



## Mr. Eric Lee Smith

May 12, 1988 - April 20, 2014

Spartanburg – Eric Lee Smith, 25, of Spartanburg, died Sunday, April 20, 2014. Eric was the son of Judi and Jeff Bowers and Scott and Angelique Smith.

Mr. Smith was a member of Wellford Baptist Church. Eric dropped out of high school and got his GED in order to enlist in the Army at the age of 17, where he became the youngest serving member of the U.S. Army. Eric served 8 years and was a highly decorated veteran.

In addition to his parents, survivors include a son, Jonathan “Noah” Smith; 3 brothers, Cole Smith and his wife Myranda, Jake and Daniel Bowers; one sister Charlotte Smith; maternal grandparents, Dan and Linda Sawyer; his loving aunt and buddy, Lori Sawyer; and 2 uncles, Robbie and Michael Smith; and two nephews.

Mr. Smith is preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Paula and Lewis Smith.

Visitation will be 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at Living Waters Funeral Home & Crematory. Funeral service will be at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, April 24, 2014 at Fairforest Church of God officiated by Pastor John Petty and Pastor Bobby Henderson. Interment with Military Honors will follow at Fort Prince Cemetery in Wellford, SC.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675.



# Cemetery Details

## Fort Prince Memorial Gardens

126 Ft. Prince Road  
Wellford, SC

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **23**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Living Waters Funeral Home and Crematory  
PO Box 758  
529 Spartanburg Hwy. S.  
Lyman, SC 29365

## Service

APR **24**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Fairforest Church of God  
2658 Fairforest Clevedale Road  
Spartanburg, SC 29301

# Tribute Wall



“ *Living Waters Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Eric Lee Smith*

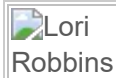


Living Waters Funeral Home & Crematory - April 28, 2014 at 03:30 PM

PS

*So sweet. .my heart still break s for you. ...Rip*

pam steadings - April 13, 2015 at 06:28 AM



Lori Robbins

*Miss you so Honey....That beautiful smile and your fun loving ways will always remain in my heart.*

Lori Robbins - April 13, 2015 at 08:13 AM

CR

*What a beautiful tribute to Eric.*

Carolyn Richardson - October 17, 2016 at 06:43 PM

MM

*First I want to say thank you Eric for serving our country you'll never be forgotten Jeff and Judy I can't imagine the pain and the sorrow you go through I'm sorry that I wasn't there I was sick and in the hospital at the time I love you guys with all my heart my prayers are with you thank you for sharing*

Mary McCall - April 20, 2018 at 07:18 PM

DT

“ Donald & Pat Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eric Lee Smith



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Donald & Pat Taylor - April 20, 2015 at 07:38 AM

CF

“ Judi,  
I am so sorry for your loss, words can not express my deepest sympathy to you and your family. You have been and continue to be in my thoughts and prayers.  
I pray for peace for you and your family. If there is anything I can do please let me know  
God bless you!  
Carla Franklin

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Carla Franklin - May 07, 2014 at 10:28 AM

 Paula Patterson

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Paula Patterson - May 01, 2014 at 11:02 AM

RC

“ So sorry for your loss Scott, Angelica and also Judy and Jeff. Words cant express the hurt and pain that you all are going thru. I remember Eric from years ago and he was just a little guy. He was a wonderful young man and always had a smile on his face. Prayers are with all of the family during this time.  
Rick and Renee Coker and Chase, Shane and Austin Rhea

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**renee hudson coker** - April 26, 2014 at 09:02 PM

TS

“ Judy there is nothing I can say to make it any better so all I know is he is with Jesus. Im praying for the whole family that yall may find some peace soon.if there is anything I can do please let me know.God be with all of yall.

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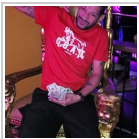
**Teresa Sawyer** - April 25, 2014 at 10:04 PM

AH

“ Jeff and Judi, Austin and I send our thoughts and prayers to you during this difficult time.  
Austin and Eileen Hill

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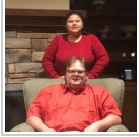
**Austin & Eileen Hill** - April 24, 2014 at 06:33 PM



“ Eric my man I'll truly miss u buddy!! We became so close in such a short period of time. I'll never forget how u could always turn anything into a laugh. I know you're watching down on all if us just want to say I love ya man, and even tho you're gone for now you'll never be forgotten!

