



David "Shep" Smith

October 29, 1959 - June 16, 2022

David Sheppard "Shep" Smith, 62, passed away on June 16, 2022.

Born on October 29, 1959, in Charleston, South Carolina, he was the son of the late Randolph and Nancy Rhodes Smith. Shep was a believer of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. A born again Christian.

A very loving husband, of 37 years to his surviving wife, Debra Davis Smith. An incredible father to his two surviving sons, Zachary Smith (Destiny) of Greer and Logan Smith of Greenville, and his two daughters, Zoe Smith of Greenville and Candace Anderson (Mark) of Wilkesboro, North Carolina; a loving brother to two brothers, Arthur Smith (Carolyn) and Scott Smith (Amy) both of Greenville; as well as two sisters, Kristy Schaffert (David) of Charlotte, North Carolina and Kathryne Smith of Canton, Georgia; an incredible loving grandfather to his grandchildren; Karsyn Smith, Bennett Smith, Elijah Smith, Stevie Medley, Lauren Anderson, and Lilly Anderson; and great grandchildren, Easton Church, Jayden Church, and Hunter Medley.

Along with his parents, Shep was preceded in death by two sons, Joshua and David Smith; and one brother, Robin Smith.

David "Shep" Smith was a Certified Executive Chef for 40 years. When he wasn't at work, you could always find him in the kitchen or by the grill cooking something up. His food was made with such love and brought so much joy into peoples' lives. He will forever be remembered for his famous barbeque.

Shep had a love for the outdoors; fishing and camping were two of his favorite things to do when he had time to get away. He was a proud member of the 3rd

Table From The Left Dining Club, where he enjoyed yearly canoe and fishing trips.

He always had a story to tell, never met a stranger, and would light up any room.

Visitation will be held from 9:30-10:45 a.m. on Saturday, June 25, 2022, at The Wood Mortuary.

A memorial service will follow at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, in The Wood Mortuary Chapel, conducted by Pastor Ross White.

The family will receive relatives and friends at the Smith residence following the service.

In lieu of flowers, please make any donations to the Immune Deficiency Foundation, 110 West Road, Suite 300, Towson, MD 21204.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **25**. 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary, Inc.
300 West Poinsett Street
Greer, SC 29650
(864) 877-3351
woodmortuary@bellsouth.net

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

FF

“ Thoughts and prayers are with the family! We had the honor of meeting once but Shep left a lasting impression! Remember the good times until you meet again!

Sincerely,
The Foy Family

Foy Family - June 26, 2022 at 09:13 AM

PJ

“ David and I are so sorry to hear of Shep passing! Always such a nice guy with a joke to keep you laughing! Sending love, hugs and prayers to all of you during this difficult time!

May God wrap his loving arms around you all!
Xo ❤️❤️

Polly & David Johnson - June 25, 2022 at 11:09 PM

TS

“ My heart is broken . I have known and loved Shep for 30 years . He taught me how to sell in this crazy culinary business . I had no idea what I was doing and he taught me something new every time I saw him I knew when I walked in Shep’s office he would say “sell me something “ so I had to be prepared . The friendship he has shown me the last 30 years will never be forgotten . I am so upset that Ed and I are out of town today and will not be able to attend his service . Please know you all are in our prayers . Praying for strength .

Tina Somers - June 25, 2022 at 09:15 AM

YF

“ Your LHC Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of David "Shep" Smith.



Your LHC Family - June 24, 2022 at 03:30 PM

PS

“ Many thanks and appreciation for the fantastic spread you prepared for my pastor's birthday celebration and my best friends 70th birthday celebration, I will always remember you for that, heaven has received earth best cook, R.I.P, pat

Patricia E Smith - June 24, 2022 at 03:26 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of David "Shep" Smith.



June 23, 2022 at 04:18 PM

TP

“ My Husband and I have known Shep since Northwood Middle School. All the days we spent at Rusty Brook pool and by the lake, hanging out at the picnic table and laughing at Sheps jokes. He was always positive, happy and smiling. He never met a stranger that didn't become a fast friend. The world will miss him and we will also. Great job Shep, Rest In Peace Bro 🌿 Boyce & Tammy Putman

Tammy Putman - June 21, 2022 at 05:39 PM

BB

“ *With deepest sympathy!*

Bruce Boiter - June 21, 2022 at 12:19 AM

TB

“ *I met Shep three years ago when he catered my 70th birthday celebration. I found him to be a wonderful person as well as a great chef. The meal he provided was unforgettable! RIP I will always be grateful for the memory of that night.*

Thelma Bailey - June 20, 2022 at 05:14 PM

PS

“ *Praying for peace and comfort for your family; we loved Mr. Shep and his great cooking skills will be missed.*
Patricia Smith

