



## Mr Kenneth Avery Smith

January 5, 1965 - October 16, 2013

Kenneth Avery Smith, also known as Kenny and Smitty, was born to Ellis and Enid Smith on January 5, 1965. He departed this earthly life on September 3, 2013. He was the second born of five children and was pre-deceased by his eldest sibling, Ellis Henderson Smith II.

Kenneth was born in Chapel Hill, NC but he traveled with his family as they relocated several times in his early childhood. His elementary school years were split between schools in Levittown, PA and Elizabeth City, NC. Kenneth graduated from Northeastern High School in 1983 where he was the MVP of the Tennis Team in his 11th grade year. Kenneth also played the violin. Every summer in Elizabeth City, he worked with the National Youth Sports Program (NYSP) working with children, teaching them the importance of water safety as a swim instructor and the basics of tennis, a game he enjoyed. Kenneth loved to make people laugh, create his own dances (The Trout & The Shovel) and irritate his siblings relentlessly.

Kenneth attended North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro, NC – much to the dismay of his NCCU Alum parents – where he graduated in December 1988 with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology (Construction). While in college, Kenneth joined the United States Marine Corp Reserves and completed his basic training at Parris Island, SC. He loved being a Marine! Corporal Kenneth Smith was deployed during Operation Desert Storm to Norway where he served as a Field Radio Operator. He received a Meritorious Mast for his extraordinary efforts in that assignment.

Upon his honorable discharge from the Marines in 1995, he entered to world of work. He worked in several construction related positions when he discovered his love of cooking.

Kenneth was a hard worker and wonderful cook. His specialty was after-Thanksgiving sandwiches! He was slated to begin culinary classes at the Art Institute in Durham this past September.

Kenneth leaves to cherish his memory his parents; one daughter (Sable); two sisters (Nicole & Trecia); a brother (Todd); a niece (Lilly); a nephew (William) all of Durham. There are many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends who will also miss him.

Memorial will be on Friday, November 1, 2013 12 noon, First Calvary Baptist Church, 1311 Morehead Avenue Durham, NC 27707.

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV 1. 12:00 PM (ET)

First Calvary Baptist Church  
1311 Morehead Ave  
Durham, NC 27707  
[info@firstcalvary.org](mailto:info@firstcalvary.org)  
<http://firstcalvary.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr Kenneth Avery Smith*

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October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *Truly sorry for your loss. I pray that God embraces and helps all of you through this journey. On behalf of my family you have our deepest sympathy. M L Caviness and family.*

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**Margie Caviness** - November 01, 2013 at 03:16 PM



“ *Just learning of your loss; and was hurt beyond words. God is in control and I pray that He will help you find comfort in Kenneth's loving smile, his kind ways and in the beautiful times you share with him. My prayers are with you.*

*Your classmate  
Lottie G Hayes*

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**Lottie G. Hayes** - October 31, 2013 at 03:08 PM