



## Tony Smith

June 5, 1956 - April 18, 2014

Heading: Tony Smith

Dateline: Greer

Robert Anthony "Tony" Smith, 57, died April 18, 2014 at his home. He was the owner of WETSU Welding and founding member of The Gas Holes.

A native of Greer, he was a son of Robert L. (Gail) Smith and the late Betty Jo Brezeale.

Surviving are his wife, Teresa Shorter Smith of the home; and by "his girls", Maggie and Daisy; a brother, Brent (Tina) Smith; his nephews Brad and Matthew Smith; many loving aunts, uncles, and cousins; and he was blessed by many loving friends.

He was predeceased by a brother, Dale Smith and his grandparents, PL and Edith Smith and Herman and Evelyn Brezeale.

Visitation will be held from 2 until 4 p.m. Sunday, April 27, 2014, a memorial service will follow at 4:00 p.m. at The Wood Mortuary Chapel, conducted by Dr. Drew Hines.

The family is at the home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 154 Milestone Way, Greenville, SC 29615 or the Greenville Humane Society, 305 Airport Road, Greenville, SC 29607.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 27. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

APR 27. 4:00 PM (ET)

THE WOOD MORTUARY CHAPEL  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *The Wood Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Tony Smith*



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**The Wood Mortuary** - April 26, 2014 at 09:49 AM

JH

“ *very sorry to hear about tony,trying to get off work on sun. so i can attend the service. peace and love john hoffman*

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**john hoffman** - April 27, 2014 at 12:28 AM

RB

“ *Condolence's Teresa and family from Billy, Kay and Roger Blocker.*



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**Roger Blocker** - April 26, 2014 at 06:40 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Tony Smith.*



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April 25, 2014 at 06:47 AM

JW

“ Jane Wooten lit a candle in memory of Tony Smith



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**jane wooten** - April 23, 2014 at 04:47 AM

DS

“ Teresa, we have only known you a few short months but we feel like we have known you and Tony much longer. My heart breaks for you.....we are so very sorry about Tonys passing. We will forever be great full for your help with my dad's move. Our prayers are with you for strength.....your NJ friends.....John and Donna



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**Donna Setaro** - April 22, 2014 at 08:59 PM

JS

“ My heart goes out to your family during this time. I was lucky enough to be one of Tony's friends during our Pleasant Grove years. He was a kind person with a wonderful family. Our prayers are with you. Jimmy and Debbie Singleton

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**Jimmy Singleton** - April 21, 2014 at 07:51 PM

VM

“ Vivian And Meb lit a candle in memory of Tony Smith



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**Vivian and Meb** - April 21, 2014 at 03:27 PM

TH

“ So sorry to hear of Tony's passing, what a amazing singer. I remember spending many of years upstairs in the attic of the Hammett Bridge home listening to the band play on the weekend. We were family for many years and continued to keep in touch many years after.  
Prayers are with you Teresa.

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**Tina Harris** - April 21, 2014 at 03:09 PM

KL

“ We have known Tony for about 30 years, we played many places and many different types of music together. We didn't really care what we played, we had fun together and we tried to play it right. He was someone who you could count on. I will miss him, if there was not a Tony Smith in this world, we would have had to invent one. My heart goes out to Teresa and the family. Dianne and I saw them at the house not long ago, and I missed them when they came by our house just days ago. Life is so short , love the people you care about, they are that matter in the end

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**kevin latham** - April 21, 2014 at 02:29 PM

RO

“ I have many memories of time spent with Tony, but my favorite one showed his kindness and generosity, as well as his love for music and the friends it brought him. In spite of a busy agenda during a trip to Atlanta (he had three basses he wanted to look at - didn't he always?), he stopped by my place and took the time to help me learn the bass line to David Lindsay's version of, "Brother John," a Neville Brothers song. He was not familiar with the song or that particular version, so I was amazed by how quickly he picked it up, and how patient he was with my fumbling fingers. I never could it right, but I never forgot that time spent with him, a brother in music, and an incredibly good friend. I will miss him. Teresa, I wish you Godspeed as you make this part of your journey in coming to peace with your loss.

