



## Ms. Tracye E. (Johnson) Smith

May 29, 1970 - August 19, 2021

### Obituary

Tracye Erin Smith, 51, passed away on August 19, 2021 at St. Joseph Medical Center in Kansas City, Missouri. She was born on May 29, 1970 in Kansas City, Missouri to George and Joyce (Jackson) Johnson.

Tracye grew up in Kansas City, Missouri, graduating from Archbishop O'Hara High School in 1988. After high school, Tracye attended college at Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg, Missouri where she received a Bachelor's degree in Psychology, and later obtained her Masters of Social Work from the University of Kansas. She was a member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

Tracye was employed by Center School District, serving as a social worker beginning in 2012. She worked at Center Elementary and most recently at Indian Creek Elementary. She always had a smile on her face and a positive word to share. She offered counsel and caring support, assisted with facilitating the social emotional weekly contacts with parents, worked to combat chronic absenteeism, and collaborated with partners to provide meal baskets and gifts during the holiday season. Tracye was very proud to be recognized with the Support Person of the Year award for the Center School District for the 2021-2022 school year. She previously worked at Swope Parkway Health Center, DeVry University and the Kansas City, Missouri

School District.

Tracye's children were her highest priority. She was their greatest cheerleader and was a passionate advocate for their success. Tracye knew no stranger and had the ability to connect with nearly anyone. Her magnetic personality and kind spirit attracted others, who often shared their innermost feelings and sought her out for advice and comfort. Tracye met the love of her life, Heath Porter, over a decade ago, and was excitedly planning their upcoming nuptials. Among other things, they shared a passion for travel and motorcycling. Tracye was a shining light - a loving mother, daughter and sister, who was adored by family, friends and anyone who had the good fortune of knowing her.

Tracye is survived by her son, Alexander Smith of Kansas City, Missouri; son Alijah Smith of Kansas City, Missouri; daughter Amari Smith of Kansas City, Missouri; stepdaughter Makaila Gause of Kansas City, Missouri; future stepdaughter Paradise Porter of Blue Springs, Missouri; parents, George and Joyce Johnson, of Kansas City, Missouri; brother, Timothy (Stacey) Johnson, of Charlotte, North Carolina; sister, Therese (Craig) LeBlanc of Phoenix, Arizona; fiancé Heath Porter; her granddaughters Avrielle and Milani; aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral service will be held Saturday, September 4, 2021, 11:00am at Colonial Presbyterian Church.. Interment Forest Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9am-11am at the church. Service conducted by Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel. Condolences may be left on the online guest book at [www.lawrenceajones.com/obituary/mstracye-smith](http://www.lawrenceajones.com/obituary/mstracye-smith). Live Stream [www.mstcsunset.com](http://www.mstcsunset.com)

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to the Center Education Foundation Tracye Smith Memorial Fund at: <https://center>

[educationfoundation.networkforgood.com/projects/138075-tracye-smith-memorial-fund](https://educationfoundation.networkforgood.com/projects/138075-tracye-smith-memorial-fund)

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to the family or plant a tree  
in memory of Ms. Tracye E. (Johnson) Smith, please visit our floral store.

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# Tribute Wall

AS

“ *Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Ms. Tracye E. Smith by Annette and Lewis Stevenson.... Send FlowersShe was a beautiful soul, our deepest sympathy.Annette and Lewis Stevenson...

Annette and Lewis Stevenson... - May 25, 2023 at 12:56 PM

RC

“ *Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Ms. Tracye E. Smith by Rhonda and Craig. Send FlowersTerri, Craig and I send our deepest sympathies to you on the loss of your sister. May God bless you and your family during your time of grief. We will keep you in our prayers.Rhonda and Craig

Rhonda and Craig - May 25, 2023 at 12:56 PM

DF

“ Tropical dish garden with fresh flowers was purchased for the family of Ms. Tracye E. Smith by Damon & Toni Williams & Family. Send FlowersPraying God comforts you all during this very difficult time. Our deepest sympathies. RIH Tracye.Damon & Toni Williams & Family

Damon & Toni Williams & Family - May 25, 2023 at 12:56 PM

FP

“ *Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Ms. Tracye E. Smith by Frank and Georgie Piper. Send Flowers

Frank and Georgie Piper - May 25, 2023 at 12:56 PM

FC

“ A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Ms. Tracye E. Smith by Franchot & Lillian Cooper. Plant a Tree Dear Aunt Joyce and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God comfort your heart. Until you meet again. Love Franchot, Lillian & family Franchot & Lillian Cooper

Franchot & Lillian Cooper - May 25, 2023 at 12:56 PM

ES

“ Dreaming with angels was purchased for the family of Ms. Tracye E. Smith. Send Flowers

Expression of Sympathy - May 25, 2023 at 12:56 PM



“ My soul lives on tribute blanket was purchased for the family of Ms. Tracye E. Smith.

