



## Tony Ray Smith

November 8, 1968 - October 5, 2018

Tony Ray Smith, age 49 of Dupont, passed away on Friday, October 5, 2018. He is preceded in death by his father, Thomas Elmer Smith. Survivors include his daughter, Toni Danielle Smith of Destrehan; his mother, Hazel Smith of Pensacola, FL; his brothers, Mark Smith and Timothy Smith both of Kenner; his sisters, Natalie Jones of Pensacola, FL and Sandra Smith of Kenner; his step daughters, Ashley Gagliano of Destrehan, Khristina Noland of Kenner, Elizabeth Quintero of Metairie and Crystal Carter of Destrehan; and his 3 grandchildren, Hayden Gagliano, Aubree Gagliano and Natalla Alonzo.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Funeral Service at L. A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home, 2607 Williams Blvd., Kenner on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Visitation from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

# Events

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**OCT**   **Visitation**   04:00PM - 07:00PM

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L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home  
2607 Williams Blvd, Kenner, LA, US, 70062

**OCT**   **Service**   07:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Tony.....

I could not believe what has happened.

Not gonna forget you. You were one of my best friends from the neighborhood growing up...kinda like the older brother I liked getting in trouble with.

I will never forget the absolutely craziest, wildest hellashous times we had together. Times I often talk about reminiscing on my coming of age and young adult life.

140 on airline....you, Phil, 2 more....Exhorder on the stereo.....for days sometimes.... Some of the free-est, wildest times of my life were with you Tony.

Thank you for being a good friend.

People live life and never really live...but I'll tell ya.....we definitely lived hard....it was great.

I could go on and on.....but those times are ours.

Love you Tony!!!!

See ya Brother.

I'll always be thinking about you.

**Dimitrios "Jimmy" Chelms** - October 14, 2018 at 04:11 PM

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“ Tony will be missed by many. I remember when he helped me move. He was glad to help. A childhood friend of Jimmy and Johnny. He moved out to the country and made a really nice place.

I am so sorry that he is gone. I am also glad that he did accept Jesus as his Saviour. This should comfort family and friends. He is in heaven now!



**Cynthia Hebert** - October 12, 2018 at 08:39 AM

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“ My prayers and thoughts go to the Smith family at this time. I will never forget the smile you always brought to my mom's face when you visited. You always were there for your friends. Xoxo

**Carol Kerr** - October 10, 2018 at 07:28 PM

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“ Tony always seemed invincible to me. He was a warrior of grand and gruff proportions. I always thought, "If I were going to battle, I would want Tony by my side." At times he was loud, brash, tenacious, stubborn and a little rough around the edges but underneath this gritty exterior there was a kindness, a wit, a devilish sense of humor , a heart of gold and a joie de vivre--you know, a zest for life-- for his family, for his kids, for his land, for his animals, for fishing, for hunting, for nature and for his true friends. I, along with Michelle, feel lucky and honored to have been included in that special circle of friendship.

He would often send me pictures of the various areas of Louisiana he was adventuring in or working in for the day. I would also get text messages, phone calls and voice mails that ranged from the downright hilarious to simple, sweet sentiments of support and congratulations for my various artistic endeavors.

Over the 27 years of our unique friendship I have received photos of an ice chest full of freshly caught fish, a beautiful sunset on Lake Pontchartrain, serene woods near his home, a goat and a cow he had somehow acquired and his most recent progress on the pond in front of his home that we had worked so hard on and was so proud of.

The last time I saw Tony was April of this year. Michelle and I went for a long-overdue visit to his place in the country. We roamed his land with him--he gave us the VIP tour of his apples trees, his cow pasture, played with his dog, met the farm cats, the goat, the pigs, the chickens, sloshed through some mud, tore my jeans on a branch, had lunch at a local convenience store and ended the day out on his pond deck with him as he lengthily and excitedly educated us on everything pond-related. Tony was a talker, that's for sure. In fact, I remember thinking that I couldn't follow some of his stories. I couldn't keep up with the passionate and long-winded delivery at times. But that was Tony. He had a lot to say. I sat there listening, laughing, observing his profound satisfaction and pride at what he had built with his bare hands and a lot of hard work, I interjected questions here and there but mostly I just enjoyed some genuine, good ol'-fashioned friend time with a man who has been a fiery light in my life since I was 15.

I met Tony through my best friend, Michelle. We were all teenagers. Tony was a little older than us but there was an instant bond, a comraderie, a comfort and a curiosity that's hard to define. You see, not only was Tony a nice guy to me, he was a little wild, a little rebellious and a LOT cool. I wasn't cool at all. In fact, I was naive, innocent, a little sheltered and I was completely captivated by this force of nature named Tony Smith. I wanted to be around him because I had never met anyone like him. He was confident, edgy and opinionated. He loved music --all kinds--just like Michelle and I did. And he played it loudly, unapologetically. Michelle and I laughed the other day about how just being around Tony made you feel cooler by association. And also, so protected and safe. You knew, no matter what, he had your back.

