



# Charles Lynn Smith

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**D**ECATUR- Charles Lynn Smith, 54 of Decatur, passed away of an unexpected heart attack at 5:54 am Friday, March 20, 2009 at Decatur Memorial Hospital. Services to celebrate Lynn's life will be held at 10 am Monday, March 23, 2009 in the Chapel of Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, conducted by Pastor Adam Cruse. Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 on Sunday evening at the Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home. Interment with the "Flight Home" Ceremony will be in Graceland Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Make-A-Wish Foundation or to the American Liver Foundation. Online condolences and memories can be shared with the family at [www.gracelandfairlawn.com](http://www.gracelandfairlawn.com).

Lynn was born on August 13, 1954 in Moline, IL., a son of Harold Grant and Juanita (Douglass) Smith. Lynn was an ordained minister with the Southern Baptist Church and worked at ADM. A devout Christian, he spent every moment he could at the church, immersing himself in his faith. Saying he was a man of God would be an understatement. His passion for Christ was matched only by his passion for people to know God's Word. Lynn was the kind of man that touched the hearts of anyone he came into contact with. He was giving and willing to take that extra step to see to others needs and never let his faith waiver in the times of hardship and trial. Instead, during those times of hardship, it galvanized his beliefs, making him more fervent than ever to spread God's message. His faith was and will always be his legacy. His life revolved around it and all who know him know this already.

Lynn was a devoted husband, dedicated family man, loving father and a playful grandfather. He leaves behind his wife Diane, daughter Heather Shuffit and her husband Brad of Decatur, son David Smith of Decatur, and his ex-wife: Tracy Johnson Smith of Sullivan, IL, his mother: Juanita Smith of Nevada, MO., brothers: Doug Smith and his wife Jean of East Moline, IL, and Allen Smith and his wife Sandy of Parkview, MO., sister: Carolyn Smith of Tyler, TX, and five grandchildren: Brody,



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Logan, Luke, Chloe and Kelan.

He has joined his son, Chad Michael, and his father Harold, who have went to heaven before him.

Lynn was always a comedian and even during this time and moment, we believe he would find something to joke about in all this. We know this because he is my husband and our father and we are proud to be called his family. You will be missed, by one and all who knew you. That too, is an understatement.



## Tribute Wall

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MR

**Mrtesla** posted:

DELETE THIS FUCKIN POST

November 14 at 4:01 AM

MG

**Monty And Barb Gordon** posted:

Our prayers are with all of your family. God's grace is sufficient.

March 25 at 4:33 PM

MS

**Matt Sample** posted:

To Lynn's family: I am so sorry for your loss. I have many great memories of growing up with Lynn. There were three of us boys that were close childhood friends from Bethel Baptist Church, all within a month of each other in age. Lynn, Dale and I had some great times. Even as a kid, Lynn was able to put life's situations into the correct perspective. One memory that stands out was when Lynn visited our farm one spring day. It was chilly with a good breeze. Lynn and I flew kites in a pasture. When my kite stopped performing well, I grew irritated and yelled at the kite. Then I noticed Lynn chuckling. He looked at me and asked, "Do you really think that kite is hearing you?" Short story: I did stop talking to the kite. Lynn was good to be around. Though I haven't seen him much in the past 40 years, it was always good to know he was still on earth chuckling and finding the humor in situations. The memories of Lynn will always be good. We will keep you in our prayers at this time of loss, and rejoice that Lynn is in God's presence. Matt Sample Pensacola, Florida

March 24 at 3:06 PM

JC

**Jill Couch** posted:

To Diane and family, I am so very sorry to hear about Lynn.

March 24 at 7:38 AM



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NM

**Nancy Marti** posted:

Diane and family, So very sorry to hear of Lynn's passing. He was a very kind and loving man. When we left Autumn and Austin in your care, we had no concerns, because of the wonderful people you are! Lynn gave his all, and it was easy to see that he was a true man of God. We know God will take care of each of you, surrounding you with His love, which will help you find the peace that passes all understanding. All of our love and respect, Roger and Nancy Marti & family

March 23 at 2:54 PM

AW

**Ann (Ricketts) Williams** posted:

You are all in our prayers & thoughts during this very tough time. Sadly, I had not seen Lynn in a very long time. I have fond memories of spending time at Harold & Juanita's growing up. Dad always got a big kick out of teasing Juanita!

