



## Jeremy Christian Smith

December 14, 1970 - January 27, 2021

Jeremy Christian Smith, age 50, passed peacefully but unexpectedly in his sleep on January 27, 2021. Jeremy was an only child. He is survived by his much-loved son, Sebastian Brice Smith who Jer would proudly say teaches school in Japan. He is also survived by his mother, Sharon Stowe Smith who he had just taken to a delightfully fun birthday dinner two days earlier. His father, Jimmy Batson Smith predeceased him. He has a favorite Aunt, Sue Stowe of Boca Raton, FL, a much loved best friend, John Prince of Toronto, Canada, and about 35 cousins scattered all over the country. Jeremy had a wicked sense of humor and loved to travel and had just returned from trips to Alaska, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Japan and Curacao in the year prior to the pandemic.

Jeremy served his country after graduating having been Private Benjamins by a recruiter who visited Spanish River High School in Boca Raton FL. He was sent straight from boot camp in Ft. Sill, Oklahoma to the Saudi War but the planes could not land because of well, war and bombs and his plane was diverted to a small base in Dulmen, Germany. He learned to drink beer in Germany and he did prefer imported beer. He was hurt in a munitions explosion in Germany that changed the course of his life forever leaving him with PTSD and a back injury that plagued him but did not stop him. His service in Germany ended when the Berlin Wall came down and the U.S closed his military base.

Jeremy had a big heart and was an advocate for the homeless. He also helped other Veterans in navigating the VA Benefits system. He was a friend to everyone he met and had no time for gossip or backstabbing. He would literally give the shirt off his back to the homeless and did so on many occasions. He was an avid reader and always donated his read books to the VA. Jeremy was very skilled and a great help to his Mother in staging and flipping real estate properties. He painted, did carpentry and could fix anything effortlessly and fast.

There will be a Celebration of Life Saturday, Feb 13 at his mother's home in Coral Springs from 1:30-4:00. At 2:00, an Honor Guard will play Taps and fold a flag as a tribute to his military service to our Country. Friends and family are welcome to record a video that will be played or you may speak at the Celebration. As Jer would have wanted, there will be beer, preferably imported, to celebrate his life cut short. Masks required, please.

Jeremy died of heart disease that was genetic on his Father's side. He was not aware he had it, and never had any real symptoms until his last two nights which he thought was heartburn. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his name to the Salvation Army.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Services

FEB 13. 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

Sharon Smith Resident  
4917 NW 119th Terrace  
Coral Springs, FL 33076

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wilcox Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jeremy Christian Smith*



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**Wilcox Family Funeral Home** - February 23, 2021 at 02:22 PM



“ *Jeremy Christian Smith*

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January 25, 2023 at 07:44 PM



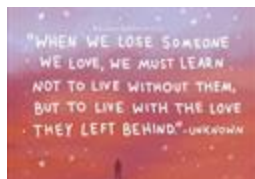
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February 27, 2021 at 05:31 PM



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**Sharon Smith** - February 26, 2021 at 05:44 PM



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**Sharon Smith** - February 26, 2021 at 05:34 PM



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**Donna** - February 23, 2021 at 09:44 AM

