



## Matthew Mark Smith

October 16, 1983 - March 11, 2012

Matthew Mark Smith age 28 of Cambridge, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, March 11, 2012 at the Music Venue in Youngstown, Ohio. He was born on October 16, 1983 in Akron, son of Pastor Mark B. Smith and Deborah S. Lepp Smith of Cambridge.

Matt was a 2002 graduate of Cambridge High School and attended Liberty University of Virginia. He was a member of First Baptist Church and Young Life. He previously worked with the Coppins family at Blind Horse Knives and was employed with Kevin Scott at Nevermore Tattoos. The passion of his life was music which led to his career as a professional musician.

Matt leaves behind: his parents, Mark and Debi; a sister Malisa Smith of Cambridge; a paternal grandmother Charlene Smith of North Canton, formerly of Byesville; many aunts, uncles and cousins; church family & band family members.

He is preceded in death by paternal grandfather, Bernard C. Smith and maternal grandparents Earl & Gladys Lepp.

Matthew lived his life by this following quote by Kathe Kullwitz " I do not want to die... until I have faithfully made the most of my talent and cultivated the seed that was placed in me until the last small twig has grown."

Visitation will be on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at Bundy-Law Funeral Home from 2 to 4 pm and 6 to 9 pm. The funeral service will be held at First Baptist Church on Thursday, March 15, 2012 at 11 am with his father Pastor Mark Smith and Rev. Tim Smith officiating. Burial will follow in Northwood Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church and Missions Program 136 East 8th Street Cambridge, Ohio 43725. The on line guest book may be signed at [www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com](http://www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Northwood Cemetery

10th Street  
Cambridge, OH 43725

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 14. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bundy-Law Funeral Home  
120 North 11th Street  
Cambridge, OH 43725  
(740) 432-5705  
info@bundy-lawfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com>

## Visitation

MAR 14. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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120 North 11th Street  
Cambridge, OH 43725  
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## Service

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MAR 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

1st Baptist Church  
136 East 8th Street  
Cambridge, OH 43725  
(740) 432-7408

# Tribute Wall

MS

“ *Malisa Smith (matts Sis) lit a candle in memory of Matthew Mark Smith*



Malisa Smith (matts sis) - April 05, 2012 at 02:12 PM

MS

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“ *i love my brother so much!! c u in heaven love u!*



Malisa Smith (matts sis) - April 05, 2012 at 02:05 PM

JB

“ *Jessica Barton lit a candle in memory of Matthew Mark Smith*



Jessica Barton - April 02, 2012 at 11:33 AM

GG

“ *Gloria Good lit a candle in memory of Matthew Mark Smith*



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**Gloria Good** - March 29, 2012 at 03:53 PM

CH

“ *May your Guardian Angels keep vigil with you during your time of healing. Prayers and Light sent to all. Cheri Harding*



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**Cheri Harding** - March 22, 2012 at 02:03 PM

TW

“ *Tim And Sharon West lit a candle in memory of Matthew Mark Smith*



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**Tim and Sharon West** - March 15, 2012 at 08:46 PM

JW

“ You always hear these stories about the fleeting moments with people who make an indelible impression on you, and for me, Matt was certainly one of those people. I got to know him, perhaps altogether, a total of 3 or 4 hours. His sunny disposition, fun-loving spirit, and genuine desire to promote goodwill throughout the music community inspired me. It's easy to see why he will be so sadly missed. We need more people like Matt to inspire us, but he was truly one of a kind!

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**Jenna Wagner** - March 15, 2012 at 02:15 PM



“ Matt may you rest in peace. I will truly miss you. God got another amazing angel. May you play your music as loud as you want in heaven. I love you



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**emily** - March 15, 2012 at 10:33 AM

DF

“ Matt was such a beautiful person and such an inspiration to others. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.