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**Steven Rogers** - April 24, 2014 at 10:22 AM



“ Lynn Upton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eric Lee Smith



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**Lynn Upton** - April 24, 2014 at 09:37 AM



“ Judi, I am so very sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and I am praying for you and your family. - Wendy Henderson

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**Wendy Henderson** - April 24, 2014 at 08:02 AM



“ Our hearts go out to you Jeff and Judy. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

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**Butch Bradley & family** - April 23, 2014 at 03:58 PM



“ Eric and I became instant friends. His smile, laugh, and laid back attitude just made me adore him for the minute I met him. My heart is broken over the loss of my sweet friend. I carry his laughter with me, and the last time we spoke... Knowing that one day we will meet again. My deepest sympathy and prayers go out to his family. I love you Nanny and I know he is looking down on you all now. I will carry you with me always sweet friend.

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**Elizabeth Burns** - April 23, 2014 at 08:01 AM

LC

“ Scott, my heart is broken for you. Ron, Kay, Jay, Niki and I all love you and are praying for you and your family. Please call me anytime you need to talk. Love and sympathy, Lana Cooksey

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**Lana Cooksey** - April 23, 2014 at 07:57 AM



“ I'm very sorry for your loss.... Eric was a Great Leader of His Army Soldiers and fellow Battle Buddies...

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**Chris Porter** - April 23, 2014 at 02:20 AM

 Tracy Calvert

“ I remember Eric from church and the Sunday School class I taught at Saxon UMC so long ago. Time has flown by, but I have had the image of his little 4 or 5 year old face on my mind ever since I heard of his passing. He was such a sweet and loving little boy. And my heart breaks for you all. Judi, you and Sherry and all the family have been on my mind and in my thoughts and prayers constantly the last few days. May God give you peace in knowing that you will be reunited one day. Love, Tracy Holland Calvert

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**Tracy Calvert** - April 22, 2014 at 05:06 PM

EM

*“ I remember the day Eric was born, I was at the hospital with Judy and Scott and we had tears of joy that Eric was finally here. I do not know where the time has gone, but almost 26 years later we have tears of sorrow for the loss of such an accomplished wonderful young man. Eric is a wonderful son, grandson, father, and friend. I am so proud to have been such a small part of his life. Eric will never be forgotten. My thoughts, prayers and love are with the family at such a tragic time.  
Love,  
Ember*



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**Ember McCracken** - April 22, 2014 at 11:09 AM

KB

*“ I just met Eric 3 weeks ago at the lake my husband and I thought he was such a extremely nice young man .He became our friend at that moment , We will truly miss him and our prayers are with his family.  
Wayne and Kay Bryant*

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**Kay Bryant** - April 22, 2014 at 11:06 AM

SG

*“ To Scott Smith and family, my heart and prayers goes out to you and your family in your time of need.May God continue to strengthen and comfort you during this time.*

*Sharon E. Spradley Green*

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**Sharon E. Spradley Green** - April 22, 2014 at 10:14 AM

CH

“ Jeff and Judy, Words cannot express how sorry I am for your loss. I thought the world of Eric as he was a very special young man! My heart is breaking for all of you. You are in my thoughts and prayers. God will see you through this, just keep the faith and remember He is in control.

*Cheryl Henderson*

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**Cheryl Henderson** - April 22, 2014 at 09:19 AM

MB

“ Jeff and Judy, Rick and I are so very sorry for your loss. I know this is a difficult time for you all. Please give Jake and Daniel a big hug from us. Praying for your family.

*Melissa and Rick Brewington*

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**Melissa and Rick Brewington** - April 22, 2014 at 09:06 AM

DW

“ Ju-Ju, I can't tell you how very, very sorry I am! My heart is broken for you and your family and I am holding you in my prayers. I love you dearly and know I am here if you need me for anything!

*Debi Weathers*

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**Debi Weathers** - April 22, 2014 at 08:30 AM

AS

“ Praying for you all during this difficult time.

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**Amy Southern** - April 22, 2014 at 08:07 AM

AB

“ *Judi, I'm at a loss for words. All I can say is that you and your family are in my prayers. Before I moved down to Florida I remember Eric as a little boy who loved to jump off the sofa. We all had some good times together.*



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**Andy Brock** - April 21, 2014 at 09:09 PM

TS

*Judi and Family so sorry for your loss, if there is anything that me or my family can do for you all, please let us know.*

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**Terry Sellars** - April 22, 2014 at 08:57 AM