



Steven Anthony Smith

August 30, 1964 - November 20, 2021

Steven Anthony Smith of Richardson, Texas passed peacefully on November 20, 2021, at the age of 57. He was born on August 30, 1964, to Morris M. and Norma (Bonner) Smith in Washington, DC. Steven graduated from DeMatha Catholic High School in 1982. He received his bachelor's degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management from Pennsylvania State University where he was the co-captain of the 1986 National Championship Football Team. In 1987, Steven was drafted by the Los Angeles Raiders as a full back where he played for 7 years. In his last two years in the NFL, he played for the Seattle Seahawks, retiring in 1996. Steven opened his full-service carwash in Marietta, Georgia which he sold after 6 years. The family relocated to Plano, Texas where he became a Philly Connection Franchise Business Broker, helping them to expand to the Texas Market. In 2002, Steven was diagnosed with ALS and he didn't let it slow him down. He was originally given 3-5 years, but he defeated that by living 20 years.

Steven was a man of strong faith, giving his life to Jesus Christ at age 6. During his illness, he recommitted his life to Jesus and would read the bible front to back. Steven was a member of Grace Outreach Center in Plano and St. Paul Catholic Church in Richardson. When he visited Maryland, he would attend Renewal Christian Center, pastored by Rev. Dr. A.B.K. Appiah. After Steven was unable to travel, Pastor Appiah would come to visit him several times in Texas. Steven touched many lives and will be missed by many.

He is survived by his wife, Chie Smith; daughter, Jazmin Smith; son, Dante Smith and daughter-in-law Samantha Smith; grandson, Little Steve Smith; parents, Morris and Norma Smith; siblings, Cheryl Smith and Michael Smith; Uncle Alfred Smith, Jr. and Aunt Patricia Smith; nieces, Nikki, Danyelle, Aahmil, Blessyne, and Zya; Great Aunt Vera Harris; mother-in-law, Yoshie Aguilar-Hiroto; and numerous other loving family and friends.

Steven was preceded in death by his grandparents, Alfred Smith, Sr. and Virgie Smith and Howard and Earlena Bonner; and father-in-law, Po-Pe Aguilar.

Memorials

My condolences to the entire family. Steve was like family to us. My parents Charles and Ellene Taylor (Dec) adored Steve. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted" (Matthew 5:4).

DENYCE KINARD, DECEMBER 12, 2021

I will always remember Steve with his huge smile and kind heart. I told Steve that my class was studying countries in Africa. He came to my school to share his amazing trip with my 1st grade class. This was the highlight of their day and mine. Rest In Peace Steve. My deepest condolences to Chie and family. May God bless your life and give you gifts of encouragement.

MARCIA SELLERS, DECEMBER 11, 2021

May God Bless Steve and the Family, or prayers are with you.

JOHN HULL, DECEMBER 8, 2021

Thinking of all the precious memories of Steve as a superb professional player for the Raiders. His character and deep faith in Our Dear Lord showed all of Us that Faith in Jesus will give Us the Courage and Strength needed to help to Us Overcome many of of Our Afflictions. After all the Spiritual Graces and the good fight that Steve actually endured, the Good Lord finally called Dear Steve Home to Paradise... May Steve Rest, in Our Dear Lord's, Everlasting Peace, Forevermore... RN4L... Amen...

JOHN M. KUKAWKA , DECEMBER 7, 2021

Nothing but Love! Once a Raider always a Raider!! #RaiderNation



JIMMY LAJEUNESSE, DECEMBER 7, 2021

My sincere condolences to the family. One of my favorite Fullbacks. May you find peace through his transition.

DWOHNTANY WILDER, DECEMBER 7, 2021

I have remain inspired by your family, with everything you all did for each other. I remember Steve as a player for my favorite team, and was saddened when I first read about his diagnosis. He did what maybe 5 percent of people do... he persevered. As a family , your persevered. You grew together, not apart. The love you have shown each other , and shared with us throughout multiple interviews, etc., shows what God's will can do, and what strength He can give. God bless you all.

PHYLLIS, DECEMBER 7, 2021

Chie, Jazmin, and Dante, I was deeply saddened when Amari told me about Steve's passing. Please accept my heartfelt condolences. May the love shown by family and friends bring you all peace and comfort in the days ahead. God Bless You!!