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**Rob** - April 21, 2014 at 11:35 AM

EO

“ My fondest memories of Tony, were when he would come by our house in Taylors, and Tony and Dad would be down in the basement playin for hours.He would always show up with a smile, and was always happy go lucky kind of guy. I used to listen to his first album alot, and was amazed at his talent.. He will be missed, Godspeed to the family.

*Eric H. Odom*

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**Eric Odom** - April 21, 2014 at 08:52 AM

PW

“ Teresa, my prayers are with you. May you take comfort in all the beautiful memories.  
*Patti Willing*

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**Patti Willing** - April 21, 2014 at 05:42 AM

RG

“ We are truly sorry to hear of the loss of your husband. Please accept our condolences.

*Ron and JoEtta Gantt*

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**Ron Gantt** - April 21, 2014 at 12:01 AM

SH

“ Dale was my roommate at USC and I knew Tony well. I played in a band or two together with Tony and will miss him dearly. Stan Hilley



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**Stan Hilley** - April 20, 2014 at 08:53 PM

 Guerry Harvell

“ Guerry Harvell lit a candle in memory of Tony Smith



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**Guerry Harvell** - April 20, 2014 at 08:28 PM

 Guerry Harvell

*Tony was a super individual and musician. We will miss him dearly, but never ever be forgotten. My prayers are with you Teresa at this time. God Bless*

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**Guerry Harvell** - April 22, 2014 at 12:12 AM

TR

“ To Teresa, Bob, Gail, Brent, Tina and the rest of the family. I was so sorry to hear of Tony's passing. Will keep you all in my prayers during this difficult time.  
*Tammy and Ken Rollins*

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**Tammy and Ken Rollins** - April 20, 2014 at 06:44 PM

MS

“ *Mark And Shawna Shirley lit a candle in memory of Tony Smith*



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**Mark and Shawna Shirley** - April 20, 2014 at 02:37 PM

CP

“ *Clifford Pitts lit a candle in memory of Tony Smith*



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**Clifford Pitts** - April 20, 2014 at 12:30 PM

LW

“ *Lynn West lit a candle in memory of Tony Smith*



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**Lynn West** - April 20, 2014 at 01:12 AM

LW

*Thoughts and prayers to Teresa and the Smith family. Tony was friend to everyone whether knew them for a hour or all his life. His love for his music and musicians who knew him was his gift to all. Tony was a great husband, son, brother, uncle, lover of animals, musician and friend. Gone for now but never forgotten.*

**Lynn West** - April 20, 2014 at 01:28 AM

BS

“ SO SORRY TO HEAR OF TONY'S PASSING. HE WAS A GREAT MUSICIAN AND GREW UP PLAYING MUSIC WITH HIM. ANOTHER FRIEND GONE TO SOON. WITH HOPES OF A BETTER TOMMORROW. BECAUSE HE LIVES, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. YOUR FAMILY IS IN OUR PRAYERS.



**BEVERLY SHELTON** - April 20, 2014 at 12:17 AM

SJ

“ *Sherri James lit a candle in memory of Tony Smith*



**Sherri James** - April 19, 2014 at 08:52 PM



“ *Mack McCloud lit a candle in memory of Tony Smith*



**Mack McCloud** - April 19, 2014 at 08:01 PM

VM

“ Vicki Foster McGee lit a candle in memory of Tony Smith



Vicki Foster McGee - April 19, 2014 at 07:03 PM

PC

“ Pete And Amy Chase lit a candle in memory of Tony Smith



Pete and Amy Chase - April 19, 2014 at 06:52 PM

PC

*Teresa we love you very much and our hearts go out to you. We are so saddened by Tony's passing. We know he is no longer suffering, but we know your heart is hurting. Our arms are always there to hug you and our shoulders will always be there for you to cry on.*

Pete and Amy Chase - April 19, 2014 at 06:57 PM

SH

“ Sue Ellen Holmesley lit a candle in memory of Tony Smith



Sue Ellen Holmesley - April 19, 2014 at 06:36 PM



“ Tony - you will always be remembered and loved. Your smile, your laughter - all the things that made you special. My childhood memories are filled with all the fun us kids had growing up on Hammett Bridge Road. You sang and played Daydream Believer for me for my 12 th birthday - that I will always remember and cherish ! Although we never saw each other after adulthood - we still kept in touch through Facebook - and I will always be thankful for your friendship. Teresa, you are in my thoughts and prayers .