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**Danielle (Lahmers) Weinzimmer and family** - March 15, 2012 at 07:37 AM


CS

“ *Connie Spencer lit a candle in memory of Matthew Mark Smith*



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**Connie Spencer** - March 14, 2012 at 09:45 PM

 Cathy-Joe Koscoe

“ *Our lives have forever been changed by knowing Matthew. He was a great friend and great person. We will always love him and his family. Thank you Matthew for all that you have done.*

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**Cathy-Joe Koscoe** - March 14, 2012 at 09:20 PM

CK

“ *Mark, Debi and Malisa - We are so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are in our prayers.*  
*Chris & Cheryl Kuhn*



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**Chris & Cheryl Kuhn** - March 14, 2012 at 05:23 PM

NA

“ *I met matt and his sister through Younglife many years ago, and no matter what he always had a smile on his face and was able to make me laugh. He has always been an inspiration to me musically and has forever left an imprint on my heart. I am praying that The Smith Family find peace in knowing that he is smiling down on them from a much better place, and you are forever in my prayers. God Bless*

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**Nicole Ayers** - March 14, 2012 at 03:39 PM

JS

“ We are praying that God will not only comfort you, but that He would give you a double anointing on your ministry. That He would receive the glory for Matt's life and people would come to Christ in all this.  
Pastor Joe Summers & Byesville Assembly of God

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**Joe Summers** - March 14, 2012 at 02:53 PM

BT

“ Bill Taylor lit a candle in memory of Matthew Mark Smith



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**bill taylor** - March 14, 2012 at 02:12 PM

TS

“ TJ Sharrock lit a candle in memory of Matthew Mark Smith



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**TJ Sharrock** - March 14, 2012 at 12:35 PM

TS

*I met Matt through Young Life many years ago, 14-15 years I think. He was an exceptional person; funny, talented, and a great friend. Some of the best times of my life were spent with Matt. My condolences to the family.*

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**TJ Sharrock** - March 14, 2012 at 12:39 PM

SH

“ I met Matt through my Niece when she worked at Cool Beans. It truly amazed me that after meeting him, whenever he saw me, we had a lively conversation (one time it was about fainting goats--Ha Ha). I could almost bet that everytime I walked into Kmart he would pop out from somewhere and talk to me like we were best friends. I truly enjoyed our conversations and he always made me smile! He was unique--very different than anyone I had ever met--an angel! My condolences to his family and friends--you will be missed Matt; heaven is so lucky to have someone like you in thier presence!

Susan Harrier - March 14, 2012 at 09:21 AM

AC

“ You were a kind, gifted young man. Our prayers go out to your family.  
The Chlovechoks

Anne Chlovechok - March 14, 2012 at 08:06 AM

DV

“ Danielle Valentine lit a candle in memory of  
Matthew Mark Smith



Danielle Valentine - March 14, 2012 at 05:39 AM



“ *Debi, Mark, Malisa, we grieve on your behalf, unable to comprehend the depth of the loss you're dealing with. We love you all and you come to our minds often, and we whisper your names in prayers for comfort and peace. God hold you close in His loving embrace and let you feel the warmth of his encircling arms.*  
*Judy & Ed Woodard*

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**Judy** - March 13, 2012 at 09:07 PM

AH

“ *Mark, Debi, and Malisa,*

*I truly would not be the person I am today without having known Matt. Your family was like a second family to me as a teenager, and I will never forget that. I never questioned the fact that Matt's heart was always in the right place. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

*-Amber Wootton Hertlein*

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**Amber Wootton Hertlein** - March 13, 2012 at 08:57 PM

CP

“ *Sending my thoughts and prayers to family and friends! It's difficult losing such a great person at such a young age. I will always look back on the memories I have of Matt and smile, always a smile on his face and a kind word to say. The kind of guy that could brighten your day just by passing him on the street. He may be gone but he will NEVER be forgotten. My condolences*



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**Cory Thomas Phillips** - March 13, 2012 at 06:43 PM

BK

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you, so sorry for your loss.*

*Bob Kuhn and Shelly Johnson*

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**Bob Kuhn** - March 13, 2012 at 05:28 PM

AB

“ *Matthew was the type of person who could be your big brother if you never had one...he always looked out for us. It didn't matter how much time had passed...whenever I'd see him he always had a smile on his face or a twinkle in his eyes. I loved Matthew because he was true to who he was, and so kind to everyone. He has a loving family that invited any one of Matts friends over to hang out at their home or church. When I just turned 18 he was one of the first people to witness to me and he gave me a scrap of paper with scripture on it. I'm blessed to have known him.*