March 23 at 7:39 AM

LR

**Laura Rennert** posted:

My family and I have so many great memories of times that we have spent with Lynn. We've shared so many laughs, endured some hardships, and celebrated so many joys. We love Lynn and his family and pray for God's comfort right now.

March 23 at 4:58 AM

RW

**Randy & Mary Frances Walker** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

March 22 at 7:07 PM

JC

**Jane Carpentier** posted:

You have my Deepest Sympathy! live next to Doug & Jean

March 22 at 6:17 PM



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TG

**Tom, Arlene, Austin Gibbons** posted:

We are so sorry to hear about Lynn. Tom said everybody that knew him at A.D.M. liked him. He's such a nice man. He is in God's care now. God will take good care of him. You are in our prayers  
Tom, Arlene, Austin Gibbons

March 22 at 5:09 PM

LV

**Lauren Vouga** posted:

Diane, David, Heather & family, My sincerest condolences to all of you. May Lynn's memory live on in each of you and the echo of his laughter surround you. My prayers and thoughts are with you all. Love, Lauren

March 22 at 2:33 PM

ND

**Nancy Dickey** posted:

Diane and family we are so sorry for your loss. Lynn will truly be missed. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Nancy Dickey Liberal, MO

March 22 at 1:10 PM

LN

**Leah Nell** posted:

Diane, David, Heather, Aunt Juanita, Doug, Carolyn, Allen, Was sadden at hearing of Lynn's death. He will be miss by all who knew him. During this time of sad and hurting Hearts I am Praying God will Hug you in his Comfort and Give you all a Peace only God can give and May you draw strength knowing because of our faith in Jesus will one day see Lynn again. Love and Prayers Leah Nell

March 22 at 8:08 AM

TS

**Teresa (Swearingen) Stickle** posted:

With my deepest sympathies.

March 22 at 5:38 AM



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DD

**Dennis, Barbara & Mae Dean** posted:

We are all thinking of and praying for each of you during this difficult time. God does provide the strength and comfort to make it through and peace in knowing that Lynn is at home with his Savior. We love you!

March 22 at 5:03 AM

JS

**John Sample** posted:

Shocked and saddened by this great loss. May God abundantly and richly bless Lynn's family during this difficult time. My deepest sympathies. John Sample

March 21 at 7:28 PM

BH

**Bob & Barb Hopkins** posted:

To Diane and all the family - we were saddened to hear of the sudden calling home of Lynn, but know he is with his dad and son now, and we will see him when we get there! Our loving thoughts and prayers go out to ALL of you during this time of loss, we will never forget you all and he has certainly left a legacy to be proud of!

March 21 at 6:58 PM

UA

**Uncle Jack & Aunt Arlene** posted:

Dear Diane, Heather, David, Nita, Doug, Carolyn & Allen, My heart aches for all of you and so wish I could be there with you, but know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. We know Lynn is in a better place, and know God will give you all strength. We send our love to all of you.

March 21 at 5:59 PM

PS

**Phil And Janet Smith** posted:

Diane and family our thoughts and prayers are with you. We know God will hold you close and bring comfort to your hurting hearts. We have enjoyed the pictures Lynn and David recently shared on facebook. The joy and time spent with you Diane, his children and grandchildren put a smile on our faces at his great love for his family and God. His life touched many and he will be greatly missed. With love, Phil & Janet

March 21 at 5:57 PM



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JB

**Jack, Pam & Wes Burrell** posted:

Dear Diane, family, Aunt Nita and family, We were saddened to hear of Lynn's passing. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. I have so many fond memories of Lynn. He certainly did know how to make people laugh! I know that he is rejoicing in Heaven! We Love you all, Pam

March 21 at 5:47 PM

DS

**Dean & Anita Scott** posted:

I know God will comfort each of you in your sadness. Sadness because you will miss your loved one, but praise the Lord for knowing you will see him again. Each of you impacted Deana Kay's life and I thank you so deeply for that. My love and prayers are with you. Our family has given a gift to the Arms of Compassion Ministry in Lynn's name. Here is a link so you can see what Arms of Compassion is about. <http://www.armsofcompassion.org/>

March 21 at 2:48 PM

MA

**Marjie** posted:

Wow, what a shock to hear of Lynn going to be with our Lord. Lynn, Matt and Dale always brought laughter & joy @ Bethel Church growing up. They were inseparable! While Carolyn & I had a good time ourselves! I recall what a joy, to hear he was preaching and telling Gods word, and to know how much he loved his family would only be natural for Lynn.

