



Ryan Lee Smith

October 31, 1971 - October 12, 2025

Ryan Lee Smith, 53, of Helena, Alabama, passed away on October 12, 2025.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, James Glasgow, and Tucker and Vora Lee Smith.

He is survived by his parents, Buford and Lynn Smith; his daughters, Halle and Kara Vines; and his granddaughter, Hazel Polanco. He is also survived by his grandmother, Margaret Glasgow; his brother, Brent (Molly) Smith; his nieces, Bradleigh (Nick) Heady, Abigail and Caroline Smith; his great-nephew, Sullivan Heady, many uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends, and by a special family member, Gracie (Logan) Watts.

Ryan was known for his quick wit, kind heart, and unwavering love for those closest to him. He had a remarkable ability to make everyone feel special, and his laughter and warmth will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Since childhood, he has enjoyed Alabama football and card games, two of his favorite pastimes that brought him joy and connection with others.

Visitation will be held at Southcrest Baptist Church on Friday, October 17, 2025, at 1:30 p.m., followed by a memorial service at 3:00 p.m. The church is located at 4317 South Shades Crest Road, Bessemer, Alabama 35022. Joel Frederick and Scott Bush will be officiating

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 17. 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Southcrest Baptist Church
4317 South Shades Crest Road
Bessemer, AL 35022

Funeral Service

OCT 17. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DJ

“ Ryan was special to our family; especially to Halle and Kara. He always kept us laughing! He had such a sweet spirit about him. Sorry I couldn't be there but I'm there is thought and prayer!

Dawn Johnson - October 17, 2025 at 03:19 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ryan Lee Smith.



October 16, 2025 at 10:29 PM

JF

“ Joel Cramer & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ryan Lee Smith.

Joel Cramer & family - October 16, 2025 at 10:29 PM

TF

“ the crewOS family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Ryan Lee Smith.



the crewOS family - October 15, 2025 at 11:10 AM

CW

“ I’m sorry to hear about your family’s loss. He was such a nice and devoted family man. Prayers for you all during this time.



carol whitt - October 15, 2025 at 08:08 AM

JM

“ Jason & Beth Moore purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Ryan Lee Smith.



Jason & Beth Moore - October 15, 2025 at 12:36 AM

TK

“ I’m not sure where to start with my lifelong friend Ryan...from ballparks to long conversations and definitely LOTS of laughter. He was ALWAYS there for me NO matter what! He never once judged me and rescued me more than a couple of times. He was always there for everyone not just myself. The mold was definitely broken with this man. Sending you lots of love in Heaven. Fly high Ryan you will be MISSED

Tina King - October 14, 2025 at 03:16 PM

MR

“ Marian Robinson purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Ryan Lee Smith.



Marian Robinson - October 14, 2025 at 02:08 PM

MR

“*Marian Robinson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ryan Lee Smith.*

Marian Robinson - October 14, 2025 at 02:08 PM

SB

“*Man, I could give so many memories of this great guy. From football or baseball, or maybe from all the field house and workouts we had together. Ryan was just a straight up great guy. You really had to be a turd or trying to get him mad to he on his bad side. Ryan always gave me advice and looked out for me. I always tried to do the same with/for him. His was always better than mine. He was a smart and genuine fella. We would message each other after high school and well on onto our adult years. Mr. And Mrs Smith did a great job on raising Brent and Ryan. Two good, down to earth boys that knew the Lord and knew how to treat people. I have no doubt that Ryan heard “Well done my good and faithful servant”. Rest easy now brother man. 2 Timothy 4:7. We are on deck.*

Stephen Bowen - October 14, 2025 at 01:55 PM



“*Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ryan Lee Smith.*



October 14, 2025 at 01:49 PM

TA

“ Taylor & Allissa purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ryan Lee Smith.



Taylor & Allissa - October 14, 2025 at 01:38 PM