



Cory Lee Smith

May 26, 1980 - June 25, 2020

On Thursday June 25th, 2020 Cory Lee Smith, loving son and father of three passed away at the age of 40.

Born on May 26th, 1980 in Troy Missouri, he was raised on a farm in the small town of Silex. Cory loved the outdoors and spent most of his childhood with his best friend Eric. They shared many escapades together as they graduated from cub scouts to Boy Scouts and experienced all the adventures of living on the farm.

In 1995 he moved with his family to St. Augustine Fl. He loved spending time on the beach and brought many “treasures” home after walking along the shore or surfing. His collection of sharks teeth was a source of pride and joy along with unique shells he would set out on display. He continued this tradition after meeting the love of his life Becky Cameron and raising his son Tristan and daughter Katelynn with her. His son Ashton lived with his mother Kathy in Sarasota. He loved his children so very much and always said they were the joy in his life.

Cory enjoyed working with his hands and worked in construction. You were more likely to find him at home outside working with his tools or bent over the hood of a truck or car than in the house.

He made friends easily and was always willing to help when needed. Even though they had little he tried to help those he met who were less fortunate than him. His smile and his laugh will be missed by those who knew him.

Cory was preceded in death by his father Gary. He is survived by his mother Ellie, his sister Amber, by Becky and his three children Ashton, Tristan and Katelynn. He is also survived by his nephew Ashton, his niece Victoria, many Aunts, Uncles and cousins and his best friend Eric. Cory touched the lives of many and will be missed by all who spent time with him on this Earth.

A memorial will be held on Friday, August 21 at Vilano Beach starting at 6:30 in the evening meeting at the Pavilion. Those who wish may join us in a walk on the beach as we say a final good bye to Cory taken from us too early in life. Please dress for summer, shorts or summer dresses suggested. Shoes are optional but due to COVID we ask that

everyone attending wear a mask to protect those who may need a hug or comforting.

His love made you happy.

May you always treasure those memories.

His love gave you strength.

May you trust it will still be there to get you through each day.

His love is yours forever.

May its lasting beauty comfort your heart today and always.

Comments



“ The first day of kindergarten was set to be the worst day of my life (as far as a six year old was concerned). I was scared, nervous, and sitting by myself at the last table in the room. Two little girls were crying. The teacher looked as angry as she was cold and bitter. And just as I was about to make a run for it, This kid came bouncing through the door as if he didn't have a care in the world. As I recall, he was wearing a koala backpack, and literally skipping across the room. He picked a hook on the back wall. Hung his backpack, and turned to take it all in with a giant grin on his face. That's the moment I knew we would be best friends. He came right over, sat down next to me and said "what's your name? I'm Cory".

Cory Smith was a leader. He was brave, and mischievous. Kind, and compassionate. He was up for anything, and always went the opposite way of the crowd. From riding dirt bikes, to building forts. Intentionally breaking the spark plug on the log splitter so we could go play; We were two inseparable peas in a pod.

Life wasn't always great at my house, as mom and dad struggled with the stresses of barely making ends meet so, I spent most of the summers at the Smiths. Cory knew what it was like for me but he never mentioned it, he just treated me as an equal, as a brother, and anything that was his? Was also mine (man he had the greatest hot wheels collection!) even though all I had to give in return was friendship.

I tell you, as I sit wiping the tears from my eyes, you'll be lucky to find another like Cory Smith. He was my brother and he will be sorely missed.

Eric Headrick - July 22, 2020 at 11:29 PM



“ I remember that backpack and how he hugged me tight before walking thru the door. His words to me were... I've got this!" And he came home so happy telling me all about his new best friend... there was no question he was serious about that.

Ellie Smith - July 23, 2020 at 09:54 PM



“ Though I didn't know him well, I remember him mentioning to me how much he loved his kids. May he rest in peace and may everyone remember how much his mother loved and will always love him and tried to show it in many ways.....some probably not understood by most..... but most importantly I know Cory realized it. dcp

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