SM

“ Sharon,  
My heart aches for you. I am so deeply saddened to hear of this news. Jeremy was my first inseparable best friend. I'm certain we met the day I moved to Alderney, me 5 and him 4. What did we NOT experience together? Of course that included our share of trouble, but we also just had fun. What an amazing neighborhood to grow up in. As Rich said, there were no leashes on children in the 70s-80s. The creeks, The Rocks, the woods, we explored it all, sometimes seemingly miles and miles from home (at least to 10 year-olds). No rock unturned, no crawdaddy left alone. Sandehill or Bolton pools, we were always bronzed in the summers. We also lived at the mall, being close enough to walk. How many hundreds of dollars spent at Alladin's Castle or Schianos Pizza? Then came the teenage years and GIRLS! My perpetual wingman and I his. Stratford on weekend nights was no match for us, plus we had the mullets to prove it! Sharon let us use the 300ZX and my gosh, we were kings. We started to grow apart a little in HS unfortunately and then he moved to FL and I to Chapel Hill and college. I did go visit for Spring Break in Ft. Lauderdale in 1990, unfortunately like a year after all the kids moved the madness to Daytona! Buddy, I know things took hard turns here and there, but it was great when we'd catch up via phone every 6 months or so. Me sipping bourbon and you some nasty green import beer (Ha ha). We talked about where life was going and how we both had kids (unbelievable as it was). The miles and years slowly tears apart even the best of friendships and I'm sorry I wasn't always there for you in your times of need. We were brothers, we fought like brothers, we loved like brothers. We ARE brothers. I love you man. With tears in my eyes, I say see you later bro.

Scott Miller - Chicago, IL

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Scott Miller - February 18, 2021 at 07:23 PM



*Jer would have loved this tribute, Scott. You were always the brother he never had.*

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**Sharon Smith** - February 21, 2021 at 10:06 PM

“ Jeremy Christian Smith and I go back 50 years because I am his Aunt Sue and I was there at his birth! He became my little gift from GOD too when he was born, always smiling. He loved people and had a very sensitive heart even at a young age!  
One memory Jeremy never forgot was when he was about 10 years old, he visited us on Tampa Bay from N.C. Jeremy wanted to fish on this long pier in Tampa Bay every day until it got late!  
He had so much fun on that vacation, that years later, as an adult, he was able to share with me vivid details about those fishing days he so enjoyed as a child!  
As Jeremy grew older in his high school days, he came to live in Florida with his mother, where we grew even closer!  
And as Jeremy got older, he wanted to make his peace with Jesus and so he committed his life to Christ and many of us witnessed the spiritual change he had, including his mother. Jeremy was a music man, like his father, and he would share great Christian music with me and he knew how to find the best artists! We shared our connection to GOD, and attended church together and he would love to share his faith with me, have mini Bible studies, and tell me about answered prayers he had had from GOD! He use to say to me, “ Sue, you can’t make this stuff up!”  
Little did I know that the last Christian song, called “ Strike the Ground”, that Jeremy really liked, would be his last song we would share because that was the night he passed away to meet Jesus! I will always carry that fond memory for the rest of my days here!

And so to SHARON and SEBASTIAN,  
“You have my deepest condolences, along with my love and prayers that GOD strengthen you and give you HIS peace and comfort, at this difficult time.”

And to JEREMY CHRISTIAN SMITH, “I say, JEREMY (your name means exalted by GOD) and CHRISTIAN (a follower of CHRIST). You fulfilled your name and are now at rest with Jesus, the author and finisher of your faith! (HEBREWS 12:2)

*And I know that I will see you again, Jeremy, in heaven!  
My heart will always hold a special place for you and I will miss you  
sooooo much!!!*

*... Until we meet again!*

*Love Always, Auntie Sue.* 🙏♀️❤️📖🌹💕📱

*....And to all others who knew Jeremy,  
“ BE GLAD FOR JEREMY! He is finally at rest with his Creator.  
(Matthew 11:28).*

*And JESUS said, “ I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE,  
AND NO MAN COMES TO THE FATHER, EXCEPT THROUGH  
ME.” ( John 14:6).*

*And as Jeremy would always say,*

*PEACE OUT!*

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**susan** - February 18, 2021 at 04:45 PM

MB

“ *Michael Barrett,*

*I met Jeremy when I move to Boca Raton back in 1992 going to high school at Spanish River High School. At a club I had one of the best nights of my life cuz this guy here was so fun so outgoing and he didn't deal with gossip he didn't deal with talking about people behind their backs. We just had a good time and we start hanging out. Since then he was always there for me. I tried to always be there for him no matter what and that's the way we grew up together we was always a part of each other's life since that day that we met in the club. I've been in prison now for 24 years and Jeremy has been in my life since the day I came in till now. He always lived his life to the max always on the edge and I love that so much about him, I going to miss that so much about him. So in his death I do not cry I do not weep but I do celebrate his life as how he partied that night we met at that club to the max nothing holding back . since you Jeremy I love you, I miss you, you're my brother.*