March 21 at 1:07 PM

GW

**Gene & Mary Wagner** posted:

Diane, Aunt Juanita, Doug, Carolyn and Allen: I cannot express how sorry I am to hear of your untimely loss. Only God knows why Lynn was taken at this early age. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you and the whole family at this sad time. Gene & Mary Wagner

March 21 at 12:40 PM

RF

**Roger D Flesch** posted:

I REMEMBER LYNN WHEN HE FIRST STARTED WITH ADM HE IS A VERY CARING MAN AND I WILL ALLWAYS REMEMBER IS JOKING AROUND WITH HIS CO WORKERS INT HE BREAK ROOM HE MADE THE DAY GO BY FAST LYNN U ARE WITH GOD NOW I WILL MISS U DEEPLY

March 21 at 11:37 AM



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BB

**Bruce Bledsaw** posted:

I worked with Lynn at ADM. He was one of the nicest guy's I've ever met. Even in tough times at work, he never uttered a foul word. I know he was a man of strong faith. He will be missed by many.

March 21 at 10:30 AM

PB

**Portia Burke** posted:

Lynn, to a wonderful man who will always hold a place in my heart. I will never forget how you radiated with the power of the Lord and your fun/quirky personality. Nor will I forget the way you loved your family. I will see you when it's my turn to return home. Love Always & Forever, Portia

March 21 at 9:44 AM

SB

**Stanley & Brenda Bunch** posted:

Diane, Heather and David, We appreciate who Lynn was/is. He is more alive now than ever. Probably hitting golf balls with Abraham, Peter and Paul. Flowers fade & are thrown out. We are sending a scholarship to the Panama Seminary in Lynn's name. This will help a young pastor or leader prepare to make an eternal difference in other lives, just as Lynn did. Stanley Bunch

March 21 at 8:25 AM

SB

**Stanley & Brenda Bunch** posted:

Diane, Heather and David, Our condolences seem so futile at this time. Lynn is still a great friend. Flowers are fleeting and we would like to do something lasting in Lynn's name. We are sending a scholarship in Lynn's name to the Panama Seminary to be used to help train Panamanian Church Pastors and Leaders. We love you all, Stanley & Brenda Bunch

March 21 at 8:15 AM

BH

**Bradley & Ronda Hastings** posted:

We are praying that our Lord will hold you tightly in His arms during this time of loss. It was my privilege to have gone to high school with CL and to call him my friend. God bless you all.

March 21 at 6:47 AM



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AS

**Andy & Brooke Sapp** posted:

We are so heartbroken to hear of your loss of Lynn. He will always hold a special place in our hearts, especially for Andy. He was and will always be a light for God and an inspiration for us. Many prayers and blessings, Andy, Brooke, Drew, Ben and Max Sapp

March 21 at 6:40 AM

BR

**Beth Smith Rader** posted:

Diane, my prayers and thoughts will be with you and your family. Harold was one of my favorite cousins. If you are ever in Lamar, stop by. God Bless

March 21 at 6:36 AM

LN

**Lucy Noyes** posted:

Sorry to hear about Lynn. I know you and your family will miss him very much.

March 20 at 6:57 PM

BB

**Brenda Bunch** posted:

We have lots of good memories of our times together. We just lived too far away to spend more time with you guys. Diane we would love to talk with you. We sure will be praying for you, Heather and David.

March 20 at 6:22 PM

EP

**Ed Post** posted:

Lynn was a good friend and classmate, the life of the party, a son to be proud of, and a role model for his peers and those who looked up to him. Our world will be dimmer without him in it, but our thoughts will be brightened by his memory. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

March 20 at 5:57 PM

GG

**Galen & Becky Gazaway** posted:

Sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

March 20 at 5:56 PM



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**Jim And Judy Braden** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Jim & Judy BradenJohn & Brenda Gazaway

March 20 at 4:38 PM



**Bob And Betty Selvey** posted:

Dear Diane, Heather and David and Families, We are thinking of you and praying that you have the strength that you will need in this tough time. Love Bob and Betty

March 20 at 1:53 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Charles by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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