



Brian Smith

October 5, 1984 - May 2, 2024

Brian Case Smith completed his tasks here and was called home to Jesus on May 2, 2024. He was thirty-nine years old. Brian was born in DeRidder, Louisiana on October 5, 1984. He has lived in Lindale, Texas for twenty-five years where he attended Lindale schools.

He is currently celebrating with a great grandmother, Francis Thompson; two grandmothers, Agnes Cleo Smith and Marcia Grace Rozeman; two grandfathers, Abe Myron Rozeman and Edwin Case Smith. He will celebrate with his mother, Sonya Anne Smith, and father, George Robert Smith, his sister, Rachael Skye Peralez and her husband, Jordan; uncles, aunts, and cousins; friends and brothers and sisters in Christ who have supported him and his family. He anticipates thanking educators, healthcare workers, caregivers, and therapists who have been his hands, feet and friends for almost four decades.

If we consider Brian's life here, and we define him by his disabilities, then we will be sad and helpless. My sister put it all in perspective when she called and blessed us with a gift God gave her during her prayer and devotion time. God told her: Do not minimize the importance of Brian's life because of the things he could not do—things we take for granted and do every day. His life was not one that you would have chosen for him. But it was the one that I allowed him to have. It was filled with purpose and passion that most could

not see. But know this: he lived it well and now he is coming home to a greater life that I have prepared for him.

Brian could not speak; but he shouted how people could rise to love each other like Jesus loves us.

Brian could not walk; but everywhere he went he testified to the frailty that Jesus endured to bring us to Him.

Brian lived every day to show us explicit testimony that his Christ is not interested in what we cannot do. He is interested in what we do with what he gives us.

Brian's life was no tragedy to be endured. Brian's life was a victory God gave us to be understood.

Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home in Lindale, Texas will host a memorial service at 11:00 AM on May 11, 2024. Instead of flowers, Brian and his family would encourage those, who choose to honor his life, to donate to the Tim Tebow Foundation at www.timtebowfoundation.org .

Family and friends are invited to share lunch and fellowship following the service. A light lunch will be served in the large meeting room of the Lindale Holiday Inn Express 3509 South Street Lindale, Texas.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home
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Lindale, TX 75771
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Tribute Wall

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“ One Sunday morning I spoke to Brian. He looked at me with those bright shining eyes of his. I told him he had the prettiest eyes. He smiled at me briefly and it went straight to my heart.

JANE NORRIS - May 07, 2024 at 04:08 PM

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“ Velma lit a candle in memory of Brian Smith



Velma - May 03, 2024 at 01:04 PM