



Mr. William "Gene" Smallwood

June 11, 1974 - May 9, 2017

William Eugene "Gene" Smallwood, 42, of Gastonia, formerly of Asheboro, died Tuesday, May 9, 2017 in Gastonia.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, May 11, 2017, at Ridge Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Randolph Memorial Park.

Gene was born June 11, 1974 in Washington D.C. He was a graduate of Southwestern Randolph High School and earned his B.S. at High Point University. Gene worked as a paralegal at Hedrick Gardner Kincheloe & Garofalo, LLP, in Charlotte. He was a loving, hardworking and caring person. An avid sports fan, Gene especially enjoyed basketball and was a diehard Duke fan. He loved his family.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Virginia Cousins Smallwood; grandparents, Kent and Julia Dellinger Smallwood, Sydney and Dorothy Thomas Wright; and his uncle, Malcolm "Pee Wee" Wright.

Survivors include his father, Bruce Smallwood of Martinsville, VA; sister, Michelle L. Schadt and husband, Chris of Asheboro; brothers, Michael E. Smallwood of Hartfield, VA, Gregory L. Smallwood and wife, Vivian of Eau Claire, WI; uncles, Steve Smallwood, Danny Smallwood and wife, Ellen, David Smallwood and wife, Angie, Orien Smallwood and wife, Jackie; aunt, Jeannette Wright; and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home, prior to the service.

Cemetery

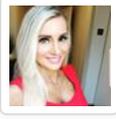
Randolph Memorial Park
4538 US Highway 220 Bus. North
Asheboro, NC, 27203

Events

MAY 11 Visitation 01:00PM - 02:00PM
Ridge Funeral Home
908 Albemarle Road, Asheboro, NC, US, 27203

MAY 11 Service 02:00PM
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Comments



“ I worked with Gene at Hedrick Gardner. We became fast friends at work but that friendship has lasted through job changes, life changes and many years. I loved Gene. He had a heart of gold and would give you the shirt off of his back. He was so giving and caring. He always listened and never complained, even when his stroke a few years ago caused him to be partially paralyzed. Yet, Gene never complained. He was never a victim. He always made me smile. Gene was a definite bright spot in my life as a friend and a person. We still went to lunch from time to time and he would always be upbeat and smiling. I will miss Gene so much. Gene was an amazing guy who overcame adversity and made the best of life - every day. Sending prayers to Gene's family. RIP Gene.

Joy M. Chappell

Joy Chappell - May 10, 2017 at 01:48 PM



“ It was a pleasure working with Gene at HGKG. He always had a smile and made our day brighter! Gene will be greatly missed! He will be missed! Prayers for the family.

Debbie Johnson - May 10, 2017 at 12:12 PM



“ I too worked with Gene at HGKG and it was an honor to work with him. Gene was such a special person. I am so saddened by his passing. I am so thankful to have such wonderful memories of him. Gene will be missed by all of us who knew and loved him. My sympathies to his family.
Lisa Crowder

Lisa Crowder - May 10, 2017 at 11:47 AM



“ I also had the pleasure of working with and knowing Gene. My family had the pleasure of knowing Gene as well. He was such a wonderful person. I am saddened by the loss of this wonderful friend. My family and I send our condolences to the Smallwood family.



Debra Poles - May 10, 2017 at 10:15 AM



“ Gene was truly one of the good guys. I worked with him for quite a while at HGKG and he was always my go-to guy who would invent a solution if I couldn't think of anything. He made the world a better place. Gene, if you're listening, tell them up there you want to play the saxophone now. You didn't get the chance down here but I'll bet your chances up there are good. My prayers and sympathy to the family.

Cindi Hunt - May 10, 2017 at 10:10 AM



“ I worked with Gene at Hedrick, Gardner as well. We all loved Gene. He was like our work brother. He was always glad to help you no matter what your need. Gene never complained and was nice to be around. I used to lunch with Gene some, too, and will truly miss him. I always enjoyed seeing him when he visited the firm and getting up to date on what he's been doing. My heart is broken, but I have joy in knowing that we can see him again because he is with Jesus Christ in Heaven. Shirlina told me that she believes his mom was the first to welcome Gene to Heaven with a hug. Many, many good memories of Gene and pleasant thoughts. My thoughts and prayers go to Gene's family. Tina Campbell

Tina P. Campbell - May 10, 2017 at 10:08 AM



“ I worked with Gene for several years at Hedrick and appreciated his humor, smile and willingness to pitch in wherever he was needed. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. He will be missed. - Megan Johnson Scholz

Megan Johnson Scholz - May 10, 2017 at 09:57 AM



“ I also had the pleasure of working with Gene for many years as well at HGKG.... No matter the circumstance Gene was always there with a smile on his face and happy to help out and go over and above. The world lost a wonderful person. You will be missed my friend. RIP

Amy Levy - May 10, 2017 at 09:52 AM



“ Gene was my work and lunch buddy even after he left HGKG. He was just here a couple weeks ago having lunch with us. I just can't believe he is gone! I'm going to miss seeing his smiling face when he arrived and smelling like his cologne after hugging him. My thoughts and prayers are with the Smallwood family.



Daphne Little - May 10, 2017 at 08:35 AM



“ Gene was one of the kindest people I've ever had the pleasure of working with. My thoughts and prayers are with all who loved him. He was one of a kind for sure! Rest in Peace my friend.

Sheila Spooner

Sheila Spooner - May 10, 2017 at 08:04 AM



“ God be with Bruce and his children as they go thur this trying time. Let them know they are in my thoughts and my prayers.

Nellie Smallwood - May 10, 2017 at 04:38 AM



“ My prayers go out to the Smallwood family. "Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted."- Matthew 5:4 May the Lord give you His sustaining grace in your time of need.

Jeremy Varner - May 09, 2017 at 09:29 PM