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**Michael barrett** - February 15, 2021 at 02:15 PM

MW

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**Melanie Webster** - February 14, 2021 at 11:23 AM



*Great video, Sebastian!*

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**Sharon Smith** - February 18, 2021 at 08:08 PM

SS

*Sebastian, that video touched my heart also! ❤️🌹  
Jeremy would have loved it!  
May GOD comfort you through this difficult time.  
Love, Sue*

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**Sue Stowe** - February 20, 2021 at 12:32 AM

LB

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**Laura Buffet** - February 12, 2021 at 09:46 PM

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*Johnny, That was a very beautiful presentation. Tears are streaming down my face because I will miss him and I know all his loved ones will and do. I also have great comfort in knowing that he no longer has to worry, suffer or deal with the stresses of this physical life on Earth. May your many years of memories bring you comfort and strength.  
May he rest in peace.  
Tammy (Jer's cousin)*

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**Tammy Pigford (cousin)** - February 14, 2021 at 03:40 PM

MJ

“ One of the 35 cousins here stopping by to send my heartfelt condolences to my aunt Sharon and Jeremy's son, Sebastian. We are very close in age and share the same birthday month and my most fond memories of Jeremy include time spent at our Grandmother's house - me riding on the back of a tricycle with him in the driver's seat. Fast forward to last summer, he couldn't WAIT to get me in the driver's seat of his beloved blue Kia! I also have fond memories of us playing video games in the basement of their Winston Salem home when I was living with them in elementary school. We had some great times then! As adults, things got a little more serious as our talks got deeper into religion and the purpose of life. I will miss those talks and sad that he had to leave us all early, but I know we will meet again. So it's not goodbye, it is see you later Cousin! Love always, Michelle, Jordan, Robert, Bella and Silas

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**MJ** - February 12, 2021 at 09:03 PM

RO

“ I met Jeremy a few years ago and got to know him through a day we spent painting a family room. We chatted about our families and different occurrences in our lives. I was endeared by how open and honest he was about his past and how it brought him to the present. We spoke about his podcast and efforts to help veterans who have found themselves in need of a friend and an ear to listen. It's ironic that the man with such a big heart that it would fail him. He was always friendly and had a good sense of humor. He will be missed

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**robyn** - February 12, 2021 at 08:00 PM

RJ

“ I did not know Jeremy very well. We only met a few times, but I know what a great comfort he was to his Mother when he came to live with her. I saw a Mother's true love when she spoke of Jeramy and the great sorrow she is now experiencing.

A Mass will be said for Jeramy at St Ambrose Church at a time of Sharon's choosing.

*Dick Jagolta*

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**Richard Jagolta** - February 12, 2021 at 05:22 PM

BE

“ The life given us by Nature is way too short  
But the memory of a life well spent is eternal  
Jeremy, you left us much too soon and because of that, Lynn and Brad will miss you, not only on this day, but for all the days to come  
May you Rest In Peace and may Sharon, your mom, find solace in knowing we are always here for her

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**Brad and Lynn Eisenstein** - February 12, 2021 at 02:48 PM

JC

“ I regret having to say this, but my memories of Jeremy are few. I was once his Aunt Julie, but we lived in different states and then his Uncle Larry and I divorced. Divorce definitely changes families. Anyhow, I have one memory of Jer that I'd like to share. Jeremy was visiting Larry and I in Florida from North Carolina. I'd guess he was about 6 years old. We lived in a small town north of Tampa in a subdivision built in what was once orange groves, a perfect place for little boys to run and explore. Wildlife was pretty plentiful and toad frogs were regular visitors to our sidewalks and driveways. Jer was pretty fascinated by the toads as little boys often are, but I guess he might have also been a little frightened by the brown, bumpy, puffed up critters. He found a 2x2 board lying in the garage and hit the toad directly on the head, killing it. I came down pretty hard on Jeremy about killing a defenseless creature, maybe too hard. But, years later he told me he'd never forgotten that “life's lesson,” so I like to think I had an impact on the person he became.

