



## Sergeant First Class Jason M. Smith

November 23, 2015

Sergeant 1st Class Jason M. Smith, 35, whose home of record is Destrehan, Louisiana, died 23 November 2015, when his UH-60L Black Hawk helicopter crashed on Fort Hood. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 291st Aviation Regiment, First Army Division West.

Smith entered active-duty service in June 2000 as a UH-60 Blackhawk crew chief, and was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 291st Aviation Regiment, Division West, 1st Army, Fort Hood, since October 29.

He deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from August 2004 to March 2005, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from September 2011 to September 2012 and in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Freedom's Sentinel from September 2014 to May 2015.

His awards and decorations include a Bronze Star Medal, two Air Medals, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medals, four Army Achievement Medals, five Army Good Conduct Medals, National Defense Service Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal with Bronze Service Star, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two campaign stars, Iraq Campaign Medal with campaign star, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, two Noncommissioned Officers Professional Development Ribbons, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal, Aviation Badge, and Senior Aviation Badge.

His accomplishments aided in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, graduated ALC, SLC, USAF Airlift planner WLC, FI school, SI school, ER med tech course, Hazmat Family Safety, Small Arms Maintenance, developed SOP for LUH at Fort Polk. He attended Destrehan High School, graduated 1999. Beloved husband of Trisha Andrews Smith. Father of Jason "JJ", Jr (17), Dominick (13) and Nathaniel (10). Son of Shelia and Rock Hall. Son-in-Law of Beverly and Greg Andrews. Brother of Jim (wife, Shan) Uncle of Holly, Aaron and Peter.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral. Service at L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home, 2607 Williams Blvd., Kenner on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. Visitation from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Interment in Jefferson Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Jefferson Memorial Gardens Cemetery

11316 River Road  
St. Rose, LA 70087

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 8. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home  
2607 Williams Blvd  
Kenner, LA 70062  
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info@muhleisen.com

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sergeant First Class Jason M. Smith*

October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *Jason had a larger than life personality. He was a leader and knew how to motivate and develop those placed under his influence. I'll always remember the banter and shenanigans as well as the ever present Monster energy can. God Speed Smitty you're never forgotten.*

**DeWayne Rudolph** - December 08, 2015 at 01:13 PM



“ *Smitty taught me how to be a leader and a friend he gave me the ability to get past the loss of my daughter and divorce from the ex wife.*

**Cody Kitchens** - December 08, 2015 at 11:09 AM



“ *Jason loved his family, his country and the LSU Tigers. I have many fond memories of Jason during our stay at Ft. Polk, LA. I pray for peace and comfort for Jason's family during this difficult time. Rest in peace, Jason.*  
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**Jennifer Ikner** - December 08, 2015 at 10:01 AM

GS

“ Jason Smith was my cousin I always thought as him as one of my brothers. I remember we used to play at grandmas house and we had a lot of fun. I remember when Jason, Jim and myself had a water balloon fight in the house and let's just say when Aunt Shelia pulled up we new we were in trouble. I love you brother thank you for you service you will never be forgotten may god bless your family and give them strength in this time of need love all of you.

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**Greg Smith** - December 08, 2015 at 07:10 AM

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“ Jason was the best brother in law ever....he loved his family dearly...he was such a fun spirited person and could make everyone laugh....Im so glad my sister shared her life with him, he made her and their 3 son's very happy and proud....Jay will be truly missed by all....he was very devoted to his Army career and accomplished a lot through the years...we will never forget the impression he made on everyone....fly high our hero....we love and miss you Jay

*Love Angi*

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**Angela Doran** - December 07, 2015 at 05:59 PM



Melissa  
Buschbau

“ I remember, as kids, Jason's personality stood out. He was shy but really funny. I don't think there was anytime that we all hung out and weren't being entertained by him. To know that he married one of my best friends and made her and their three sons happy for so many years makes my heart smile. Then, for him to sacrifice his time with them to defend our country and the freedom it stands for is a true testament to the type of person he was. Each sacrifice, including his last, will never be forgotten.

*Thank you for your service, Jason. May you rest in peace.*

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**Melissa Buschbaum** - December 07, 2015 at 03:22 PM

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“ *His service to our country will never be forgotten. Keeping his family in our thoughts and prayers. Blue Star Mothers of America - Houston Texas Chapter*

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**Beth Durham-Gillett** - December 07, 2015 at 06:08 AM

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“ *I'm so sorry for your lost, my prayers with you and family.*

*Thank you for your service SFC Jason M. Smith RIP.*



*SFC Youlanda Turner-McCullum US ARMY>*

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**Lynae Turner** - December 05, 2015 at 01:54 PM

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“ *I did not know Jason personally, but my heartfelt condolences and prayers go out to his family during this time of loss. I am forever grateful for the sacrifices made by him as well as by you as he dedicated his life to the service to our country.. May God bless all of you.*

*J. Voelker*

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**J. Voelker** - December 05, 2015 at 07:05 AM

HV

“ *Sheila and Rock we are so very sorry to hear of the loss of your son. Such a wonderful person that had accomplished a lot in such a few years. Our prayers go out for the two of you and his wife and kids.*

*May GOD help you thru these difficult days. He is in Heaven being God's co-pilot.*

*God Bless SFC Jason Smith. May you rest in peace.*

*Helen Jackson Villarta and family*

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**Helen Jackson Villarta** - December 04, 2015 at 09:34 PM