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**Rita Bowman** - April 19, 2014 at 05:42 PM

TS

Thank you so much. ..that is so special. Many times I've thought of how cute & sweet Tony was as a little boy. Id love to hear some of your stories one day. Thanks again!

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**teresa smith** - September 04, 2014 at 03:14 PM



“ Rest easy my friend.....

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**Homer Turner** - April 19, 2014 at 05:01 PM

TG

Homer is lookin down on all of his and you know he wouldn't want all this crying and sadness . Right ???

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**Tresa Gregory** - April 19, 2014 at 06:59 PM

PM

“ Paulette Morgan lit a candle in memory of Tony Smith



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**Paulette Morgan** - April 19, 2014 at 04:05 PM



“ *Ben Morgan lit a candle in memory of Tony Smith*



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**Ben Morgan** - April 19, 2014 at 04:03 PM



“ *Ben Morgan lit a candle in memory of Tony Smith*



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**Ben Morgan** - April 19, 2014 at 03:59 PM



“ *Randy & Leisa Fowler lit a candle in memory of Tony Smith*



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**Randy & Leisa Fowler** - April 19, 2014 at 03:48 PM



“ *Bruce Hines lit a candle in memory of Tony Smith*



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**Bruce Hines** - April 19, 2014 at 01:43 PM



“ Anne Hines lit a candle in memory of Tony Smith



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**Anne Hines** - April 19, 2014 at 01:31 PM

HB

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.  
Sincerely,  
Hugh and India Batson

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**Hugh and India Batson** - April 19, 2014 at 01:13 PM

BH

“ Billie Kae Hart lit a candle in memory of Tony Smith



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**Billie Kae Hart** - April 19, 2014 at 01:07 PM

ST

“ Suzy Tuske lit a candle in memory of Tony Smith



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**Suzy Tuske** - April 19, 2014 at 12:16 PM

CP

“ Craig And Debra Ponder lit a candle in memory of Tony Smith



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**Craig and Debra Ponder** - April 19, 2014 at 12:08 PM

CH

“ 1 file added to the album Tony said, "I don't consider myself a solo kind of guy... But this was the best solo I ever done."



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**Curtis Hanvey** - April 19, 2014 at 11:18 AM

CH

*This is what he loved to do and this night he was on top of his game. Your performances and talent will be missed.*

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**Curtis Hanvey** - April 20, 2014 at 11:05 AM

MA

“ I am so sorry for your loss , I pray for God's loving mercy on the family , I know that God will give you peace . Marilyn Wilson

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**Marilyn** - April 19, 2014 at 11:15 AM

MW

“ *Marilyn & Jimmy Wilson lit a candle in memory of Tony Smith*



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**Marilyn & Jimmy Wilson** - April 19, 2014 at 11:12 AM

CH

“ *10 files added to the album Tony's Time Capsule Videos, Doing what he LOVED!*



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**Curtis Hanvey** - April 19, 2014 at 11:05 AM

MT

“ *Tony and I hit it off on our first conversation back in the late 80's. We enjoyed many fishing trips from Lyman Lake to the Clinch River in Tenn. Many meals, jam sessions and gear talk and trade's along the way.*

*I miss you brother. Gone from this life, but never forgotten.*

*My prayers & thoughts to Theresa and the rest of the family & friends.*

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**Mark Tyson** - April 19, 2014 at 09:52 AM

AC

“ tony i remember you from when i was a child.you were always friendly and had a permanent smile...the world will never be the same without you...”



