



Smith A. Keith

August 17, 2011

Keith A. Smith November 18, 1964-August 17, 2011 Keith Allen Smith, 46, of Valdez, New Mexico passed away unexpectedly, Wednesday, August 17, 2011 at his residence. He was born November 18, 1964 in Fort Wayne, Indiana to William & Wanda (Hoops) Smith. Keith graduated from Bear Creek High School, Lakewood, Colorado and then earned a Psychology degree from Northern Colorado University and an Acupuncture Degree from Southwest Acupuncture College, Santa Fe, New Mexico. He traveled to China and Europe studying and practicing acupuncture. He was a real estate enthusiast that bought, fixed and sold property. Keith loved to work with handicap and special needs children and volunteered with Special Olympics. He was an avid skier and instructor; loved to garden and always enjoyed the outdoors. Keith will be remembered for his free spirit and willingness to sometimes live life on the edge. He is survived by his parents, William "Sonny" & Wanda Smith, Deshler, Ohio; sisters, Katrina (Tod) Sharigian, Aurora, Colorado; Patrice Fairweather, Orlando, Florida; grandfather, William "Bill" Smith, Deshler; grandmother, Virginia Smith, Findlay, Ohio; nephew, Liam Sharigian and niece, Anna Fairweather. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, William & Rosella Hoops. Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Friday at Rodenberger Funeral Home, Deshler with Rev. Christinia Seibel officiating. Graveside services will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery, Deshler. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. The family suggests memorials to Special Olympics. Online condolences can be made at

www.rodembergerfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *In my heart are prayers that go out to all of Keith's family and friends. I had a chance to meet with this wonderful young man a number of times. I always found him to be very pleasant. He was the most compassionate landlord to my mother who lives in Taos. I have always felt such comfort knowing that he took very good care of her. My mother, and my husband and I were very sad to hear of his passing. We wish you all peace in your hearts as time moves on. God Bless you and keep you near Him, AJ, Laurie and Marty##imported-begin##Laurie Murphy##imported-end##*

September 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *To Keith's family: Please accept my deepest condolences for your loss. Keith was the landlord for the house in which my husband and I are currently living. He was always so helpful and kind, and we appreciated his attentiveness and genuine ability to be present and appreciative. We are so sorry for your loss. --Bevin & Rene##imported-begin##Bevin##imported-end##*

September 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was so very sad to hear of Keith's passing. He was a wonderful man, kind, fun, adventurous, gentle, supportive, and a great listener. He brightened my world and did the same for many others. I grieve for all of us who knew him. God speed Keith.##imported-begin##Cristy Wickman##imported-end##*

August 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Smith Family, I am one of Keith's roommates from the Pecos NM log cabin and I just found out about Keith's passing today. I am so sorry to hear he is gone and I hope that your family isn't in too much pain. Keith was a good friend of mine and we shared many happy times together. When we lived together as friends, I gave him the nickname, Schroeder, from the comic strip, Peanuts. Partly the name fit because he wore those black, canvas high tops but also because he was so focused, like Schroeder, on whatever task he was doing. He was a very hard worker, a great listener and quite the adventurer. The world is worse off without your Keith and my Schroeder but I am eternally grateful for his friendship and all the wonderful memories he gave us all. I know he is in a better place and I pray that grace and mercy will follow you all as you continue your lives without him. Thank you so much for giving us Keith!##imported-begin##Linda Deboer##imported-end##

August 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I'm sending my deepest sympathy to the Smith family.Keith had the most gentle and loving heart and I feel honored having had such a caring friend in my life.He has colored my life with his precence and with his awe for nature.I will always remember Keith as my very precious friend. My thoughts and my prayers are with you. Dragana Jawurek, Switzerland##imported-begin##Dragana Jawurek##imported-end##

August 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ To Keith's family: I send my deep condolences to you all. Rest assured that Keith made a difference to the planet and the many lives he touched. He will be sorely missed in NM. Best to you all, Trish Donahue##imported-begin##Trish Donahue##imported-end##

August 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Smith Family, I am Tod's sister (Trina's husband's sister). I just learned today about Keith. I just wanted to say how sorry I am. I met Keith on a few occasions and thought he was a very gentle yet courageous person who lived his life on his terms. The kind of person this world needs more of. It is very sad that he passed. Perhaps he has more work to do in heaven. -Colleen Kelly###imported-begin###Colleen Kelly###imported-end###

August 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Family of Keith, I would like to express my deepest condolences to you on the unexpected and untimely passing of Keith. He was an amazing soul - kind, gentle, intelligent, caring, helpful and enthusiastic. He will be deeply missed by all of us whom he touched in NM. I'll miss his laughter, the sparkle in his eyes, his willingness to talk and share. When one was with Keith it was clear you were important to him. For me, trips to Taos and skiing Taos Ski Valley will never be the same. That said, you can be certain that Keith's spirit will loom large. Be well. Michael Smith Santa Fe, NM###imported-begin###Michael Smith###imported-end###

August 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry for your loss, our family also lost a son too soon. Thank you for choosing me to design your floral remembrances, and accept my deepest sympathy. Your Dad is one of my favorite people.....as was yours Wanda, he was quite the guy too.... Becky Breece Straley###imported-begin###Becky Breece Straley###imported-end###

August 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Wanda and Sonny, It is with a heavy heart I send my condolences for the loss of your son. There can be no deeper grief than that of a parent losing a child no matter how old that child is. Trust that the Lord is holding Keith in his loving arms and that one day we all will be reunited with the ones we love. My most sincere sympathy--Judy##imported-begin##Judy (leiendecker) Rohrs##imported-end##

August 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ My very deepest and heartfelt sympathy for all of you, the family, and many friends, that I know Keith loved and cared for so much. I am grateful to have known such a fine human being, to have worked and played with him, and to have witnessed firsthand the good he did in this world. I expect he will do the same in the next one.##imported-begin##Paul Persons##imported-end##

August 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Wanda and Bill and family. Just saw the notice of your son's death in the Courier online. We are deeply sorry for such a huge loss and prayerfully remember you all.##imported-begin##Laurane And Dale Walther##imported-end##

August 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ So very, very sorry for you loss. Losing a child is I have heard one of the most difficult times of your life. Just know that my thoughts and prayers with your family and lean on God as he will help you through this awful time.If there is anything that I can do to help you please let me know.Judee###imported-begin##Judee Suber###imported-end##

August 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM