



Robert "Mack" Smith

November 29, 1967 - November 1, 2013

Robert McConnell "Mack" Smith was born on November 29, 1967 in Glasgow, KY to the late Robert T. "R. T." Smith and Eva L. Smith. Robert was baptized at an early age in life, professing his faith in Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. Robert was a member of Little Barren Baptist Church, Sulphur Well, KY. Robert departed this life on Friday, November 1, 2013, at his home in Bowling Green, KY. Robert was a football coach and teacher for many years. He taught and coached at Trigg County, Bardstown, Harrodsburg, John Hardin, Warren East and Barren County schools. Presently, he was employed by the Bowling Green Independent Schools, at The Academy at Eleventh Street. He received a Bachelor and Master's of Science in Physical Education, Post- Baccalaureate in Secondary Education, Rank 1 in Exceptional Education from Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY. Robert was the founder of "Project Success" – Mentoring program for African American males while at Trigg County School. Robert was married to Cheri Harris Smith, and to this union two sons were born, Thomas Les McConnell Smith and Miles Sheridan McConnell Smith. Thomas and Miles were his heart, and he enjoyed every moment doing different activities with them. Robert loved his family and his friends, and he was love to everyone he knew. Robert was an avid sportsman, he loved coaching football, farming and hunting. The farm was his joy. Robert was preceded in death by his father Robert T. Smith, grandparents Les and Birtha Smith and Cleo and Ethel Lambirth. He is survived by his sons, Thomas Les McConnell Smith and Miles Sheridan

McConnell Smith, Mother, Eva L. Smith, Sister, Robbie Smith Potter (Raymond). Brothers, Leslie Thomas Smith (Wanda) And Nathaniel L. Smith (Earlene). Aunts, Ruth Underwood (Leonard), and Connie Franklin (Haywood), Uncle Leon N. Lambirth (Purna), and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. A special friend Sarah Neal.

Sincerely,

-Your friends at Burnam and Son

Cemetery Details

Little Barren Baptist Church Cemetery

154 Cedar Top Church Rd
Sulfur Well, KY 42129

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 8. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc.
201 Center Street
Bowling Green, KY 42101
(270) 843-2336
burnamson@mw.twcbc.com

Service

NOV 9. 1:00 PM (CT)

Little Barren Baptist Church
154 Cedar Top Church Rd
Sulfur Well, KY 42129

Tribute Wall



“ *Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert "Mack" Smith*



Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc. - November 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ *Mr. Smith was the best what he have done he my friend and teacher he the only one that believe me.*



seneca - December 05, 2013 at 12:57 AM

LA

“ *Mr. Smith was one of my favorite teachers at 11th street, i hated the school but loved being in his class, i learned alot from him he would tell us how the real world works despite what we thought it would be like. Yu will b truly missed mr. Smith*

latifah - November 13, 2013 at 10:53 PM

MH

“ I met Mack when we worked together at Dillard's many years ago. He was an awesome man. He was so kind and caring. I love you mackie, I will miss you. Till we meet again....



Mary Hyde - November 10, 2013 at 09:20 PM

MH

“ Mary Hyde lit a candle in memory of Robert "Mack" Smith



Mary Hyde - November 10, 2013 at 09:15 PM

MM

“ M. David Moss, MD lit a candle in memory of Robert "Mack" Smith



M. David Moss, MD - November 08, 2013 at 11:06 PM

DC

“ Mack Smith what a great Man and person thank you for trusting me with your Sons I want you to know that I am going to watch out for the both of them now my Brother in Christ rest in the arms of Jesus

Danny Carotherd - November 08, 2013 at 03:24 PM

MT

“ I can't put into words what you meant to us big guy. I thought the world of you in high school, you could be quite intimidating to some of us little freshman :) but once anyone heard you speak, they knew instantly you were nothing but a teddy bear. Then years later who would have dreamed you would be one of my son's high school football coaches. Gave me a whole admiration for you, not just as a friend, but as a mentor, for my son and so many like him. I will miss our chats my friend. I have a laundry list of wonderful memories to keep me company until we meet again. You will always hold a special place in our hearts Mackie!! My prayers are with your family and those precious boys I know how much you loved them.

Marsha Phillips Thomas - November 08, 2013 at 12:13 PM

SW

“ Such a nice guy. Had not seen Mackie since we were in high school and ran into him at the mall 20 years later. We talked for several minutes and he was still the same great guy that I remembered.

Scott Witty - November 07, 2013 at 09:37 PM

MV

“ Mr. And Mrs. Gilbert Vogt lit a candle in memory of Robert "Mack" Smith



Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Vogt - November 07, 2013 at 08:18 PM

GV

“ Gilbert a V. purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Robert "Mack" Smith.