*I was, like everyone, shocked and saddened by Jeremy's early passing. We were now living only a couple of hours away from each other and could have become reacquainted if we'd only made an effort. It's a “life lesson “ for me. Stay connected with family; don't let them fall by the wayside because of distance, divorce or other circumstances. Family is all- important!*

*My heartfelt sympathy goes out to Sharon and to Sebastian.*

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**Julie (Terry) Campbell** - February 11, 2021 at 11:22 AM

“ Jeremy was a little squirt with a full head of hair when I first met him. It was in the early 70’s when I first saw the moving van parked in the driveway across the street from my house in Winston-Salem. I was curious about who our new neighbors were but the first thing I saw were a couple of “hippies” named Jimi and Sharon and a little kid and his loyal companion named Shep. Jeremy and Shep were inseparable when they wandered around the neighborhood. Back in those days dogs didn’t need leashes and could go anywhere they wanted. As a matter of fact, kids didn’t have leashes either and were free to wander without their parents worrying too much where they were. My, how times have changed.

This brings me to the first time I met Jeremy. He was around 2 or 3 at the time when he first rang my doorbell and asked to come into our house. We let him in and he came into my bedroom and wanted to play. We were about 6 years apart in age and the thought of playing with a little kid didn’t appeal to me too much so I left him alone in my bedroom to play by himself. We all know what happens when you leave a 2 year old by himself, right? I came back into my room and there was model glue speared all over my carpet. I wasn’t too happy and made him leave our house. I thought that would be the last time I would see that little vandal but that wasn’t the case.

As time went by, I grew to like that little kid. In fact, I started hanging out at his house often because Jeremy was a “cool kid” with “cool parents”. They all accepted me as part of their family even when I know I was a nuisance sometimes. When I was around 12, his parents entrusted me to babysit him when they went out on the weekends. Jeremy and I shared some great times together. We would run around his house playing hide-n-seek, wrestle in his basement, play board games, shoot some pool, and I even think we played a game or two of Pong on his Atari. Man, that was state of the art video gaming at the time.

I was sad when Jeremy and the family packed up and moved to Florida. Over the years, we kept in touch once in a while but not

*nearly enough. The last time Jeremy and I were together was at his dad's funeral. Jeremy put his heart and soul into honoring his dad's last wishes. He gave a heartfelt tribute and played the music that he and his dad listened to together as he spread his ashes into the sea. Jer was very kind that way. I never knew that would be the last time I would see him but I am thankful that we got to spend some quality time together that night. We shared a couple of beers and reminisced about the "good ole days" on Alderney Lane. I recently moved back to the neighborhood and often look across the street at Jer's old house and think about the good times we had together.*

*I was happy to hear Sharon tell me that Jeremy was in a good place in his life when he passed away. He died peacefully in his sleep and is now living in the paradise that God had prepared for him. That is very comforting to me.*

*Jeremy, I will be celebrating your life from afar on Saturday and am very grateful for the positive impact you had on others around you. You were very special my friend and I was extremely blessed to know you.*

*I love you,*

*Rich*

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**Rich King** - February 10, 2021 at 11:03 PM

JP

“ I met Jeremy shortly after I moved to Boca Raton FL. to attend College, and we remained friends for 31 years. We considered each other best friends and called each other Brothers.