May 25, 2023 at 12:56 PM

AF

“ Mountain meadow pedestal arrangement was purchased for the family of Ms. Tracye E. Smith by Angelique Kelly-Lara and Family. Send Flowers Praying for your strength and faith during this time. Our sincere condolences. Angelique Kelly-Lara and Family

Angelique Kelly-Lara and Family - May 25, 2023 at 12:56 PM

HS

“ Table basket was purchased for the family of Ms. Tracye E. Smith by Honeywell Federal Solutions. Send Flowers Please accept these flowers with our deepest condolences to Tracye's family. We pray the Holy Spirit will give you continued comfort during this very difficult time. Honeywell Federal Solutions

Honeywell Federal Solutions - May 25, 2023 at 12:56 PM



“ *Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Tracye E. Smith. Send Flowers Our deepest sympathy to the family and to our friend Heath Porter. Winford and Barbara Hurd Stanley L Rush II*

May 25, 2023 at 12:56 PM



“ *A Memorial Tree was planted for Ms. Tracye E. Smith We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapels-Missouri - Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapels Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree*

**A Memorial Tree was planted for Ms. Tracye E. Smith - May 25, 2023 at 12:56 PM**



“ *The world has lost a beautiful light. I am truly sorry to hear about Tracye's passing. Please know that many people surround you in spirit, sharing your grief and holding you in their hearts. Gretchen Young*

**Gretchen Young - September 22, 2021 at 02:44 PM**



“ *We will miss Tracye and our prayers goes out to the family. LaMar and Brigette Wilson*

**LaMar Wilson Jr - September 04, 2021 at 09:57 AM**

BC

“ Simple words can never ease pain the family is going through, but please know that our hearts, thoughts, and prayers are with you during this time.

*Bernard and Raine Felder - Charlotte, North Carolina*

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**Bernard and Raine Felder - Charlotte, North Carolina** - September 01, 2021 at 11:46 AM

MC

“ My friend I will always remember our last hug and your warm smile that always had a way of making the room bigger than the world.... I know you are in the hands of our almighty until we met again

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**Melanie chaves** - August 31, 2021 at 11:17 AM

AW

“ I want to give my heartfelt condolences to the Johnson and Smith families and to all of the friends and loved ones of Tracye during this time. Tracye was a sweet soul loved by many. Her smile could light up a room and her sincere care about the well being of those around her will truly be missed. I will never forget my childhood best friend who I looked up to and who accepted me for me. She always made me feel like I was a part of her family. I wish that you had been given more time on this earth, yet I also know that you fulfilled the purpose in which God placed you here to do while you were here. You encouraged many and gave of yourself to many to make sure that they were alright. I cant wait to see you again my friend in the presence of Jesus. You will be truly missed.

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**Andraya Newton (Nikki Wills)** - August 29, 2021 at 12:23 PM

DP

“ *Pastor Dr. Billie Bell Pruitt and the Naomis House Womens Ministry offer our sincere prayers and condolences to the family of Ms Tracye Smith. Truly our hearts are saddened and we feel a hole in our souls of her untimely death. Her smile, her beautiful salutations had a way of making your day! Stacy will always be remembered. She was so in love with Jesus, who was usually the topic of our conversation. Tracye loved life, lived life, and loved helping and encouraging people as well as loved her work. Her life to us may seem short but it was a life well lived! Well lived because Jesus Christ was FIRST! Tracye, you will always be loved and remembered by your Naomi Sisters.*

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**Dr Billie Bell Pruitt** - August 29, 2021 at 08:57 AM

AJ

“ To the Smith Family With heavy hearts we take this time to express our personal condolences to the family of Tracye Smith. Our deepest thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family at this time. I look forward to the time period when the forwarding of letters of this nature will no longer be necessary. Today our letter writing serves as a way to express our condolences to those who are dealing with the loss of a loved one in death. However the forwarding of condolences will soon be a thing of the past. God has given His earthly family His personal promise that He would soon rid the earth of all forms of sicknesses and death. (Revelation 21:3-4) Just imagine living during this time period when no person will ever get sick, grow old and then die. Yes we were made to live forever. But some may ask, is there a future hope for those who have fallen asleep in death, like Tracye, and other family members and friends. The answer is yes. In fact the Bible provides the basis for why we can make this statement. Directing all grieving hearts to the Bible, please take note of this wonderful promise from God. The promise is recorded at John 5:28-29) The verses tell us that God would use His great powers to come to those in the grave to stand up in life again. Yes how truly comforting these recorded words are. In fact these verses serve as a personal guarantee from God that life for our departed loved ones will surely take place. Knowing and understanding that God is the source of life for all created things helps us to develop strong faith in this promise from God. (Psalm 36:9) So today all are confronted with this one question; can you envision this promised arrangement from God taking place? Do you see yourselves being reunited back with Tracye, and other family members and friends who have fallen asleep in death? Well this is what God wants all to have; yes strong faith in this future blessing. In fact God has preserved nine accounts in the Bible that speak about the resurrection blessing soon to take place earth wide. Here is just one such example that is recorded at Acts 9:36-42. I hope that all will get a chance to see how these verses apply to your loved ones in a personal way. So in closing we say to all to please keep this promise of God near your hearts at all times. Remember that when God makes a promise, it always becomes reality. For it is

*impossible for God to lie. (Titus 1:2)*

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**Albert Caldwell Jr** - August 26, 2021 at 09:35 AM

DW

“ *Tracye was a life well lived, a life well loved, a life that will be greatly be missed and a life that will never be forgotten.*

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**DeHavin & Julie Watie** - August 25, 2021 at 10:01 PM

PP

“ *The Peppers family will miss seeing Ms.Tracy at Aunt June's birthday celebrations. Miss that beautiful smile. Our prayers are with the family*

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**Pamela Peppers** - August 25, 2021 at 10:36 AM