Patricia E Smith - June 20, 2022 at 04:43 PM

RK

“ *I met Shep several years ago when he started at the Willows. I was the chemical vendor for the kitchen. From day one, you would have thought we had known each other forever. He was so nice and friendly right out of the gate and that never ceased. Lost contact with him the last couple of years but wanted to say to the family that I'm sorry for your loss. He was a one of a kind guy for sure. You will all be in my prayers. God bless you during in this rough time....Richard King, Momar, Inc.*

Richard King - June 20, 2022 at 03:20 PM

DL

“ I think God created Shep to be a friend to everyone he met. He had this wonderful gift of never meeting a stranger. His storytelling, sense of humor, contagious grin and as he called it “useless” information all combined to make him the favorite in any group. I was always asking him to retell some of my favorite stories because I loved his cadence and his laughter as he recalled every detail. There were at least 20 recipes that I never wrote down because I could always call Shep and he would give me the details like we were standing in his kitchen- it was like listening to a cooking show..... He was a true chef and he loved to feed his friends and family.
I (we) have lost a “one-of-a-kind” friend!

Don Lewis

Don Lewis - June 20, 2022 at 12:56 PM

JT

“ Shep was a wonderful person in many ways, especially as 1 of the 13 First Cousins of the Rhodes side of the family, as a fantastic cook and ice carver, as a good hiking buddy in the high mountains. My favorite memory, but too long to tell here, was when we hiked a section of the AT when he was around 16 and our group got entangled with 3 hungry bears that had already attacked a single hiker in the Campground where we were supposed to spend Saturday night. We managed to fend off the bears and hike another 2-3 miles to a safer camp site. I had told the group my previous 3 bear stories the night before.
He and the others were excited about my stories and wanted a bear story of their own. Well they got one the next night. We all loved Shep and he will be missed!

John Thompson - June 20, 2022 at 09:19 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David "Shep" Smith.*



June 20, 2022 at 09:18 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of David "Shep" Smith.*

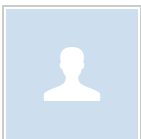


June 20, 2022 at 08:29 AM



“ *When I think of Shep, my memories go to his stories & “useless” information, as he called it. He was a great coworker, great Chef & always made us a laugh. He is definitely going to be missed in my heart & at The Willows. My prayers go out to the family & anyone who knew him. We won't be the same without you. Rest easy Shep.*

Lissa Chapman - June 20, 2022 at 07:32 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of David "Shep" Smith.*



June 19, 2022 at 07:52 PM

DL

“ So many memories I am thankful for. Shep was one of the most special people I have ever met. He and I would sculpt ice together. We were both very involved in the Chef's Association facilitating many events together. He loved to make people happy through his food. Shep made me a better person. I will always love you Shep. Please cook something special for Jesus.

Deron Little - June 19, 2022 at 02:52 PM

JW

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



John Whitley - June 19, 2022 at 02:24 PM

WT

Shep was a wonderful person and great cousin. He was one of the best chefs I've ever known. A lot of great memories growing up. God bless all of the family.

*Love,
Wayne and Sally Thompson*

Wayne Thompson - June 21, 2022 at 08:50 AM

JW

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John Whitley - June 19, 2022 at 02:22 PM

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“ I met Shep on a camping trip in 1993 and camped, floated, and sat around many a fire with him since. I'll miss his Gumbo, his way of telling stories, his joke delivery, but mostly, as another friend put it, "his way of being". I don't think I'll ever eat another grape without thinking of Shep and that persistent duck. The SMD (Shortoff Mountain Daredevils) and the TTFTLDC are both greatly diminished. I've lost friends before, but it's never hurt this much. I can't imagine how bad it is for the family. My thoughts are with you.

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John Whitley - June 19, 2022 at 01:45 PM

VS

“ Dear Shep,
You will be missed. We grew up together and had a lot of fun. Going to Rusty Brook Swimming Pool on Teen night. Hanging out by the lake. We had a group of great friends that hung out. I will miss you and those days. Rest in Peace.



Vickey Staton - June 19, 2022 at 12:06 PM

KS

“ Smith family, my heart broke when I heard of Shep's passing. I worked for him at the Willows!
He was truly an unforgettable character and he kept us laughing!
His culinary skills were top notch! Shep, keep 'em fed and laughing in Heaven, old friend!

Kim Self - June 19, 2022 at 10:37 AM

BJ

“ I will always remember Shep for the wonderful fish entrees he served us at The Willows in Easley and for his waves to me from his small food cart as he drove between our two facilities. God Bless his loved ones. Betty Juberg

Betty Juberg - June 18, 2022 at 01:49 PM