



## Kenneth Wade Smith

March 25, 1971 - August 14, 2022

Dateline: Alton, IL

Kenneth Wade Smith, 51, died at 3:29 a.m. on Sunday, August 14, 2022 at OSF St. Anthony's in Alton. He was born March 25, 1971 in Alton the son of Dixie (Sams) Maul and Fred Maul. Kenneth was a Registered Nurse at Children's Hospital in St. Louis, MO. On August 24, 1997 in Carlyle, IL he married the former Toby Fauke. She survives. Also surviving are three sons, Quinten Voss of Rosewood Heights, Spencer Smith (Brytani) of Alton and Liam Smith of Alton, two brothers, Kevin Smith of Lake of the Ozarks, MO, Ryan Smith (Courtney) of Hamel, IL, two sisters, Malinda Turner (Gary) of Wood River, Randa McEuen (Gary) of Columbia, MO, one stepbrother, Samuel Maul of East Alton, three stepsisters, Annette Durham (Patrick) of Godfrey, Becca Elgin (Bill) of Waynesboro, PA and Deanna Sichra (Chris) of Godfrey, and his father and mother-in-law, Dave and Lin Fauke of Breese, IL. He was preceded in death by a son, Carsen Smith. A Celebration of Life service will be held from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Saturday, September 3, 2022 at the Wood River Moose Lodge. Memorials may be made to the Rosewood Heights Fire Department. Additional information and online guest book may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

SEP 3. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM.

Wood River Moose Lodge  
Wood River, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth Wade Smith*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Kenneth Wade Smith*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *I met Kenny way back in 7th grade at Roxana Jr High school. He was always so nice to me and I can't remember ever seeing him without a smile on his face. We had many classes together through the years until we graduated in 1989. It just doesn't seem like it was that long ago. I still am finding it so hard to believe he is gone. I'm so so sorry for your loss.*

**Alison (Brown) Maguire** - September 16, 2022 at 12:48 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth Wade Smith.*



September 01, 2022 at 10:28 PM

CV

“ I met Ken in 2005 when I started at St. Louis Children's ER, he always had a story to tell and a positive message to share. No matter the situation he was always someone that could share the light. He will be greatly missed! Thinking of all of his family and friends.

Casey Voegtle - August 31, 2022 at 01:23 PM

DM

“ I as many know Ken from working in the ER at Children's, as a float pool nurse. He was the perfect mix of knowledge, fun, caring, and business. I remember He liked telling stories and including his kids in those stories. My prayers are with both the work and home families he has left. May God give you comfort during this time of sorrow

Donna J McLaughlin - August 28, 2022 at 02:16 PM

KM

“ Working at SLCH, I have spoken with Ken so many times on the phone. He was always pleasant, courteous, helpful and willing to share his sense of humor during long night shifts. I cannot believe he is gone and I will miss talking with him. You are in my prayers.

Kristine Moore

Kristine Moore - August 22, 2022 at 04:13 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Kenneth Wade Smith.



August 18, 2022 at 04:46 PM

IB

“ I worked in the Emergency Children Hospital as a Patient Access Representative with Ken as he was a charge nurse always willing to help in any situations.....He will be missed.....Ina ClarkBates

Ina Clark Bates - August 18, 2022 at 04:43 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth Wade Smith.



August 18, 2022 at 03:28 AM

KW

“ I worked with Ken at SLCH when I was in the float pool and ER. Ken was a person I was immediately drawn to because of his work ethic and his personality. I learned a ton from him as a fairly new nurse and always looked forward to him being on the schedule. He was able to help the place stay calm during intense situations and make you laugh. He will be truly missed.

Kyle Wood - August 17, 2022 at 09:13 PM

TW

“ I worked with Ken at SLCH. When I came to SLCH, I honestly was burnt out from the profession and was actively looking for something else. But Ken and the SLCH team I was with made me feel so welcome, taught me far more in 2yrs than I knew from my previous 5 and gave me more laughter and great memories that I treasure. Ken was always there and wrote a character reference which helped me commission into the US Air Force. I will always be thankful to him for helping me after only knowing me for such a short period of time.

To his family: Ken was a great man, wonderful person, just one of my favorite humans ever to cross paths with. He would always tell us how much he loved his family and you could hear it in his voice and see the twinkle in his eyes.

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**Tiffany Welsh** - August 16, 2022 at 02:43 PM

LK

“ I worked with Ken in the ER at SLCH . He was always kind to me and all his patients . Ken had a passion for his work and it showed. He took care of my daughter once in the ER and gave her excellent care and made her feel very comfortable during a painful experience . He was a wonderful human and will be missed by many .

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**lisa karcher** - August 16, 2022 at 10:40 AM

DA

“ I worked with Ken for most of my career in pediatrics. I always admired his work ethic, his positivity, and his knowledge. No matter how bad of a day he had, Ken would still be able to crack a joke and make light of a situation. He was a great nurse and I learned a lot from him. His kindness, sense of humor, and joyful presence will be greatly missed.

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**Dan** - August 16, 2022 at 09:19 AM

TR

“ *Memories of running the halls of the SLC ED hospital with you Ken! Continue to watch over us all down here on earth and Rest In Peace! Condolence to your family.*

*Tatonya Roberts and family*



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**Tatonya Roberts** - August 16, 2022 at 09:08 AM