CASSANDRA NEWTON, DECEMBER 7, 2021

Please know my family has you all in their thoughts and prayers. Although it's been ages, I've never forgotten how our paths crossed and how we became part of each other's lives. I'll never forget Princess, and the day we went out on the sea-doo's, and the visit to the zoo, and even the day you tried to teach me how to swim, Mrs. Chie! I remember it all. And I am so sorry for your loss, but so grateful to witness his and your strength over the years. Truly an inspiration to us all and a beautiful example of real love, perseverance and faith.

AMARI CLEMENTS, DECEMBER 6, 2021

Steve you will be greatly missed. Growing up together, you Greg and I were some of the best times. I will always cherish those times. You are my brother and always will be. Rest peacefully. Love You, Joe

JOE KING, DECEMBER 4, 2021

You were loved by not only your family, but by all who entered your life as a stranger but ended up calling you a friend. He touched so many lives and he will be sorely missed. Please except my warmest condolences for your loss. When you feel sadness, look to the heavens and remember there is another star to light the night sky and to watch over you and yours. That will be Steven. Stay strong and remember how much he loved you and his family. Donna

DONNA R. BROWN, DECEMBER 2, 2021

*Steve was a great guy. He was always positive and humble back in "the glory days". He had a great sense of humor. I will never forget "The Frig" fullback as Paul Pomfret nicknamed him in 1985. Steve was indeed one of the true difference makers given to us by God. From my vantage point, Steve's fight against ALS was pure bravery and example for us all in how to live with toughness and spirit. My deepest condolences to the entire family. Sincerely,
Tom Wilk PSU Football Lettermen 1985*

TOM WILK, DECEMBER 2, 2021

I arrived in State College in 1986 as a nervous, scared freshman.... Steve was one of the first seniors to interact and make the freshman feel like they were a part of this senior dominated team. Great football player, great teammate and an even greater man! My condolences and prayers go out to his family and friends. WE ARE.

FRANK GIANNETTI , DECEMBER 2, 2021

Steve was always one of the toughest players on the field, and he proved to be the same in his battle off the field. If we could all live like he did, the world would be a better place.

DWAYNE RUSH, DECEMBER 2, 2021

God bless you Steve and your entire family. You were an inspirational leader and you live on in our memories.

CRAIG AND ALYCE FIEDLER, DECEMBER 2, 2021

Rest in Peace my PSU brother. Rest in Peace. Bergie

JEFF BERGSTROM, DECEMBER 2, 2021

Was an absolutely outstanding teammate, but a far better friend and role model.

PATRICK SLATER, NOVEMBER 28, 2021

You were my example of a great man! I still don't know how you got A's using my notes! I got C's with them! Loved rooting for PSU football and watching your gutsy performances! Sorry life took us in different directions. Peace, comfort, and prayers to you and your family! I will always regret not taking your

invitation on joining the football team. Sleep in restful peace my friend!

ANDY, NOVEMBER 26, 2021

Steve, my childhood friend, rest in paradise. My sincere condolences to his family.

LAURIE ANDERSON-SMITH, NOVEMBER 26, 2021

Steve Rest Peacefully

STACEY COLEMAN, NOVEMBER 26, 2021

Dearest Chie and family, with full and sad hearts we mourn the passing of your beloved husband, father and grandfather. May God cover you with peace and comfort. Steve is a rest. No more suffering. He was one of God's angels on earth. Now he is one of God's angels in heaven.

IRVING AND EDYTHE HARRIS, NOVEMBER 25, 2021

Rest peacefully Steve Love, Peace and Comfort is our prayer for the entire Smith Family! Regina Martin, Jessica (Martin) Shandy and Jade Martin

REGINA MARTIN , NOVEMBER 24, 2021

Sending love to shroud the family

CAROL MOFFETT, NOVEMBER 23, 2021

Much love to you and your family Chie. We are so very sorry for your loss.

NAJA FROWEIN, NOVEMBER 23, 2021

Rest in paradise Steven. Prayers for you and your family

RUBEN CARDENAS, NOVEMBER 23, 2021

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