



Richard "Ric" Smith

April 15, 1952 - September 25, 2011

Richard C. "Ric" Smith, 59, of Travelers Rest, passed away Sunday, September 25, 2011.

Born in Walhalla SC, he was a son of the late William Lloyd and Grace Smith. Ric was the Former Head Baseball Coach at Travelers Rest High School and he also coached Baseball, Football and Softball at several other Schools in South Carolina. He taught High School at both Travelers Rest and Seneca High and he was a member of Clearview Baptist Church.

Surviving is his wife, Sandy Pressley Smith of the home; four sons, Brett Smith and wife Natasha, Troy Smith and wife Tiffany, Adam Almeida and wife Heather and Josh Almeida and wife Stephanie; 9 grandchildren, Patrick, Blake, Eli, Kelly, Austin, Lilly, Chloe, Lyric and Carly; step-mother, Shirley Smith; two step-brothers, Andy Lemere and Joe Lemere and many loving nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon at Clearview Baptist Church conducted by Dr. Christian Hall, Rev. Roger Plemmons, Rev. Jason Farr, Rev. Scottie Epps and Rev. Gary Holmes. Burial will follow the service in the church cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6:30 until 9 Wednesday evening at Clearview Baptist Church.

The family requests that his former Baseball & Football Players be Honorary Pallbearers.

The family will be at the home.

The family would like to thank Ric's special friends, Jack Anderson, Mark Pizzola, Jason Wigington, Tommy Seigler, Tom Jones, Ronnie Garland, Ted Forrester, Jan Oliver, Tim (Red Bone) Carson, Coach Bass and Daniel Bruce and his walking buddies, Tina Clayton and Ronnie Nix.

The family would also like to thank the following for making Ric's life much easier in the past few years, Dr. Thomas Baumgarten, Dr. Chris Kavolus, Dr. Clark Jernigan, Dr. Chris Van Pelt, Dr. Scott Weikle and staff.

Memorials may be made to Clearview Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 974, Travelers Rest, SC 29690

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **28.** 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Clearview Baptist Church
5611 State Park Rd.
Travelers Rest, SC

Service

SEP **29.** 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



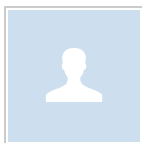
“ After moving up north for over 6 years and returning home, I just heard about Coach Smiths death. He not only coached me on the field but t taught me some life lessons as a young man. Ill never forget his toughness AND his sense of humor. He was the best IS instructor on earth! Rest in peace Coach

Joe Pate - August 29, 2017 at 06:14 AM



“ We were so sad to hear of Ric's passing. He meant a lot to my wife, my children and myself. Good guy with a clear view of what life was all about to the young people he coached, taught and mentored. His memory will be well kept by our entire family for years to come.##imported-begin##Mitch Barber##imported-end##

October 10, 2011 at 11:38 AM



“ Dear Smith Family, I want to say how sorry I am for your loss. Rick was my softball coach at Seneca High School 81-84. Not only was he a wonderful coach but hee was a good man. He was tough, but fair. I can not think about my days at Seneca High, without thinking about my days playing softball for him and his love for country music especially ALABAMA. Rest in peace Ric, you will be missed! Much love##imported-begin##Helen Hoover Middleton##imported-end##

October 05, 2011 at 05:01 PM



“ Coach Smith you were a mentor and a friend. Your lessons on hard work will be carried on in the lives of many students and friends for generations. Brett, Troy, and the entire Smith family I am so sorry for your loss. May God grant you peace during this emotional time.##imported-begin##Mike Clardy##imported-end##

September 29, 2011 at 05:23 PM



“ Sandy,
I am so sorry to hear about Ric. I just read the GGAR note and the service had already started, so it is too late for me to come. Please know that my heart goes out to you and the family. I will check with Tom & Lisa Jones and try to come by later when the timing is better. Much Sorrow, Frances##imported-begin##Frances Dillard##imported-end##

September 29, 2011 at 04:09 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss he was a great teacher and coach and a great person as well he will most definitely be missed and I know all of the students at TRHS that knew him love and miss him. I knew him I was there from 2001-2005 and he was always friendly and kind talking to all the students in the hallway on the way to our classes. Praying for you and your loss he is in a way better place and you will see him again##imported-begin##Karen Smith##imported-end##

September 29, 2011 at 03:46 PM



“ SANDY,OUR HEARTS HURT FOR YOU.YET,OUT OF THE SADNESS,MAY WE TAKE COMFORT FROM REV. 21:4 & LOOK FORWARD TO THE TIME WHEN SORROW, SICKNESS,& DEATH WILL BE GONE FOREVER.WE LOVE YOU.##imported-begin##PHILLIP & NORMA SLOAN##imported-end##

September 29, 2011 at 01:07 PM



“ We at @Castle Stone Realtors send our condolences to the entire Smith family. You all are in my prayer that God strengthens you and encourages you THROUGH this time. God IS still in control!##imported-begin##Tongela Thompson##imported-end##

September 29, 2011 at 12:49 PM



“ I'm sorry to hear about coach Smith. I had Coach for History in the 80's at Seneca High school. He was a great teacher.I'm sorry that i missed his services i wish i could have came. My thoughts & prayers are with the family !!!