Gilbert a V. - November 07, 2013 at 08:11 PM

JM

“ Jeff & Jeanelle McGuire lit a candle in memory of Robert "Mack" Smith



Jeff & Jeanelle McGuire - November 07, 2013 at 08:04 PM

LS

“ Lori Smith lit a candle in memory of Robert "Mack" Smith



Lori Smith - November 05, 2013 at 10:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Robert "Mack" Smith.



November 05, 2013 at 08:59 PM

SL

“ *Mackey will be greatly missed*



Sherri Likens - November 05, 2013 at 07:44 PM

JR

“ *Jeff & Lorie Richey lit a candle in memory of Robert "Mack" Smith*



Jeff & Lorie Richey - November 05, 2013 at 07:38 PM

SS

“ *I have many memories of Mack. We played football together, we spent a summer hauling hay and setting tobacco to get ready for football of course. I admired his father who made him the man he was. Mack had a smile and good word for everyone. He didn't let life get him down and everything he did made other people's lives better. I love you Mack and will miss talking to you at WKU games. I know you are in a place where you can do more good. Rest easy my friend.*

Scott Siebold - November 05, 2013 at 07:15 PM

SS

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JF

“ Jeanette (Carroll) Furlong lit a candle in memory of Robert "Mack" Smith



Jeanette (Carroll) Furlong - November 05, 2013 at 05:56 PM

MS

“ Marla Furlong Stewart lit a candle in memory of Robert "Mack" Smith



Marla Furlong Stewart - November 05, 2013 at 05:49 PM

MA

“ Marie Austin lit a candle in memory of Robert
"Mack" Smith



Marie Austin - November 05, 2013 at 04:30 PM

JK

“ Jane Keys lit a candle in memory of Robert
"Mack" Smith



Jane Keys - November 05, 2013 at 03:43 PM

TG

“ I going to miss you Mr.Smith



Tavarius Goliday - November 05, 2013 at 11:54 AM

JO

“ i was one of his students at eleventh street jordan mccarley

jordan - November 05, 2013 at 11:50 AM

TC

“ *Teresa Bruton Carmack lit a candle in memory of Robert "Mack" Smith*



Teresa Bruton Carmack - November 05, 2013 at 07:37 AM

SS

“ *Sylvia Scott Sandefur lit a candle in memory of Robert "Mack" Smith*



sylvia scott sandefur - November 04, 2013 at 09:56 PM

KH

“ *I attended school with Mackie and also worked with him. Praying for his family.*



kathy w. holley - November 04, 2013 at 09:03 PM

CM

“ *We will never have friends as true as the ones we have as children. They don't know or care about anything other than what they feel towards each other. Macky was one of those friends for me. Haven't spoke to him in many years but his premature death has touched me deeply. I will miss him and that big belly laugh that we all remember of his. God bless. We love you Macky. Your true friend, Craig.*

Craig Medford - November 04, 2013 at 09:01 PM

MT

“I was very fortunate to have known Mackey although I did not start school at park city with him I started in the middle of our third grade year in Mrs. Parsleys class .I had just moved here from Louisville .I was nervous and scared and Mackey befriended me and said he didn't want to go to school either and he knew it had to be hard starting over in a new school and we became good friends from then on. Thank you for being my friend. You will be missed .I know you are with our savior in heaven now we will meet again. My thoughts and prayers go out to your family. Your friend Mark Thurman

Mark Thurman - November 04, 2013 at 07:26 PM

AR

“The first time I remember seeing Mackie when I was a freshman playing football at BCHS , Big Mack was going up against David Todd in a blocking drill. When they hit each other it was a sound that I will never forgot. He was a gentle giant and had a heart of gold. He will be truly missed. God had better plans for Mackie and called him home. Rest in peace Big Mack.
Andrew Rutledge

Andrew Rutledge - November 04, 2013 at 06:51 PM

TS

“I worked with Mack Smith while he coached my son in football. He was a wonderful person and an inspiration and mentor to the young men he worked with on the field. Prayers are with his family.