*Matthew,*

*I will forever remember your free cups of coffee when I was broke, rides to New Philly before Cambridge got a Sheetz, eating at Dennys at all hours, scribbling on the inside of your car, all the times you popped up from no where while shopping in K-Mart...haha you had fun watching those cameras, and that time you and Justin played a few songs for my dad in his hotel room when he was in town. The Lord gives and he also takes away..may you be at peace with him.*

*Your friend,*

*Ashley (Herstine) Berstler & Family,  
Dave, Malachi, & Shiloh Berstler*

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**Ashley Berstler** - March 13, 2012 at 03:36 PM

CT

“ *Thinking of you all. He was a wonderful person. Cherri Tolliver*



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**cherri tolliver** - March 13, 2012 at 03:32 PM

TE

“ *To the Smith Family,*

*I was Matt's freshman roommate at Liberty and I am very saddened at the news of his passing. He made my first year of college and unforgettable one. I appreciated his carefree spirit and his willingness to befriend anyone. He showed me how to live comfortably in your own skin. I haven't spoken with Matt in a couple of years, but the last conversation we had was as if we had never parted ways.*

*I can't imagine the pain you all feel, and I know these next few days will be incredibly tough. I know your grief is heavy, but remember that because of Christ, although we mourn and grieve over the passing of an amazing man, we don't mourn as grieve as those who have no hope. We can have hope today because we know that Matt lives because Christ lives.*

*My prayer is that you will all cling tightly to that truth daily.*

*Blessings,*

*TJ Easter*

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**TJ Easter** - March 13, 2012 at 03:30 PM

DZ

“ *Debbie Dean And Mike Zaenger lit a candle in memory of Matthew Mark Smith*



Debbie Dean and Mike Zaenger - March 13, 2012 at 03:24 PM

Mindy Green

“ *Mindy Green lit a candle in memory of Matthew Mark Smith*



Mindy Green - March 13, 2012 at 01:13 PM

Mindy Green

*Many years have passed since I last spoke to Matt, but I will always remember his sweet nature and genuine love of life. Although those left behind will ache in his absence, I know beyond a shadow of doubt that Matt will sing with the Angels and forever watch over those in need of his love and guidance. My thoughts and prayers will be with Matt's extended family and friends. Until we meet again...*

Mindy Green - March 13, 2012 at 01:20 PM



“ *Thomas And Deborah A. Snyder lit a candle in memory of Matthew Mark Smith*



Thomas and Deborah A. Snyder - March 13, 2012 at 12:37 PM



*While unable to attend physically, we will both be there in spirit. Our thoughts and prayers of strength are with you during this time of grief.*

**Thomas and Deborah A. Snyder** - March 13, 2012 at 12:39 PM

PE

“ *Pam Engstrom sent a virtual gift in memory of Matthew Mark Smith*



**Pam Engstrom** - March 13, 2012 at 12:33 PM

PE

*You will FOREVER be a BLESSING.*

**Pam Engstrom** - March 13, 2012 at 12:34 PM

RH

“ *I wish there were words to express how my heart aches for your loss. I love you, and you are all on my mind and in my prayers.*



**Robin (Smith) Haddox** - March 13, 2012 at 10:40 AM

RR

“ *Mark, Debi & Malisa:*

*Where do we begin? Words can not express the sorrow we feel in our hearts at this time. Matthew was one of the greatest young men we have had the privilege of knowing. He took Seth under his wings and we knew we never had anything to worry about. Christmas Eve will never be the same at our home. Our life has been truly blessed by Matthew. We will miss him not playing his guitar and singing the songs God gave him to write at Church. Our church will not be the same without his presence.*

*May God give you strength and comfort during this time. We love you all.*

*Dale, Rhonda, Jordan & Caleb*

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**Rhonda Rogers** - March 13, 2012 at 10:34 AM

TW

“ *Matt left footprints on my heart that will always make me smile! Love and prayers to Mark, Debi, and Malisa.*  
*-Terri Wootton*

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**Terri Wootton** - March 13, 2012 at 09:50 AM

EJ

“ *Elizabeth Johnson lit a candle in memory of Matthew Mark Smith*



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**Elizabeth Johnson** - March 13, 2012 at 09:44 AM

EJ

*so sorry for the loss of Matt i didnt know him very well except the few classes i had with him*

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**Elizabeth Johnson** - March 13, 2012 at 09:45 AM