*Jeremy was very intelligent and had a wealth of knowledge and could talk about any topic and loved to learn about different cultures or anything else for that matter.*

*Jeremy had a very strong presence and an incredible sense of humour and was comfortable talking to anybody, but at the same time he didn't have a lot of patience for stupidity.*

*Jeremy was very giving and one of my earliest memories of him that stayed with me, was of us leaving a bar on A1A in Ft.Lauderdale after a night of playing pool, and him giving a homeless man on the sidewalk his last dollar and then literally taking the shirt off his back and giving it to him. That told me a lot of the kind of person he was and that he would rather do without and make someone else happy.*

*Like Jeremy used to say...Peace Out!  
He will be missed very much by all of us who loved him, but he will never be forgotten. I truly believe that he will be watching over us until we see him again.*

*My deepest condolences to Sharon and Sebastian and the rest of his family.*

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**Johnny Prince** - February 10, 2021 at 05:39 PM

DO

“ When I first met Jeremy he was still in high school...just a kid. After I had moved away and then returned to Florida many years later I met him again as a grown man who had become such a kind and caring person, quick to smile, who always looked for and offered a way to help people in any way that he could. He would spend hours on the phone for you if he thought he could get you a better cell phone plan! We shared an interest in e-commerce and Christian music and we became friends. I will remember our coffee runs, bike rides and long talks about life on the back patio. He had a big heart, never spoke a bad word of anyone and left this world too soon. In what would be his words of acknowledgement when I say "I'll see you on the other side"...Right on.

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**Donna** - February 10, 2021 at 08:48 AM

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“ I have so many memories of Jeremy...nearly 50 years worth. For many years my family would travel from Gulfport, MS to Winston-Salem, NC to visit Uncle Jimmy, Aunt Sharon and Jeremy. From there we would all go to other destinations like Myrtle Beach, etc. Even back then (we were kids) Jer was hilarious and full of personality. Over the years (adulthood) we visited a number of times...not nearly as much as we probably should have, but we always kept in touch. In 2014 Daniel and I went to Boca Raton and were able to spend some time with Jer. He and Uncle Jimmy gave us a tour of Hollywood, FL. Aunt Sharon invited us all over for dinner, where we had a very nice visit. I had many pictures of our visit but, such as life, I could only find one of Jeremy with Jimmy. Jer and I had a lot of in depth conversations and I have to agree with some of the other comments here...he was extremely intelligent and had a well-rounded knowledge of many topics. I travelled vicariously through his many photos of all the beautiful places he visited. I will miss Jer and his beautiful smile that could light up a room! My deepest condolences go out to you both, Sebastian and Sharon. Much Love, Tammy

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**Tammy Pigford (cousin)** - February 10, 2021 at 07:26 AM

BM

“Where do I start...Jer was kind to a fault. He had a way of connecting to people from all walks of life. His ability to focus on a task at hand and get it done amazed me. He was able to look at Life and see so much more than most of us ever will. He looked for deeper meaning and purpose in life and strived to be a better person.



When you met Jer there was no façade about him, he was honest and straight forward and that is so rare to find. We all have so many questions about life, but few of us pursue the answers. Jer's curiosity and drive to experience life and seek those answers was a journey that I know he is still continuing on.

I will miss his insight, the purity of his words, his strength of character and his calm demeanor. We rarely, if ever, meet someone who has touched so many lives in such a positive way. I am comforted by the part of Jer that continues in & with Sebastian.

Sharon, Jeremy and Sebastian, having all of you in my life has been a blessing.

Sharon and Sebastian nothing ever prepares us for the passing of a loved one. I hope you find solace in the wonderful memories and times that you all shared. Jeremy's spirit will continue in all who were blessed to have known him.

We should all celebrate A Life that touched and enriched so many others.

My heartfelt condolences Sharon and Sebastian,

Benny

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Ben Montanez - February 09, 2021 at 11:31 PM



“ Starbucks Coffee Condolences was purchased for the family of Jeremy Christian Smith.