Tracy Sowers - November 04, 2013 at 04:02 PM

LC

“ *Leland And Sally Crump lit a candle in memory of Robert "Mack" Smith*



Leland and Sally Crump - November 04, 2013 at 03:10 PM

VA

“ *This world would be a much better place with more people like Mackie Smith. I am rejoicing that Mack is meeting his Lord and Savior face to face, but also mourning with his family and friends who loved him so. Until we meet again.....Mackie you will be missed.*

Vera Gosnell Allo

Vera Gosnell Allo - November 04, 2013 at 11:15 AM

CM

“ *Cherry Martin lit a candle in memory of Robert "Mack" Smith*



Cherry Martin - November 04, 2013 at 10:52 AM

MG

“ *Monday Swift Graves lit a candle in memory of Robert "Mack" Smith*



Monday Swift Graves - November 04, 2013 at 08:39 AM

BB

“ *The Members & Pastor,*

*Extend our deepest Heart Felt Sympathy to
the Smith's Family,
We will keep you in prayer may God; continue
to Bless each of you.*

*Mt. Union Missionary Baptist Church Family
Rev. Charles L Fishback, Pastor
Bereavement Comm.*



Bro. Bard - November 04, 2013 at 12:46 AM

 Angela
Lawler

“ *Mack was a good friend to me. We talked and shared so many
things over the years. We'd laugh, I'd cry and he would always say
things would get better. When he was down he'd have me sing to
him and he had a dream for me and encouragement. He was more
than a friend he was like a brother. His dreams of being a
comedian, books, and life decisions we talked about. we made
many life decisions during rough times. My friend is with our Lord
Savior and his beloved father. Ill meet you on the other side of
Jordan and ill bring the cheese.*

Angela Lawler - November 03, 2013 at 09:34 PM

PF

“ In 1974 I started school with a boy his mother called (and we come to know as) " Mackie " Smith , his mother was one of the first grade teachers at Park City Elementary School , he was one of the most kindest and nicest kids in the class that I met . Every afternoon when school was out , Mackie, Craig Medford, John Florence and myself would play tag outside , or shoot basketball in the gym until our parents were done for the day . I can hear Mrs. Smith to this day coming down into the gym and saying , " Mackie , it's time to go " and he would say like any other kid . " just one more shot MOM " !!! Man, weren't those the days When we got a little bit older Coach Cushenberry really wanted Mackie to try out for football , of course you know why , he was like a BRICK wall standing there , but as the old saying goes " Gentle Ben " . I remember one of the first practices when coach Cushenberry had a pad and had Mackie coming off the line on defense stands and hitting the pad and coach Cushenberry saying to him " hit it , hit it like you mean it " !!! Well , he did and there layed coach on the floor of the gym !!! But , what happened then , Mackie bent over and helped him up and ask if he was o.k. , this was the kind of kid he was and the kind of man that he grew in to . The man " Mack " , that everyone knows him as in later years was a good friend of mine growing up and whenever I seen him was always asking about the family and how I was doing and had I seen any of our classmates .

To the family of Robert " Mack " Smith , I just wanted to share some of the good memories I had with your loved one . Remember the good times , keep them in your heart , and never forget ...

You'll be missed my friend

Paul Furlong

Paul Furlong - November 03, 2013 at 08:51 PM

CM

I to was one of those kids that started to school in 1974 at Park City Elementary. I missed out on the guy thing with the sports but did get a chance in Mrs. Moody's 6th grade class to sit close to Mackey. Electronic football was popular at that time and Mackey had one of those hand held games that 2 could play at once, both offense and defense. Some of you reading this may remember this story. So being the kids we were as soon as Mrs. Moody would leave Mackey would pull out the game and we played until we heard her coming back down the hall. Somehow we never got caught. I also had a story I could tell him to get him super tickled. Loved to hear his laugh. So many memories of such a good soul. He will be greatly missed.

Cherry Gibbons Martin - November 04, 2013 at 09:17 AM

JB

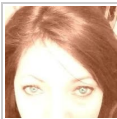
that was so nice to hear about mack, he was a great man & loved his kids thank u his cuz jackie.

jackie beamus - November 04, 2013 at 01:49 PM

CM

We will never have friends like the childhood friends we had. As real as it gets. Macky was a true friend. Good post Paul.

Craig Medford - November 04, 2013 at 09:15 PM



I guess that's why he never really got onto the kids at school for getting on YouTube and listening to music during class, because he did the same thing while he was a kid...thanks for sharing this it made me have a good laugh and he would be laughing about this too...

Deana Clark - November 05, 2013 at 07:56 PM



He had a laugh that would start at his feet and move all over him. It was one of the greatest things about him and one of the things that i will miss the most.

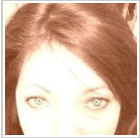
Angela Lawler - November 05, 2013 at 08:11 PM

TG

“ Terry L. Glaab lit a candle in memory of Robert "Mack" Smith



Terry L. Glaab - November 03, 2013 at 05:08 PM



“ Mack was such a great friend to me in the past few years he always had encouraging words for me when I was having a bad day. There was never a day that went by that he didn't ask how I was and he would tell me a story to make me laugh. I'm going to miss his hugs and laughter and the projects we did with the kids at school. I'm praying for his family that they will have peace with their loss of their daddy.



