



## Caleb Aaron Smith

January 6, 1999 - September 21, 2016

Obituary for Caleb Aaron Smith,

Caleb Aaron Smith, age 17, born on January 6, 1999 in Warren, Ohio. Passed away from this life on September 21, 2016 in Dallas, Texas. He was preceded in death by his grandfather Don D. Pendergraft. He is survived by his mother Rebecca Jean Pendergraft and stepfather Kelly D. Pendergraft, father Justin Smith and stepmother Amber Smith, brothers' Jacob Pendergraft (19), Liam Pendergraft (17), Andrew Smith (12), and sisters' Allyson Pendergraft (10), Tatum Smith (9), and Grandmother Lynn Pendergraft.

Caleb was a very special young man. He was quiet, kind, loving, independently-minded, lovably awkward, and very technically inclined. He was also well traveled, and as a very young child had spent time living abroad in Italy, thereafter he also had the opportunity to experience life in several states, like Ohio, Arizona, Oregon, Missouri, Illinois, and Texas. Caleb was curious about the world around him and had a desire to know the "how" and "why" things worked in the way that they did, probably explaining why he enjoyed watching hours of the television program How It's Made. He also shared a deep respect and interest for criminal justice, and had plans of seeking a career that combined his love and talent for computer applications with the field of law enforcement. Caleb was an inspiration to those that were closest to him, in his later teen years he faced numerous medical challenges with bravery, humility, & grace. Often times providing an example of spiritual strength with an insightfulness and understanding that was beyond his years. He also enjoyed spending time with his family, hanging out with his grandmother, his beloved dogs; Raina, Bubba, & Star, video gaming, computer programming, woodcrafts, paintballing, and vacationing in the mountains of his favorite state Colorado.

Memorial services in the memory of Caleb will be held on Saturday, October 1, 2016 at 10 am, at the Roanoke Church of Christ located at 305 Rusk Street in Roanoke, Texas. Any memorial donations can be received at the Roanoke Church of Christ from noon to 5 pm on Friday, September 30th, and from 8 am to 10 am on Saturday, October 1st. Caleb's family would like to extend a special & enduring gratitude to the medical staff and caregivers at Children's Hospital of Dallas, your loving care and compassion were invaluable and precious through vital moments in the life of our son.

# Comments

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“ We worked together, and he was always the best at what he did and gave it his all. He would always correct me when I would mess up at work and he was just a kind person trying to do all things with the right mindset. We weren't close, but I hope you rest easy bud.

**David Daniel** - October 03, 2016 at 11:55 PM

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“ My heartfelt condolences to the family.  
Pearl Grant (Eastland Church of Christ FtW. TX)  
So very sorry!

**Pearl Grant** - September 28, 2016 at 01:47 PM

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“ I enjoyed the few weeks that I was able to have Caleb as my student. I can easily see how he could draw others to want to be his friend. Caleb, you had a wonderful presence about you and seemed to always be cheerful and kind. I will miss getting to know you better. God bless you and your family!

**Brenda Orth** - September 27, 2016 at 05:42 PM

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“ I got to work with Caleb as he recovered from his heart transplant. It was such a pleasure to visit with him and hear about what was going on in his life. He had a calm and happy spirit that we will miss, but remember always.  
Thanks for sharing part of your life with me, Caleb  
-Coach Deel

**Coach Deel** - September 27, 2016 at 03:45 PM

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“ You will be missed. Good-bye. Caleb Aaron Smith

**Sheila Tolefree** - September 27, 2016 at 03:14 PM

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“ From the first time I met you, I was amazed at your quiet strength. No complaints, just going through each day doing what needed to be done. When it came time to fight, you gave it all you had. I am going to miss you, but I am not going to forget what you taught me. And I know we will see each other again. Nurse Susie

**Susie Pyle** - September 24, 2016 at 09:42 AM

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“ As a little guy you had an infections spirit that lit the room. I can only imagine what you would have done if you were given more time on earth. God had a greater plan that only he can see. You are greatly loved and missed

**Tonya** - September 23, 2016 at 07:57 PM



“ Caleb, I'm glad and happy that I had the opportunity the get to meet and spend great time with you and wished I would have to known you more. I love you buddy and will miss you. You would have grown into a great man! Your parents will miss you dearly and will remember the best times they had with you. You are in good hands up there! Miss you and Love you! Becky, you need anything or an ear to listen too, i am hear for you. Love and miss you all! Praying for you all cer much!

**michael palm** - September 23, 2016 at 10:36 PM



“ Caleb, from the minute we met I knew would be good friends, we had our talks in my garage about life and the future many times, you helped me on the haunted house like no one else could and we will miss you very much. You are an inspiration to all of because strength and love for all and what you brought to this earth, I will see you down the road and hope to continue our talks!

**Jim kellner** - September 26, 2016 at 12:42 PM



“ Caleb, I was blessed to have you as a student in my Government class. I'm saddened that I wasn't able to build a closer relationship with you in our short time together. You will never be forgotten and heaven will welcome you with open arms.

**Jeff Barksdale** - September 27, 2016 at 03:26 PM