Angela(Holmes)Watkins##imported-begin##Angela (Holmes) Watkins##imported-end##

September 29, 2011 at 11:44 AM



“ I am so saddened to hear this news and so sorry for your loss. Brooke Barton Thompson let me know on facebook. Please know that my family will be praying for you all. It has been a long time, but I think of Ric, Brett and Troy often and the great times we had growing up.

Latosha Martin Pearson##imported-begin##Latosha Martin Pearson##imported-end##

September 29, 2011 at 10:41 AM



“ DEar Smith Family, I want to say how sorry I am for your loss. Rick was my softball coach at Seneca High School 81-84. He was a wonderful coach. He was tough, but fair. I know that he will be remembered by all whose lives he entered and touched. He has left a great legacy and I am so excited to realize that he had a great church family that supported him. I can remember the high school years and know that he truly cared for all the students that he coached and taught.##imported-begin##Kim Morgan Durham##imported-end##

September 29, 2011 at 09:24 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all in this time of need. Coach will be greatly missed by many. He is in a much better place now. God Bless You!!##imported-begin##Tracy Cooper Smart##imported-end##

September 29, 2011 at 09:18 AM



“ To the family of Ric Smith,
Ric and I go back too many years to recall. From WHS to softball fields to where we first met at Chicopee Methodist Church in 1969 when my dad pastored there. Although we drifted apart over the years he was a near and dear friend and when our paths did cross it was as we'd just seen each other yesterday.
He was one of the finest men I ever knew and it was an honor to be blessed with Ric as a friend.
May God bless and keep all of you during this time and may he comfort your grief and give you strength.
My prayers will be with you in the coming days,
Yours Truly,
Harrison Abercrombie##imported-begin##Harrison and Kay Abercrombie##imported-end##

September 29, 2011 at 12:05 AM



“ Coach you will be missed so much. You've touch a lot of us a Seneca. Looking at a set of weights will never be the same. Much Love To You and More Love To Your Family.##imported-begin##Anthony Henderson##imported-end##

September 28, 2011 at 10:09 PM



“ We're so sorry to hear of Ric's passing and regret that we can't be there in person to express our regrets for the loss and our love and memories of "Ricky Ray". May God comfort you during this time. Our sympathy to all of you, and thanks for the wonderful memories. Chuck & Tina.##imported-begin##Chuck & Tina Middleton##imported-end##

September 28, 2011 at 06:56 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. He will truly be missed.##imported-begin##Vicki Martin##imported-end##

September 28, 2011 at 06:00 PM



“ I had coach smith as a softball coach,and a teacher.when I had him at seneca from 1984-1988.he was a great man and will be missed##imported-begin##angie price##imported-end##

September 28, 2011 at 05:05 PM



“ Sandy and family, We were so sorry to hear about Coach Smith. He was truly "one of a kind". We had the utmost respect for him. Josh considered him one of the big influences on his life. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.
Steve,Donna, and Josh Mathis##imported-begin##Donna Mathis##imported-end##

September 28, 2011 at 01:11 PM



“ Dear Smith Family,

I knew Ric from my umpiring days and am saddened to hear of his passing. He and I always had a the utmost respect for each other on and off the field. He loved his players and the game with a possion that was rarely matched. He will be missed. May God enfold you in His Peace and Love at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Ryan Craven ##imported-end##

September 28, 2011 at 12:41 PM



“ Coach Smith was a great friend and coach that helped me alot in my high school days at Seneca High class of 88!

GOD BLESS###imported-begin###jim donald###imported-end##

September 28, 2011 at 12:17 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. Coach Smith was an amazing man, coach and teacher. He was loved by so many, especially by us! Cherish every memory and know that you will see him again one day. God has an amazing angel and we were blessed to know him. We will continue to pray for you all in the coming days. If you need anything at all, we are always here for you! Love you bunches!!###imported-begin###Magan and Trevor Boggs###imported-end##

September 28, 2011 at 12:12 PM



“ Sandy, I am truly sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Please don't hesitate to call if you need anything.###imported-begin###Debra Fulmer (POA)###imported-end##

September 28, 2011 at 11:13 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss! So many great memories of such a wonderful man! Praying for you during this difficult time! God Bless!###imported-begin###Dana Holmes Free###imported-end##

September 28, 2011 at 09:53 AM



“ Sandy, we are sorry for your loss. I know that you'll see him again. May God keep you and bless you.
Scott & Wendy###imported-begin###Scott & Wendy Daniels###imported-end##

September 28, 2011 at 08:32 AM



“ Miss you much but I know I will see you again one day. Love you much.###imported-begin###Juanita Jones###imported-end##