Deana Clark - November 03, 2013 at 02:21 PM

CW

“ Celena Withrow lit a candle in memory of Robert "Mack" Smith



Celena Withrow - November 03, 2013 at 02:20 PM

MR

“ *Smith Family!!!!
You'll never walk a-lone. at times like these.... it is only God who can speak the words that calm the sea, still the wind, and ease the pain, so lean on him, and you will never walk a-lone. trusting that the Lord will be very close to you now and hoping it comforts you to know that you'r loved one is safe in his arms, with sympathy. love MR. & mrs Howard Rice. Hardyville,Ky.*

Mr & Mrs Howard Rice - November 03, 2013 at 01:09 PM

MR

“ *Smith Family!!!!
may God Bless you and you'r family in this time of sorrow. may you'r hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together as you celebrate a life well lived.
love mr. & mrs george Rice.*

mr. & mrs george rice - November 03, 2013 at 12:50 PM

JB

“ *smith family & kids.
Don't worry God is never blind to your's tears, never deaf to your prayer's and never silent to your pain. he see's he hears and he will deliver.*

jackie beamus - November 03, 2013 at 12:44 PM

 Angela Lawler

“ *Angela Lawler lit a candle in memory of Robert "Mack" Smith*



Angela Lawler - November 03, 2013 at 10:20 AM

Kelsi
Hudson-
Beaver

“ *Kelsi Hudson-Beaver lit a candle in memory of Robert "Mack" Smith*



Kelsi Hudson-Beaver - November 03, 2013 at 09:46 AM



“ *Jackie Baird lit a candle in memory of Robert "Mack" Smith*



Jackie Baird - November 03, 2013 at 01:15 AM

EG

“ *Mackie was a good friend to me in high school. I remember many days he would come into biology and make me laugh. He was always standing up for the underdog, always offering a shoulder to the broken hearted. He was witty and just brought a peace to life that is rare to find. Just being in his presence brought peace and comfort. His death will bring a huge void to all that knew him. My hope is that his boys will continue to feel their dad's peace. My heart breaks for them.*

Ellen Williams Goad

Ellen Williams Goad - November 02, 2013 at 10:35 PM

TS

“ *Todd Steenbergen lit a candle in memory of Robert "Mack" Smith*



Todd Steenbergen - November 02, 2013 at 10:30 PM

JB

“ *Jackie Rice Beamus lit a candle in memory of Robert "Mack" Smith*



jackie rice beamus - November 02, 2013 at 10:00 PM

AG

“ *Mackie Smith, what a wonderful role model for our younger generation! All age groups mourn your passing! When I think of Mackie I think of this. "A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove...but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child." My heart breaks for you family Mack! I can hear our Lord say now ..."Job well done son, Well done! You can rest with me now."*

Amie Hurt and girls - November 02, 2013 at 08:08 PM

MP

“ *Meridith Bowles Parker lit a candle in memory of Robert "Mack" Smith*



Meridith Bowles Parker - November 02, 2013 at 08:07 PM

AG

“ *Amie Hurt And Girls lit a candle in memory of Robert "Mack" Smith*



Amie Hurt and girls - November 02, 2013 at 08:04 PM

SM

“ *Susie Maupin lit a candle in memory of Robert "Mack" Smith*



Susie Maupin - November 02, 2013 at 07:34 PM

JP

“ *John R. Proffitt lit a candle in memory of Robert "Mack" Smith*



John R. Proffitt - November 02, 2013 at 05:40 PM

JP

RIP Mackie.....I thought the world of you. You were a great man and a special friend. Til we meet again Brother!!! God bless your family, especially your boys, and this terrible moment.

John R. Proffitt - November 02, 2013 at 05:41 PM

T.

“ *T.walker&family lit a candle in memory of Robert "Mack" Smith*



t.walker&family - November 02, 2013 at 02:40 PM



“ *Dear Smith Family,*

There are few things more difficult than dealing with the loss of a loved one. We, along with our staff, are honored and humbled that you have chosen our family to care for your family during this time. It is our hope that we have been able, in some small way, to lighten your burden and give proper reverence to a life lived. Please let us know if we can be of further service.

Respectfully,

*Carmen, Cedric, Claudia and Kelly
2nd Generation Owners
info@burnamandsonmortuary.com*



Cedric Burnam - November 02, 2013 at 02:19 PM