February 09, 2021 at 10:14 PM



“ I met Jeremy about 5 years ago when I moved to Florida and our parents reconnected. I spent a lot of time at Sharon’s and me and Jeremy got to know each other really well. Whenever I’d go up to Coral Springs we would chill out by the pool and talk for hours. We listened to the same music, Jeremy was a music guru... he knew who played what instrument in every band and who lived and died and why and when. It was the coolest thing. He was like an encyclopedia, honestly I think he was a genius. Over the past years we became like family, spent almost every holiday together. We talked all the time not just on a surface level but about anything and everything. We shared a lot of the same pain and hardships that life can put on you. We had a connection and a bond that didn’t have to be spoken, it was just there. I loved Jeremy like he was family. Jer was his own person, I’m sure there is nobody quite like him on this planet. I will miss you Jer , the world just feels a little more empty without you here. But I know you are at peace now, I just know it. I love you, until we meet again my friend.



Nikki Tyndall - February 09, 2021 at 10:11 PM

BE

“ Dearest Aunt Sharon and Sebastian,  
It broke my heart to learn of Jeremy's passing. He was a very Proud Dad, a great cousin, very intelligent and hard-working. He had the greatest sense of humor and a caring heart. He Loved you both very much. I enjoyed all his messages that he sent me. He always made me laugh and I will cherish all the talks we had on FB messenger. I enjoyed the inspirational videos he sent of the church he attended and all the photos he shared of his travels with his vibrant explanations. Wishing you both much Love and Happy memories. You are both in my thoughts and prayers.  
Love, Bebe

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**bebe** - February 09, 2021 at 10:08 PM

PL

“ Aunt Sharon and Sebastian,  
I was saddened to hear of Jeremys passing. Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs. Dealing with loss is never easy so I'm sharing in your sorrow with love and friendship. May all your memories with Jeremy be comforting. Much love to you both ❤️ Patti  
Dunnam-Lundy

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**Patti Dunnam- Lundy** - February 09, 2021 at 09:35 PM

AD

Aunt Sharon and Sebastian,  
I am sending prayers for comfort peace to help you get through this difficult time ahead of you. Loss is never easy, it is a process as I am learning. Cherish the memories you have of Jeremy. His memories will live through his loved ones.  
God's love with help you in this journey ahead of you.  
Much love,  
Anna Dunnam  
(Buff's widow)

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**anna dunnam** - February 10, 2021 at 01:29 AM

AD

*Aunt Sharon and Sebastian, Sending prayers for comfort and peace during this difficult time. I pray that god's love get you through the upcoming journey ahead for you both. Remember to keep his memories alive by sharing stories this helps in the he healing process.*

*Hugs and prayers*

*Anna Dunnam*

*(Buff's widow)*

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**anna dunnam** - February 10, 2021 at 01:38 AM

SM

“ *Sharron and Sebastian, I am so sorry for your loss. I had not seen Jeremy in a number of years but did enjoy the photos and info of his travels that he shared to our cousins group.*



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**Sandi Mitchell** - February 09, 2021 at 09:22 PM

MW

“ *Dearest Sharon,  
We send you and your family our deepest condolences. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.  
Jeremy will be missed. Much love, Melanie and Kenny*



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**Melanie Webster** - February 09, 2021 at 07:14 PM

JM

“ I remember the first time I met Jeremy was at Sebastian’s graduation, he was a pleasure to be around and when I first saw him I knew who he was, because he and Sebastian look so much alike! We became pretty good friends over the last couple years he made me a nice T-shirt, and we exchanged a lot of messages and jokes and such on messenger. He was a pleasure to talk to , I always enjoyed our visit, I’m definitely going to miss him and his great personality! I feel very blessed to have gotten to know him, My condolences to his family, I know he was loved...”

Judy Matthews - February 09, 2021 at 06:34 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeremy Christian Smith.



February 09, 2021 at 06:22 PM

CA

“ Carolyn Albritton lit a candle in memory of Jeremy Christian Smith



Carolyn Albritton - February 09, 2021 at 11:23 AM



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**Wilcox Family Funeral Home** - February 09, 2021 at 11:07 AM