



## Brad Smith

February 17, 1964 - January 3, 2022

Bradley J. Smith was born on February 17th, 1964, in Champaign, Illinois to the late George and Betty Smith and was raised in Petersburg, Indiana. He passed away peacefully on January 3rd, 2022 in Lindale Texas.

Brad is survived by his two sons, Corey Smith and wife Andi of Lindale, TX, and Blake Smith and wife Alex of Lindale, Texas – as well as two beautiful granddaughters, Martha Kate and Sloane Eleanor. He is also survived by his two sisters, Terri Kerr and Bambi Steiner, husband John of Noblesville, Indiana. Niece Shay Rudnicki, nephew Cole Miller, three great nieces and a great nephew.

Brad attended Vincennes University in Indiana before moving to Texas in 1985 where he began his career as a design engineer for Roadmaster and Nautilus, and later for Tucker Rocky, a motorcycle and ATV accessories company. One year ago, Brad was able to make his professional dreams come true by starting his own business, Garagezilla Designs, LLC, where he used his brilliant ingenuity and mechanical skills to follow his true passion of designing and building his own custom motorcycle equipment.

From his years of professionally racing motocross, to teaching his sons and other young riders to race competitively, he whole-heartedly followed his passions and lived life to the fullest. He thoroughly enjoyed riding cross-country with his “brothers” and with his dog, Oscar, on the back of his Harley. Brad had a heart like no other and adored his sons and granddaughters.

Brad will be greatly miss by all of his family and friends. A celebration of life

will be held on Saturday, January 15th, at 11:00 am at Swan Motocross Park in Tyler, TX.

Honorary pallbearers to include: Chris Johnson, Carlos Hernandez, Mike Grubbs, Rick Trevino, Carl Keller, Greg Garza, Ken Stuth, Scott Isbell, Buddy Duckett, Harold Hamilton, Brandon Keys, Chris Wells, and Jason Williams.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN 15. 11:00 AM (CT)

Swan Motocross Park  
12068 CR 433  
Tyler, TX 75704

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brad Smith*

October 05, 2023 at 02:48 AM



“ *Brad Smith*

October 05, 2023 at 12:01 AM



“ *I was around Brad some at Green Acres Baptist Church some years ago. He always seemed like a happy guy . He helped put on some special events for boys in a group foster home that the church was working with.*

*jon baker*

**jon baker** - February 06, 2022 at 03:32 PM



“ *I worked with Brad for several years as he designed and engineered treadmills for us. He was a brilliant, creative engineer who worked very hard and was an incredible problem solver. However, his biggest asset was his positive attitude and great sense of humor. He was a delight to work with and everyone on the factory floor and office loved Brad. Brad worked hard and played hard and will be missed. He was a unique person.*

**Bill Hebb** - January 12, 2022 at 05:18 PM

AH

“ Brad and his sons and a team of us from Green Acres Singles used to have an annual Christmas party and Annual Lake Day for a local Boy’s Home. He and his sons were awesome!!! Brad LOVED these boys and was so much fun and such an inspiration to them. He also used to bring a blind friend to church every Sunday. He was one sweet soul and will be greatly missed. I’m working Saturday but wish I could be there to celebrate his life. I’ll be praying for his sons and family.



Amie Hill - January 12, 2022 at 01:15 AM

JB

Amy, That is a good tribute. He did well helping with those events.

jon baker - February 06, 2022 at 03:34 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brad Smith.



January 11, 2022 at 05:26 PM

SB

“ I worked closely with Brad for almost 15 years. He was both an inspirational partner and a joy to work with, such a kind and sharing soul. I will miss him, God’s speed Bradley Smith, Rest In Peace.

Scott Boyer - January 10, 2022 at 01:11 PM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Brad Smith.*



January 10, 2022 at 01:05 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Brad Smith.*



January 09, 2022 at 06:53 PM



“ *Hard to believe that Brad has left us already. I think back to many good times with Brad when we was working at the Day Oil Car Wash in high school and then hanging out afterwards. We had some really good times back then. I actually spoke to Brad a couple of months ago on the phone and he sounded really good. He was telling me about his business and his boys. Will see you again Bad Brad....prayers go out to Terri, Bambi and the rest of the family.*

**Brent Stephens** - January 09, 2022 at 10:05 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Brad Smith.*



January 08, 2022 at 09:32 AM

CS

“ I met Brad through my husband, Brent Smith. They were neighbors when Brent was growing up and he knew Blake and Corey. We visited Brad in the fall and listened to his project ideas and plans. He was a kind and creative man. Prayers for his family and friends. My boys and I will miss seeing his bike around.

Cassidy Smith - January 06, 2022 at 08:45 PM

JA

“ Was best buddies with Terri in school while living in Petersburg, and was at the Smith house a lot. Brad was always hanging around, annoying us. He is such a big part of my memories. Rest In Peace, Bradley J, you left this world too soon.

Jackie - January 06, 2022 at 07:42 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brad Smith.



January 06, 2022 at 02:19 PM

BG

“ He always lapped me in the races with him. He just laughed. On our last race together I finally held him off. I was still last and he was right on my back tire but I felt like I beat a champion. Good Times!



Bill Guy - January 06, 2022 at 02:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Brad Smith.



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January 05, 2022 at 08:22 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Brad Smith.



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January 05, 2022 at 06:30 PM