



Lawrence Raymond Smalley

August 28, 1958 - April 30, 2021

Lawrence Raymond Smalley, age 62, of Louisville, passed away on April 30, 2021. He was born on August 28, 1958 to his late parents, Robert, II and Dorothy Smalley. He was a graduate of Butler High School where he was named Wittiest of his class. Lawrence was a very selfless person who always put others first. He would go out of his way to lend a hand. He was very genuine, compassionate, and had a great sense of humor. This humor and light spilled over to those around him. He will be greatly missed.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert E. Smalley, III and William Keith Smalley.

Lawrence is survived by his sister, Jennifer Pate; five nieces and nephews, Justin Smalley (Carrie), Joshua Pate, Megan Smalley Carlton (Tony), Travis Smalley, and Jessica Pate Barmore; eight great nieces and nephews, Sierra, Christian, Kailey, Bailey, Serenity, Tristan, Reese, and Michael Trey.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 AM on Friday, May 7, 2021 at Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Hwy. Louisville, KY 40216. Cremation will follow with inurnment at Cave Hill Cemetery at a later date.

Visitation will be from 2:00 - 8:00 PM on Thursday and from 10:00 - 11:00 AM on Friday at Owen Funeral Home.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Kosair Charities (kosair.org).

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 6. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Owen Funeral Homes - Dixie Highway
5317 Dixie Highway
Louisville, KY 40216
(502) 447-2600
<https://owenfuneralhome.com>

Visitation

MAY 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 PM (ET)

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Service

MAY 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Owen Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Lawrence Raymond Smalley



Owen Funeral Homes - May 07, 2021 at 11:45 AM

LS

Such a sweet person

Linda Swihart - December 03, 2022 at 10:51 PM

HK

“ Jennifer, I am so very sorry for your loss. So sad to lose all your brothers, and at such young ages. Trey, Keith & Larry should still be alive enjoying family with you, and all the Bob & Dorothy Smalley grandchildren. I am out of town, and cannot pay my respects at the funeral home, but please know that you will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Helen Ryan Kindler
(Fern Heather Drive Neighbor)

Helen Ryan Kindler - May 05, 2021 at 01:37 PM

JP

Thank you Helen. I agree with you. They are all truly missed by so many.

Jennifer S Pate - May 08, 2021 at 11:10 AM

JP

Thank you Helen for your condolences. I agree they have left this earth way to soon.

Jennifer S Pate - May 08, 2021 at 11:13 AM



“ *Condolences Jennifer. Your 3 brothers are all in heaven now making mischief. Probably sharing a sack of White Castle like we used to do back in the day. :)*
Such a sweet person.

Libby Wilcoxson - May 04, 2021 at 11:10 AM

JP

Thank you Libby for your kindness! Larry will truly be missed by so many people! I can see them now enjoying the White Castles. :)

Jennifer S Pate - May 10, 2021 at 07:52 AM

TC

“ *What a wonderful, wonderful person. Larry always had time for his friends, no matter what was going on in his life. He would always make time for you and your problems.*

Classes at Butler High were not the same if he was not there. (I made Larry a TShirt when he was awarded Wittiest in the class. It was too small for him to wear even then, but he still had that shirt (for over 40+ plus years) as he told me a couple of years ago. Along with reminding me of him trying to put it on in German class!!).

Larry never missed an opportunity to make you laugh or lighten a tense moment. He didn't realize he was doing those things, they were just natural for him. And a Bar owner later in life..... how fitting was that ! He was the epitome of the psychiatrist bar tender solving all your problems over a beer.

The world will miss him, especially now. We need more people like him to keep us all in focus of what's important, and what's not.

Love and peace to you Larry. I will miss you dearly and think of you often.

Tamie Simmons Crecelius

Tamie Simmons Crecelius - May 04, 2021 at 11:03 AM

JP

Thank you Tamie for sharing your memories of Larry! He still has your Tshirt! Thank you for sharing the fun times you and others had of Larry!

Jennifer S Pate - May 10, 2021 at 08:05 AM

KC

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Kathleen Christopher - May 04, 2021 at 08:49 AM

LC

“ Love, Kathleen Christopher purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Lawrence Raymond Smalley.



Love, Kathleen Christopher - May 04, 2021 at 12:48 AM

KC

“ My true soulmate in this lifetime, as we were in our lives before this one and will continue to be in future lives. " Could you be the dream that I once knew?" You gave me purpose and showed me love like no other. You were the only proof I needed to know real Gentlemen really do exist, as rare as they are. You made me feel like the luckiest person in the world, simply by knowing you. I send my heart with you, I don't need it here anymore. Our Furdren will all miss you. You're free from your medical shackles now, free to soar wherever you want to go.

I love you sooo much Larry.

*Eternal Love,
Kathleen Christopher*

Kathleen Christopher - May 03, 2021 at 11:57 PM

LA

All of our hearts are hurting, but yours most of all. I do not know you, but if Larry loved you, I know you must be someone very special. I hope your happy memories and the love you two shared, and still share, will help you get through these upcoming days until the passage of time allows you to look back with more smiles than tears. Blessings always. Lou/Lou Ann Steber W.

Lou Ann - May 06, 2021 at 11:50 AM

KC

Thank you, Lou Ann.

Kathleen Christopher - May 07, 2021 at 10:25 PM

RC

“ I’m so sorry for your loss! I remember Larry and Keith they were so sweet! God Bless

Robin Cantrell-Siegwald - May 03, 2021 at 07:35 PM

JP

Thank you Robin! Thank you for remembering Larry and Keith! I too miss one of my older Brother Keith and Larry the youngest Brother of the family! And also the eldest Brother Trey! Bless you!

Jennifer S Pate - May 10, 2021 at 08:20 AM

LA

“ Dearest "Rex",
Reconnecting with you several times over a span of 45 years were some of the brightest spots in my life. We became very close after reconnecting for our 20th class reunion. You played such a huge part in class reunions and also creating opportunities for everyone to get together and not lose touch aside from reunions. You powered through so many medical issues. Like many others, I enjoyed our late-night phone conversations that went on for hours! You were right behind me in every class we shared in high school, always making me laugh when I shouldn't! I love thinking of you in another happy reunion with your mom and brothers. You are starting this new journey with the love of so many friends and family wishing you eternal peace, joy and love as you soar with the angels.
Love you forever,
"Jan" (Lou Ann Steber Windhorst)

Lou Ann - May 03, 2021 at 05:38 PM



“ Larry was such a huge part of why I loved high school. The times spent having fun were just the tip of the iceberg when you were Larry's friend. He cared deeply and never let go of his friends. I'm grateful we stayed in touch over the many years and miles.

He made me a gift in "Shop" class and I cherish the memory of him presenting little wooden letters to me that spelled L-A-R-R-Y. It was our inside joke ever since. I don't have the letters anymore, but his presence will be forever in my heart.

Larry was truly one of the best people I've known and he will be deeply missed.

In compassion,
Rev. Wyndee Holbrook

Wyndee Holbrook - May 03, 2021 at 03:31 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Lawrence Raymond Smalley.*



May 03, 2021 at 09:31 AM



“ *Lisa Moreman Lea purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lawrence Raymond Smalley.*



Lisa Moreman Lea - May 02, 2021 at 07:54 PM