



## Jason Lee Smith

August 4, 1973 - May 30, 2017

Jason Lee Smith, 43, Olathe, passed away Tuesday, May 30, 2017.

Jason was born August 4, 1973, in Topeka the son of Harold “Hal” and Deborah “Debi” Atteberry Smith. He was a 1991 graduate of Washburn Rural High School. It was during his time in high school that he first volunteered at the Mission Township Fire Department. Jason received his bachelor’s degree in criminal justice from Washburn University in 1996. He worked for the Metropolitan Topeka Airport Authority, during which he graduated first in his class from the Police Academy.

Jason then joined the Lawrence-Douglas County Fire Medical in March of 1997. He was promoted to Engineer in 2005, to Lieutenant in 2011 and to Captain in 2016. He served as an Arson Investigator, received two Cardiac Commendations and was IAFF Local 1596 Union Fire Fighter of the year in 2003. Throughout his career, he obtained the following certifications: Rope Rescue I, Blue Card Incident Commander, Technical Rescue, Fire Officer I and II, Fire Instructor I, JV Fire Setter Intervention Specialist and Advanced Emergency Medical Technician. Jason volunteered with the reserve unit on the Topeka Police Department and served on the Lawrence-Douglas County Fire Medical Honor Guard from 2006 to 2016. He was a member of IAFF Local 1596 and the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

Jason and his family attended Shawnee Heights Baptist Church and most recently Fellowship Bible Church.

On October 9, 1998, Jason and Stephanie Pryor were united in marriage in Las Vegas; she survives.

In his spare time, Jason enjoyed watching KU basketball and listening to music, but most importantly, he enjoyed spending time with his family. Jason was dearly loved and will be deeply missed.

Grateful to have shared his life are his wife, Stephanie Smith, of the home; children, Dallas Pryor, Manhattan and Kate Smith, Olathe; parents, Debi and Hal Smith, Topeka; siblings, David Smith (Irina), Troy Smith, both of Topeka and Carmen Bassham (Darryl), Shawnee; brother-in-law, David Erwin (Tami), Verdon NE; grandparents, Richard and Bettie Atteberry, Topeka, as well as numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Jason was preceded in death by his brother, Jonathan Smith; aunt, Cheryl Thorp; cousin, Jonathon Thorp and nephew, J.D. Smith.

Family will greet friends from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 11th at Fellowship Bible Church, 6800 SW 10th Avenue, Topeka KS 66615.

A celebration of Jason's life will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, June 12th at Fellowship Bible Church.

Inurnment will follow in Mount Hope Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Katharine Smith Educational Fund, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.



# Cemetery Details

## Mount Hope Cemetery

4700 SW 17th Street  
Topeka, KS 66604

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jason Lee Smith*



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**Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home** - June 08, 2017 at 11:24 AM



“ *Jason Lee Smith*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Jason, you welcomed me into your family nearly 17 years ago. I can still hear you singing "Domo arigato Mr. Robert", and we had a good laugh about me calling you Dad when you were only 27 years old. Words cannot describe how much my heart aches. Sending so much love and prayers to you and the family.*

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**Meg** - September 21, 2017 at 08:26 AM

BP

“ We didn't know Jason, but from the obituary he must have been quite a person and served others well. We're so sorry for your loss and sorry we were gone on vacation at the time. Our prayers are still with you. We know Jason is well and in heaven, but the ones left have to go thru the grief. That takes time. We love you and support you.

*Ben and Barb Peter*

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**Barbara Peter** - June 13, 2017 at 06:34 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Jason Lee Smith.



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June 13, 2017 at 05:49 PM

JJ

“ My warmest prayers and hugs out to the families. A special one for my friend Stephanie and their children. I am so sorry for your loss.

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**janelle joseph** - June 07, 2017 at 01:48 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family. I had the pleasure of teaching Kate this past year. She is such an amazing young lady, and I'm sure much of that is because of her parents. Hugs Kate.

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**Jenni Ness** - June 07, 2017 at 10:45 AM

LH

“ May God smother you with all his love, care, and strength in this sad time. I'm wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts. I'm deeply sorry for your loss.

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**Linda & Jerry Head** - June 07, 2017 at 09:41 AM

MD

“ Hal, Debi & Family -  
We were shocked and saddened to hear of Jason's loss. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Our hearts ache today.

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**Mark & Kim Davis** - June 07, 2017 at 08:29 AM

BN

“ So very sorry for your loss. Jason must have been a beautiful person as I have Kate in my class and she is absolutely beautiful inside and out. Many prayers and love to you and your family.

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**Beth Nelson** - June 06, 2017 at 07:48 PM

JR

“ Jason was one of my yoga students. I feel a tremendous loss knowing I won't see him walking in with all his enthusiasm and openness. Always a kind word and easy conversation. He seemed to truly love his job as a firefighter. All of my prayers are with his family. I am blessed to have known him.

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**Joni Rauen** - June 06, 2017 at 07:10 PM

JA

“ So sorry for your loss. May Jason find the peace he was seeking.

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**jeanne arbow** - June 06, 2017 at 01:31 PM

MO

*Thank you Jeanne.*

**Mom** - June 06, 2017 at 06:20 PM

RL

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Smith and Atteberry families. So very sorry for your loss..  
Randy and Mary Beth Lyden*

**Randy and Mary Beth Lyden** - June 05, 2017 at 07:43 AM

SH

“ *Holding all of you in our hearts & prayers always & know that God & Jason's presence will surround & protect you in the days to come. Stu & I rest assured that many lives were saved due to Jason's service & commitment to the job he loved to do & they will forever be grateful.*

*Love*

*Stu Strasner*

*Sheri Horn-Strasner*



**Sheri Horn-Strasner** - June 04, 2017 at 12:49 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jason Lee Smith.*



June 04, 2017 at 08:37 AM

BC

“ *Barbara & Jim Hettinger and Leslie Cunningham purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jason Lee Smith.*



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**Barbara & Jim Hettinger and Leslie Cunningham** - June 04, 2017 at 07:27 AM

CE

“ *Way to early my brother. I'm still in a state of disbelief, but rest well. You'll be missed.*

*Captain Pete Easterwood*

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**Captain Pete Easterwood** - June 04, 2017 at 12:04 AM

SN

“ *Stephanie, so sorry for your loss. Jason was a huge part of your beautiful family. My heartfelt prayers for you all.*

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**Sharon K Nelson** - June 03, 2017 at 11:06 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Jason Lee Smith.*



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June 02, 2017 at 05:25 PM

BR

“ I got the privilege to work with Jason at the Topeka Police Department. What a great guy. You will be missed Jason!! We will take the watch from here brother.

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**Buck Reuter** - June 02, 2017 at 03:43 PM



“ Many of my best memories of childhood include you, Jason. Bus stop shenanigans. Sleepovers. Cub Scouts. Birthday parties. Backyard football. Fireworks. Block parties. Trick or treating. And on and on. I am blessed to have called you friend.

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**Scott Rosene** - June 02, 2017 at 11:46 AM

MO

“ Jason you were always my light. I give thanks to the Lord for blessing my life with you. You will always be in my heart and I thank you for all of the love that you gave me. Love, mom

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**Mom** - June 01, 2017 at 05:10 PM