



Joseph "Joey" Walter Smith

October 5, 1983 - August 20, 2025

Joseph Walter Smith, age 41, of Chandler, passed away on August 20, 2025. Born on October 5, 1983, in Muskegon, MI. Joe lived a life full of love, laughter, and dedication to his family. Joe was a devoted husband, father, son, brother, and friend. He found his greatest joy in spending time with his family—whether it was sharing a meal, laughing together, or simply being present for the people he loved most. Joe had a passion for the open road and could often be found riding his Harley, finding peace and freedom on two wheels. He was also an avid fisherman who loved the quiet moments by the water, rod in hand, often sharing those experiences with family and friends. He also enjoyed spending time in his garden with his daughter along with playing video games with his son.

He is survived by his loving wife, Christine Smith; his children, Travis Pilcher and Lorelai Smith ; his mother and bonus father, Patricia and Jerry Dunaway; his father, David Smith; and his sisters, Krysta, Daniel Sosa, Kaidee Dunaway, and Rihnae Creel. Joe also leaves behind many nieces and nephews who adored their Uncle Joe, aunts, uncles, and numerous other loving family members and friends. Serving as pallbearers will be Christopher Ivey, Keegan Blackburn, Todd Johnivan, Jerry Dunaway, Jarod Pilcher, and Johnathan Eichelberger. Joe was preceded in death by his beloved Nana and Papaw Johnivan and Grandma and Grandpa Smith, whose memory he cherished deeply. Those who knew Joe will remember him for his kind heart, his loyalty,

and his love for family. He lived his life with authenticity and left a lasting impact on everyone who had the privilege of knowing him.

A celebration of Joe's life will be held at Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home on Saturday, August 30, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. with Anthony Mullen officiating. Visitation will be from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. prior to the service. Interment will follow at Lindale City Cemetery. Family and friends are invited to gather in remembrance, share stories, and honor the life of a man who meant so much to so many.

Joe will be forever missed, but his love and spirit will carry on in the hearts of all who knew him.

Cemetery Details

Lindale City Cemetery

702 West South Street
Lindale, TX 75771

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 30. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home
206 West South Street
Lindale, TX 75771
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Celebration of Life

AUG 30. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph "Joey" Walter Smith*



Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home - August 27, 2025 at 11:23 PM



“ *5 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home - August 29, 2025 at 09:35 AM



“ 47 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home - August 27, 2025 at 11:11 PM

PD

“ My son loved the outdoors, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and most definitely riding his motorcycle. He didn't always have a Harley, but enjoyed being in the wind and the quiet. When he rode he smiled from ear to ear (he had his teeth pulled so he didn't catch bugs in them lol). The only other thing that meant more to him, was having his daughter Lorelai. He would light up a room with his smile just talking about her. The room couldn't get any brighter than when they were in the same room together, her love shined equal to his. Joe would try to help anyone who asked him, he worked hard to provide for his family. He did his best to be a good provider, sometimes working to hard at it. He loved woodworking, he made some amazing projects. I guess God needed another great carpenter to work with him. He didn't ask Joe to come home to heaven because Joe would have told him he wanted more family time. My heart is broken and my spirit is shaken, but I know he's with his grandparents now and gives me some comfort. Ride free Joe, love you forever, waiting for hugs when we meet again.



Patricia Dunaway - August 27, 2025 at 03:50 PM

KD

“ I have many memories of my brother but one of the most recent was when he would come to the house to show us vegetables from the garden. He was so proud of that garden he was able to maintain with his daughter. He would just light up talking to us about the different vegetables he had growing or thoughts of one's to put in the garden.

kaidee dunaway - August 26, 2025 at 11:56 PM

RG

“ We are so, so, sorry. We are praying for you and your family. Roger & Glenda



Roger & Glenda - August 26, 2025 at 06:28 PM

KS

“ My Bubba, larger than life but so down to earth in every way. I started out my life with you by my side and I never imagined a day that it would not be the case. I just knew we would be fighting about something til the end of time, whether it be who got the piece of bacon out of the beans or who got the black olives first! But things dont go as planned very often. We will just have to pick back up when we meet later. I remember running around the house and yard chasing each other and friends with cameras to see who could get the funniest pictures. He was my very first and best friend (and enemy), as most siblings are, but I loved him more than I will ever be able to express. You will be missed every day Bubba! Love you with all my heart and soul, ❤️ Sister (Chacha)



Krysta Sosa - August 26, 2025 at 11:33 AM

SY

“ I'm extremely saddened for this family's loss, and I wish them comfort and peace as they grieve.



Shannan Yarbrough - August 26, 2025 at 11:11 AM

DS

“ When Joey was younger, we would practice his baseball pitches in the front yard a lot. He was very good and had a great curveball. He was always happy just being outside or working together on a project that allowed him to show his creative side. Love You Forever, My Son.



David Smith - August 26, 2025 at 11:02 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joey" Walter Smith.



August 26, 2025 at 10:42 AM

JD

“ One of the few pictures I have with him. He loved being around family and on this occasion, he went to my company picnic and played horseshoes with me. He had such a good time and was happy that got we got second place. Trophies were just a small token of our memories. But always liked seeing him smile and having fun. Love you Joey, you will be missed.



Jerry Dunaway - August 25, 2025 at 08:06 PM

CS

“ *My husband was my world. I knew the first day we met he was the one. My favorite memory of him is when he built "my" porch shortly after we bought our home. I always gave him a hard time and corrected him saying it was OUR porch! He always second guessed himself and didn't believe in himself. I was so proud of him and encouraged him every day. The look of triumph on his face when he finished it brought me more joy then "my" porch. I saw that same triumph when he made our little girl her handmade by Daddy "Charlie" Rocking Horse for her 2nd birthday. That look on his face of how proud he was to be a Husband and a Father will be the face I will forever miss!!!! You were my world! I will forever be Tangled Up In You!!!! I love you My King, My Love!!!!*



Christine Smith - August 21, 2025 at 10:12 PM