“ *Bob,amber,alex Jacob Sells lit a candle in memory of Matthew Mark Smith*



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**bob,amber,alex jacob sells** - March 13, 2012 at 09:30 AM

KS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Matthew and his family..Gods blessings!*

*Kathy Hupp Smith and Kyle Smith*



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**Kathryn Hupp Smith** - March 13, 2012 at 09:02 AM

BW

“ I met Matthew about six years ago at Cool Beans. I was immediately impressed by his gregarious and kind nature. He took time out of his busy life to visit with me at my home and about town. He had a strength and integrity that shined through all his dealings with those around him. He had all the qualities of a friend - well-settled, well-seeing, straightforward, loved his community, an admiral person, and he would stick with you to the end. I've always felt it is very important to make the right choice in choosing a friend. You could not go wrong if you became a friend of Matthew. This Prince of Cambridge we will see again. I for one look forward to it.

*Bill Wilson*

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**Bill Wilson** - March 13, 2012 at 08:41 AM

DC

“ There's so many great things to say about Matt and nothing bad at all, he was a great friend and he will be missed so much. My prayers and heart go out to Mark, Debi and Malisa, my heart hurts knowing the pain you are going through

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**Deana Craft-Barlock** - March 13, 2012 at 07:37 AM

SM

“ For the short time I got to know Matt, he was truly a blessing that God put on this earth. I will never forget the first time I met him. He always knew how to really words to use. My condolences go out to the Smith family and all of his friends as well. Matt, will never be forgotten & always remembered. <3



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**Sierra Haynes Miller** - March 12, 2012 at 09:48 PM

SM

*\*knew what words to say in the time of need.*

Sierra Haynes Miller - March 12, 2012 at 09:54 PM



“ Missy Bayly

*I remember Matthew best when he worked for me. His father said, Missy my son needs a job. I said, good I need an employee! Send him up so he can apply. So Matthew applied for a job as a shoe salesman! He got the job! He came to work on time as expected and he work diligently on all tasks required! I remember watching him work...many many days i would just stand there and watch him. I would often think to myself, how long will I have him here? Something about him was different from anyone I've ever met. Matthew never complained or called off work, he got along with everyone. He didn't physically struggle with the job. Just watching him though, I could see he didn't care much for selling shoes. I knew when God was ready to send him elsewhere Matthew's time with me come to an end. He will move on and get the chance to meet new people and experience new beginnings. As a young man entering into the world, the sky is the limit. And limitless is how I knew Matthew. It doesn't seem like 7 years has past since then, and I remember it like it was yesterday. He will forever be in my heart just as he was.....Matthew.*

Missy McIntyre-Bayly - March 12, 2012 at 09:45 PM



“ lit a candle in memory of Matthew Mark Smith



March 12, 2012 at 09:23 PM



“ *My prayers go out to the Smith family. Even though I never knew Matthew. He will be greatly missed. Have fun in Heaven, Matt. Rest in Peace.*

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March 12, 2012 at 09:21 PM



“ *Natasha Holt lit a candle in memory of Matthew Mark Smith*



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**Natasha Holt** - March 12, 2012 at 09:19 PM



“ *Robert Shaffer lit a candle in memory of Matthew Mark Smith*



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**robert shaffer** - March 12, 2012 at 08:30 PM

MS

“ *Mark, Debi, and Malisa,*

*My heart is heavy with grief thinking of your loss. Matt was a great guy and was always pleasant. He was his own person, and that was refreshing. I know how you're feeling right now, and it's good to know you are surrounded by many friends and family. I know there is nothing I can do for you right now except just to let you know I'm thinking of you. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Martha Seresun*

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**Martha Seresun** - March 12, 2012 at 08:30 PM

TM

“ *Tiffany McKown lit a candle in memory of Matthew Mark Smith*



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**Tiffany McKown** - March 12, 2012 at 08:29 PM

JM

“ *Jeff Myers lit a candle in memory of Matthew Mark Smith*



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**Jeff Myers** - March 12, 2012 at 08:24 PM

BB

“ *Brittney Boyd lit a candle in memory of Matthew Mark Smith*



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**Brittney Boyd** - March 12, 2012 at 07:59 PM

BB

*You will be missed my friend. Thoughts and prayers to The Smith family.*

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**Brittney Boyd** - March 12, 2012 at 08:01 PM

