



## Forrest Alton Smith

March 10, 1992 - June 27, 2023

Forrest Alton Smith was taken suddenly and tragically from this world at the age of 31 in a car accident on June 27, 2023. He is survived by his parents, Alton (Mona) and Candice (Laura), his older brother Barrett, younger sister Katelyn, step siblings Mackie Rozek (Chance) and Gabe Rayner, and niece Fallyn Sims.

God broke the mold when Forrest was born on March 10, 1992 in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. From the moment he entered, the world became brighter, his spark for life seen from the time he first opened his eyes. As a child, Forrest was both inquisitive and clever. He feared nothing, at the pride and trepidation of his parents, always climbing the tallest tree, perfecting his trampoline backflip, and seeking adventure at every corner of his backyard. He grew up playing in the woods with his siblings and a never ending supply of friends. He attended Northeast Jones High School, graduating class of 2010. He fittingly served as high school mascot, was on the soccer and tennis team, and was adored by his peers and teachers alike. He received an associate's degree from Jones College and worked as a CNC welder at Hol-Mac Corporation in Bay Springs, MS. His supervisors and colleagues were immediately impressed by his work ethic, intelligence, and integrity. He enjoyed playing video games with his friends, traveling the world with his family, playing guitar, attending music festivals, hiking, and dancing anywhere at any time no matter the occasion.

Forrest never met a stranger, and touched the lives of all who knew him. His kind nature, his infectious laugh, everything about him drew you closer. He saw the good in everyone and shared his positivity in every way he could. He is described by those who love him as compassionate, disarming, bright, resolute, and unequivocally good. From computer coding to yo-yo tricks, he was good at everything he did and he would work diligently until he mastered a skill. He was a (self-described) ninja, both literally and figuratively. There was no cliff too high, no challenge too great that he would not surmount. He had a child-like wonder of the world and of all those around him that he shared unabashedly. His love and patience for everyone was an inspiration that all should embody. His quick wit and observational humor could break down even the roughest exterior. You simply couldn't help but love Forrest.

It is impossible to fairly sum up the life of such a precious, wholly wonderful soul, but it is an honor to commemorate him. His family requests that everyone wear clothing that reflects him: bright colors, fun patterns, or anything that reminds you of him. Though his death is a tragedy that cannot be measured, the gift of Forrest's life was so much more than that. Forrest would go out of his way to ease the hurt of others, and he would want peace for all who grieve him. He deserves to be sent home the way he came: amicably, brightly, and surrounded by those who love him.

Pallbearers are his big brother Barrett, his cousin Chad Street, and friends Ethan Pace, Matthew Strickland, Trey Benoit, and Billy Hamilton. Honorary pallbearers are Jason Sims, Taylor Nicholson, Chris Hendry, Zach Baker and Gabe Rayner.

Visitation will be Sunday, July 2, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Journey Church and the funeral service will be Monday, July 3, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the church. Burial will be in Myrick Cemetery. Bro. Robbie Johnson will

officiate.

To sign the online guestbook, visit: [www.memorychapellaurel.com](http://www.memorychapellaurel.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Myrick Cemetery

1490 Lower Myrick Road  
Laurel, MS 39443

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 2. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Journey Church  
130 Northeast Drive  
Laurel, MS 39443

## Service

JUL 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

Journey Church  
130 Northeast Drive  
Laurel, MS 39443

# Tribute Wall

DD

“ I am so deeply saddened by the news of my friend Candice's son Forrest. I send my most sincere condolences to all of Forrest's family at this devastating time. Rest in peace young man

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**donnamarie divers** - July 28, 2023 at 04:28 PM

DM

“ Dawn M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Forrest Alton Smith.

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**Dawn M.** - July 21, 2023 at 04:23 AM

BG

“ I remember Forest from EJE. He was a sweet young man. My prayers are with each of you.  
In Christ,  
Bonnie Gipson

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**Bonnie Gipson** - July 03, 2023 at 06:41 PM

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“ Praying for your family in the days to come. Our deepest sympathy to you all.

*Angela & David Rudolph*

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**Angela Rudolph** - July 03, 2023 at 10:28 AM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Forrest Alton Smith.

July 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ Alton, Candi, and all the family,  
  
Words cannot express appropriate condolences during this tragic loss. I have been lifting your family up in prayer.

Sincerely,

Lisa Chancellor Bailey

Lisa Bailey - July 02, 2023 at 08:11 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Forrest Alton Smith.

July 01, 2023 at 08:46 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Forrest Alton Smith.



July 01, 2023 at 02:05 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Forrest Alton Smith.



June 30, 2023 at 08:26 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Forrest Alton Smith.

June 30, 2023 at 08:26 PM



“ Cindy C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Forrest Alton Smith.

**Cindy C.** - June 30, 2023 at 05:06 PM



“ Martin M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Forrest Alton Smith.

**Martin M.** - June 30, 2023 at 02:45 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Forrest Alton Smith.



June 30, 2023 at 02:08 PM