September 28, 2011 at 08:31 AM



“ To the Smith family, some knew him as Ric and others as "Coach Smith." I was honored to know him as both. God truly blessed me by allowing me the opportunity to play for one of the best coaches and then later in life to coach along side. I will never forget his tremendous passion to be a winner and his abounding generosity. God thank you for sharing Coach Smith with me! May his legacy continue to live within our hearts!###imported-begin###Brian Carpenter###imported-end##

September 27, 2011 at 08:53 PM



“ Coach,
You took an interest in me and worked with me for all my high school career which lead to my scholarship to Wake Forest. Your coaching and mentoring allowed me to be the man I am today. Thank you brother for everything.###imported-begin###Tony Watt###imported-end##

September 27, 2011 at 08:19 PM



“ sandy and boys.....i am stunned.....i am so sorry that i havent been in touch.... Sandy...I will contact you.....Ric is a shining star in the heavens...he always has been.....Just seeing the love you had for each other when you gazed in one anothers eyes.....it showed me that true love is possible when you both have God in your hearts.....**##imported-begin##karen harden zader##imported-end##**

September 27, 2011 at 07:15 PM



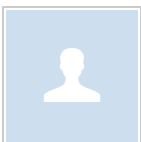
“ Sandy, I am so sorry to hear about Rick's passing. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.**##imported-begin##Nancy Smith ##imported-end##**

September 27, 2011 at 07:03 PM



“ Brett and Troy I'm really sorry for your loss and no words can really ease the pain but time will. My hearts is truely breaking and has another empty space right beside Dad's. I wish I were there so I could give you both big hugs and try to comfort you but just know you are in my thoughts and prayers. I'll never forget your Dad's special friendship he had with our family and we've always considered you family. May God bless you and your families and comfort you through this difficult time.**##imported-begin##Pam Oliver Hicks##imported-end##**

September 27, 2011 at 05:49 PM



“ Our hearts are with you during this time. My God be with you all during this time. Our Love Kenneth, Kim and Family**##imported-begin##Kenneth and Kim Green##imported-end##**

September 27, 2011 at 05:36 PM



“ Troy,

So sorry for your lost. One of life's most precious gifts are our parents. Too soon God takes them home and we have to wait to see them again. Remember we are here for you. With love from you Dalton parents-in-laws.....##imported-begin##Steve & Mary Walkey##imported-end##

September 27, 2011 at 03:03 PM



“ Sandy/Brett and Natasha,

I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Rick. Your family is in our prayers. It is so comforting to know what a good christian man Rick was and that he is home in God's house now - pain free. May you and your family have Peace and comfort in your hearts. Praying for you all.

Terrie##imported-begin##Terrie Capps##imported-end##

September 27, 2011 at 01:01 PM



“ Sandy and Family, I was so sorry to hear of Rick's death. I know how much Rick had suffer over the years. I have such good memories of Rick and the time he spent with Brian on the baseball team at TRHS. Please know you all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Wanda##imported-begin##Wanda Jewell##imported-end##

September 27, 2011 at 12:28 PM



“ Sandy, I am so very sorry for your loss. You know that if there is anything that I can do or Barry or Karen, please let us know. I though a great deal of Rick and I admired him so very much. He was always my inspiration. We love you and are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##beth rainey##imported-end##

September 27, 2011 at 09:48 AM



“ Sandy and family. I was saddened to hear about Rick. You are all in my families thoughts and prayers. Rick was such a hard worker and a nice person. I know you will miss you and cherish all the fond memories you had with him. We are thinking of you at this most difficult time.##imported-begin##Rosie Lee Wright##imported-end##

September 27, 2011 at 08:44 AM



“ The Smith Family, I have know I have no words to soften the pain. We have recently lost a loved one and knowing all the impact she had helped. So, I tell you me and my husband were both students of Coach Smith's. He left an impression on both of us. He and your family will be in our hearts. If there is anything we can do for you, we would love to give back, just let us know. Our prayers are with you all. Our sincerist condolences.##imported-begin##Alicia & Michael (JR.) Smith##imported-end##

September 26, 2011 at 11:15 PM



“ Sandy and family,we are so sorry to hear about Rick.We will be praying for you.Rick was a great man and wonderful father.Our hearts are sad and we will be remembering the family during this time.##imported-begin##Sharon & Susan Belk##imported-end##

September 26, 2011 at 10:59 PM



“ Sandy, my thoughts and prayers are with you. Coach smith was a good man and a great mentor to the young people of travelers rest. Both my boys have wonderful memories of times spent with him as do all of the players who played for him. God bless you and keep you. All our love, wanda, jonathan, and joshua bishop##imported-begin##wanda bishop##imported-end##

September 26, 2011 at 05:44 PM



“ Sandy and family,
I am so very sorry for your loss! Rick was a wonderful man loved by many. Ian had much respect for his former coach and enjoyed being around him. I know Rick was a good man. My thoughts and prayers will be with you all during this difficult time! May Jesus surround you with his loving arms and bring you comfort and peace.

Kelley and Barbara##imported-begin##Kelley Bracken-Rainey and Barbara Bracken##imported-end##

September 26, 2011 at 04:51 PM