Angie Clayton - April 19, 2014 at 09:50 AM

JW

“ Peace and strength to Teresa and the Smith family”

Jeff Walls - April 19, 2014 at 09:19 AM

 Beth Roberts

“ Beth Roberts lit a candle in memory of Tony Smith”



Beth Roberts - April 19, 2014 at 09:19 AM

JR

“ Julie Randall lit a candle in memory of Tony Smith”



Julie Randall - April 19, 2014 at 08:55 AM

JR

*I am going to miss you very much.*

Julie Randall - April 19, 2014 at 08:56 AM

KM

“ We will miss you, Tony. Your spirit, and talent will never be forgotten. So lucky to have had some great times and memories with you and Teresa.

See you on the other side, my bass hero.

*Kathy McDaniel*

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**Kathy and Charlie McDaniel** - April 19, 2014 at 07:48 AM

KM

“ Kathy And Charlie McDaniel lit a candle in memory of Tony Smith



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**Kathy and Charlie McDaniel** - April 19, 2014 at 07:43 AM

DB

“ Lit a candle in memory of Tony Smith



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**Dennis Bossler** - April 19, 2014 at 07:39 AM

TG

“ Tony touched so many lives with his personality and his love for music. He's a great friend, high school friend and neighbor on Lyman Lake where he loved to fish. Praying for Teresa , Family and all his friends . No more sorrow, suffering and pain. Tony is in Heaven fishing and playing music ! Praise God that I got to meet Tony and to say he is my friend . Pray that God gives the family comfort and peace ! RIP my sweet friend ! Much love for You and Teresa!!!

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**Tresa Gregory** - April 19, 2014 at 07:12 AM

RP

“ Randy & Ethan Pratt lit a candle in memory of Tony Smith



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**Randy & Ethan Pratt** - April 19, 2014 at 06:55 AM

DE

“ Deb Edwards lit a candle in memory of Tony Smith



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**Deb Edwards** - April 19, 2014 at 06:36 AM

RG

“ *Robb Gonick lit a candle in memory of Tony Smith*



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**Robb Gonick** - April 19, 2014 at 12:19 AM

SW

“ *Sheila Dill Wilkinson lit a candle in memory of Tony Smith*



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**Sheila Dill Wilkinson** - April 18, 2014 at 11:16 PM

MA

“ *Amigo querido do FB. Vou sentir falta da tua música, dos teus comentários e da tua presença sempre afável. A friend from Brasil.*

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**Marina** - April 18, 2014 at 09:40 PM

TH

“ *Will miss our Facebook chats and postings, your bass playing, and the video clips of the Gas Holes. Thanks for everything! Tom*

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**Tom Hayes** - April 18, 2014 at 09:36 PM

SW

“ Susan Watts lit a candle in memory of Tony Smith



Susan Watts - April 18, 2014 at 06:47 PM

CM

“ Tony had such a sweet spirit of sharing and making you feel welcomed. He will be surley missed but NEVER forgotten. Prayers for peace beyond all understanding and comfort.

Celeste Stansell Moon - April 18, 2014 at 06:40 PM

TH

“ Will miss our Facebook chats and your bass playing and Gashole postings, Duder! Thanks.

Tom Hayes - April 18, 2014 at 06:33 PM

AC

“ I will miss you, my friend. Teresa, may you be blessed and find peace and comfort in the days ahead.

Alan Cole - April 18, 2014 at 06:00 PM

AC

“ Alan Cole lit a candle in memory of Tony Smith



Alan Cole - April 18, 2014 at 05:59 PM

KF

“ *Kathy Fowler lit a candle in memory of Tony Smith*



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**Kathy Fowler** - April 18, 2014 at 05:56 PM

PH

“ *My heart is broken about the loss of Tony ,i am so glad to have spent time with him last summer an hearing him play. Teresa we love you an pray for you in the days ahead time is so precious Tony was one of my favorites he was who he was an never tried to be anything else. He is playing in heaven now making good music,love you Peggy Henson*

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**Peggy Henson** - April 18, 2014 at 05:38 PM

CR

“ *So sorry about Tony great guy and gifted musician. The Greer High Class of 1974 will miss you buddy.*

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**Claudia Riddle** - April 18, 2014 at 05:11 PM