I've been around the world and have come a long way from that 15 year old awkward girl from St. Rose, LA. Many people, friends and acquaintances have passed in and out of my life. But there are only a select few who have the power to leave an indelible and unforgettable presence in my life. Tony was one. He was a true, salt-of-

the-earth, loving human being. Those types of people are rare. And to say that I will miss him would be a severe understatement.

Like Michelle, I am angry about his death. He was a fighter who wasn't given a chance to fight. And that is painfully unfair. I can't even imagine the heartache his family and kids are experiencing. My grief is overwhelming and my heart goes out to all that love him. Just know, he loved all of you too.

Farewell, my dear friend.

All my love  
Nicole

**nicole** - October 10, 2018 at 11:03 AM



“ edit: \*that HE had worked so hard on

**nicole** - October 10, 2018 at 01:10 PM



“ Nicole and Michelle, I'm so glad he was able to show off his hard work to yall before he died. He had been waiting for that!! Lol and I also know he would have been so proud of yall two standing up there speaking about him at his service!! I'm so glad we finally got to meet !

**Nicole Mathieu Purvis** - October 11, 2018 at 12:56 PM

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“ Nicole sent a virtual gift in memory of Tony Ray Smith



**nicole** - October 10, 2018 at 12:02 AM

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**Jenetta Michelle Lacayo** - October 09, 2018 at 10:37 PM



“ Nicole, Tony and Michelle. April 2018. At Tony's House.

**Jenetta Michelle Lacayo** - October 09, 2018 at 10:38 PM



“ this was a special day. thanks for sharing it, michelle.

**nicole** - October 10, 2018 at 11:21 AM



“ Awe my friend, it's been a long time since we seen each other. The last time was over 24 years ago. My heart was broken today as I thought of you. But then I laughed some (thanks to Charlie) I remembered all the crazy stupid things we did and all the fun we had. You were a good friend, a great buddy and a warrior that I would have on my side any day of the week. You are in my thoughts forever. God bless your family in this time.

**brenda katherina balliache** - October 10, 2018 at 04:58 PM



“ High school just wouldn't have been the same.

**brenda katherina balliache** - October 10, 2018 at 05:01 PM



“ Where did Tony go to high school? I've been thinking about that.

**Jenetta Michelle Lacayo** - October 12, 2018 at 09:56 PM

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**Jenetta Michelle Lacayo** - October 09, 2018 at 10:19 PM



“ Tony and Michelle. April 2018.

**Jenetta Michelle Lacayo** - October 09, 2018 at 10:39 PM



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**nicole** - October 10, 2018 at 11:22 AM

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“ Tony, I am still in shock. I can't believe it! I have know you more than half my life. You have always shown me much love. Always! A phone call to say hello or, just to say I love you. I regret not always answer those calls. I will surly miss them. I do have great memories of you. I wish I could remember more. I will always cherish all the times You, Nicoke and I hung out. Such fun times. You always kept it interesting, you were funny, loud, wild, witty, the biggest smart ass ever, tough as nails and truly, truly the biggest heart I have ever seen. You were always helping people, you always went over and beyond for your friends, family and the people you worked for. You gave over 100%. I am truly grateful I got to hang out with you twice this year. Nicole and I visiting you at your home. You were so proud of all the work you put into it. Nicole and I loved playing with your farm animals. Me being all excited for catching a fish from your pond. I can still hear you laughing at us. Your laugh. Jeez, will be missed. My husband, Gregg, and I fishing with you and Toni in Grand Isle. Only you and Toni caught fish that day, you also gave me a gift. From day one- All the times you'd swing by, and you'd pull up, in your ride, with your loud rap or metal blaring. Freaking hilarious. Man, this is so tough for me. I am so sad for all that love you. I am angry about your passing. You did not deserve this. I will truly miss you with all my HEART!!!!!! Rest in Peace . Your friend, Michelle. ♥



**Jenetta Michelle Lacayo** - October 09, 2018 at 10:04 PM

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“ Dena Verdin lit a candle in memory of Tony Ray Smith



**Dena Verdin** - October 08, 2018 at 09:38 PM

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“ Susie Boquet sent a virtual gift in memory of Tony Ray Smith



**Susie Boquet** - October 08, 2018 at 08:50 PM

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“ Stacey Strange sent a virtual gift in memory of Tony Ray Smith



**Stacey Strange** - October 08, 2018 at 05:23 PM