CH

“ *Chuck And Jackie Hupp lit a candle in memory of Matthew Mark Smith*



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**chuck and jackie hupp** - March 12, 2012 at 07:51 PM

CM

“ *Cortney Masters lit a candle in memory of Matthew Mark Smith*



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**Cortney Masters** - March 12, 2012 at 07:40 PM

TN

“ *Tiffany Nealey lit a candle in memory of Matthew Mark Smith*



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**Tiffany nealey** - March 12, 2012 at 07:29 PM

EW

“ *Emily Bistor Wagle lit a candle in memory of Matthew Mark Smith*



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**Emily Bistor Wagle** - March 12, 2012 at 07:20 PM



“ *Betsy Law lit a candle in memory of Matthew Mark Smith*



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**Betsy Law** - March 12, 2012 at 07:13 PM



*My deepest sympathy to Matthew's family. Rev and Mrs. Mark Smith*

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**Betsy Law** - March 12, 2012 at 07:13 PM

SP

“ Stacy, Jack & Aaron Parrott lit a candle in memory of Matthew Mark Smith



Stacy, Jack & Aaron Parrott - March 12, 2012 at 06:54 PM

SR

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Seth Alan Rogers - March 12, 2012 at 05:32 PM



“ 3 files added to the album New Album Name



Janice Hupp - March 12, 2012 at 05:18 PM

GN

“ Gary And Linda Nicholson lit a candle in memory of Matthew Mark Smith



Gary and Linda Nicholson - March 12, 2012 at 05:06 PM

ML

“ *Mark and Debbie and family, so so sorry to hear about Matt. Your family will be in my prayers. Matt was 2 years older than my daughter, Ashley Larrick in school and I remember on Christmas Eve 2000, he and a friend of his picked up my husband who was walking home on old 21 and brought him home and hung out at our house for a while. He was a good kid. May God give you that peace that only he can give that passeth all of our understanding, and strength in this time of sorrow. Mindy Larrick*

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**Mindy Larrick** - March 12, 2012 at 04:57 PM

SW

“ *Dear Mark, Debi and Malisa, Words cannot begin to express how heavy our hearts are at this time. Matt was a wonderful young man and will be greatly missed by our whole church family. Your faith will carry you through these difficult days, but please know that we are praying for each of you and your family. We love you and are here for you if we can help in anyway. In friendship and love.....Sandy & Larry West*



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**Sandy & Larry West** - March 12, 2012 at 04:53 PM

KW

“ *Dear Mark Debi and Malisa, I am so sorry for your loss. It is nice to know that he is with God in a beautiful and peaceful place. Our hearts are heavy and he will be missed, but what a glorious day when we will see him again! I love you guys!!*



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**Kim Wilson** - March 12, 2012 at 03:34 PM

JR

“ *Jamie Robison-Hackley lit a candle in memory of Matthew Mark Smith*



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**Jamie Robison-Hackley** - March 12, 2012 at 03:21 PM

JB

“ *Joy Hickman Bales lit a candle in memory of Matthew Mark Smith*



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**Joy Hickman Bales** - March 12, 2012 at 02:24 PM

FT

“ *Dear Mark, Debi and Malisa,  
Words cannot be formed to express our condolences on Matt's passing. As my Facebook post indicated, he has earned a ring side seat next to our Lord. How I wish we were there to support and love you this week. I know our church family there as well as the rest of the community will make up for our absence. I love you all. Fran and Bill Taylor*

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**Francine Taylor** - March 12, 2012 at 01:51 PM

TH

“ *Tracey Hogan lit a candle in memory of Matthew Mark Smith*



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**Tracey Hogan** - March 12, 2012 at 01:37 PM



“ *Deana Craft-Barlock lit a candle in memory of Matthew Mark Smith*



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**Deana Craft-Barlock** - March 12, 2012 at 01:36 PM



“ *Your Granddaughter Kat Watson lit a candle in memory of Matthew Mark Smith*



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**Your granddaughter Kat watson** - March 12, 2012 at 01:29 PM



“ *Linda And Mitch Kuster sent a virtual gift in memory of Matthew Mark Smith*



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**Linda and Mitch Kuster** - March 12, 2012 at 01:22 PM