Although music was his true calling, he found success as a sales entrepreneur in the financial industry. Snuffy could sell you the shirt off your back without you knowing it. He told the most animated stories and even if you had heard it before, you would listen again because it got funnier each time. Snuffy is survived by the loves of his life, his children, Desiree (Kristofer) Canto, Shea (Sam Plasman), Grant, Caleb, Priscilla and

Wyatt Smith; his grandchild Landyn Canto; his wife Yvette Smith; ex-wife Robin (Chuck Weiss) Clisso; siblings Priscilla Acevedo, Jeffrey Davis and Herbert Smith; and nephew Alexander Acevedo. He was preceded in death by his parents Herbert and Joyce Smith and his sister, Pam Smith. A celebration of life will take place at 11 a.m. on Monday, March 20th at Albany United Methodist Church, 500 Park St., Albany, WI 53502. A visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. prior to the service. Snuffy will be sent home to his final resting place in Virginia, where a separate service and burial will be held. In lieu of flowers, donations to the family would be appreciated.

Tribute Wall

DS

“ To the family of Snuffy,
Even though I have never met Snuffy, I have heard Kurt & Meg Pfuhl speak of him and what Snuffy did for Primerica Financial Services. Our deepest sympathy to you during the hard times ahead. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Knowing there is comfort in Christ Jesus. Keep your faith strong and remember Snuffy will always be with you, where ever you are. He will be watching over you.
Blessings
Dan and Peg Smith

Dan & Peg Smith - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

DS

“ A candle was lit by Dan Smith
on March 17, 2017 7:13 PM

Dan Smith - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

DW

“ A candle was lit by Dan & Linda Weber
on March 17, 2017 8:25 PM

Dan & Linda Weber - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

TJ

“ A candle was lit by Tim and Vickie Jones
on March 19, 2017 12:21 PM

Tim and Vickie Jones - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

JM

“ *A candle was lit by Jayne Mullins*

on March 19, 2017 8:06 PM

Jayne Mullins - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

MB

“ *I have known Snuffy for just over a year as he sat in with our Hoot 'N' Annie String Band, and I came to know him as an enthusiastic and talented singer who shared his original songs with us. He was a man who loved music and who could blow us all away with the strength of his voice, and yet when he wasn't leading a song, he would join in, or just sit back and give each of us a smile of encouragement as we performed and led our own songs.*

I loved hearing his stories, receiving his friendly guidance, and sharing in the joy he took in each moment.

While I did not meet his grown children, he told me about you, and he was very proud of you. I have been with Caleb, Priscilla, and Wyatt on several occasions and have heard their gifts of music. I hope we all can find a way to help encourage them with those gifts as they grieve their father's death.

I miss Snuffy and his "over the top" and thoughtful personality, and am glad his life is celebrated at the Albany UMC, where he shared his faith and his music. It is hard to believe he is gone, and yet his enthusiasm and presence will always be with us.

I am sorry to miss the funeral service, and would have attended, had I not been on a trip in California. I extend my sympathies to all of Snuffy's family, each and every one of you!

Michael Bausch - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

ES

“ A SPATHIPHYLLUM was sent on March 20, 2017
My dearest friend... thank u for singing n my wedding... I will miss u
soooo much !! U were my mentor .. my inspiration .. my reasons to
succeed. I love u and Thank u n Rip my friend.. until i see u again.
Much love Ur friend Tia Maeder

Expression of Sympathy - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

ES

“ A Peanut Basket of Mixed Plants was ordered on March 20, 2017

Expression of Sympathy - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

RN

“ Snuffy was a member of my church in Madison Wisconsin when he
first moved to Madison. He was a marvelous musician and very
involved member along with his former wife Robin. In recent years
we tried to stay in touch through Facebook. I am grieved that he
passed away at such a young age. I am praying for your family.
Rev Ray Neal

Rev. Ray Neal - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

KE

“ A candle was lit by Kelly

on March 1, 2019 11:48 PM

Kelly - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM