



Mr. James "Poncho" Smith

September 11, 1967 - July 30, 2008

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Visitation

Wednesday, Aug. 6. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. James "Poncho" Smith*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Hi!*
My name is Jessika!###imported-begin###uplilerly###imported-end###

October 12, 2008 at 08:45 AM



“ *On behalf of my family we would like to thank each of you for your love, support and genuine loyalty to Puncho. Wow, just saying his name Puncho brings laughter and happiness to my heart. We have cried alot in missing him however, with no regrets. Puncho was an affectionate, playful man he always told us he loved us. I can hear his voice now " I luv u sis, I luv u pops. He continuously reminded everyone that he loved his entire family. Family for us is not just a genetic connection. Each fellow, female and friend that we have collected along the way in life and made memories with are our FAMILY! To you our FAMILY thank you.###imported-begin###Sharon "Janell" Meads###imported-end###*

August 30, 2008 at 12:05 AM



“ To the family I just received the news about my friend and most of all someone who was just like a brother to me. I met Puncho at Winston-Salem State Univ. From that day forward I knew I had a true friend. I will miss him and always remember the good and crazy times with this guy. My man you are loved and will always be missed. Your boy and friend forever "Ike Moe"
Atlantic City, New Jersey###imported-begin##Charles "Ike Moe"
Ramseurr###imported-end##

August 19, 2008 at 03:17 PM



“ To the family: My heart felt sympathy to each of you. I just found out about Poncho's departure and I am deeply saddened. My thoughts and prayers are with you Sincerely The Jackson's (Ma, Pops, and Carla) Winston-Salem NC###imported-begin##Carla
Jackson###imported-end##

August 19, 2008 at 08:45 AM



“ We would like to thank you for your love and support that you gave to us. You will always be in our hearts Mr Smith.

Love Always,
The CARR Family-###imported-begin##The Carr Family###imported-end##

August 11, 2008 at 09:43 PM



“ Throughout our lives, we have many friendships... From the casual to those that are precious beyond words. And sometimes, it's not until we hit a bad patch that we discover which are which. When the casual friends see trouble, they smile; give a hearty wave, and say, “Good luck with that.” But the real friends, the true friends – like you – “Puncho” didn't have to think twice before stepping up. Without being asked you gave whatever we needed. From Winston-Salem, North Carolina back to Detroit, Michigan - you were there when we needed you, and to the end you were there when our little sister needed you. You were the kind of friend who was right there to support us, no matter how bad things got – ready to fight the monsters, ready to give us strength, or simply stand by our side. I'm sure you knew how much your loyalty meant to us. You were a joy and an inspiration, and one of the best things that ever happened to our family. You were what a true friend is all about. You blessed our family with your friendship, your love, and your laughter and we thank you and we thank God for bringing you into our lives and giving us a chance to be your friend. We miss you, we love you and you will forever be in our hearts. The Hutson/Boyd Family##imported-begin##The Hutson-Boyd Family##imported-end##

August 07, 2008 at 07:13 PM



“ Puncho it seems like yesterday we were on the phone laughing and talking about old times. U were a good friend for 24 years and I will miss you with every day of my heart. I pray that the Smith family will be strong and we will never forget you. REST IN PEACE! LOVE BIG KIM##imported-begin##Kimberly Williams##imported-end##

August 07, 2008 at 04:03 PM



“ RIP PONCHO.. THE GANG AT THE PLATUMIN..##imported-begin##pam##imported-end##

August 07, 2008 at 03:22 PM



“ James was a dear friend to my Dad, Daniel Germain, and myself. He was truly a good-hearted person who was always willing to help whenever he could. Even in my own Dad's absence I knew that if I should ever need anything, James was only a phone call away...I hope he felt he could depend on me the same. My Dad was blessed to have a friend like James in his life.##imported-begin##Nerissa & Daniel Germain##imported-end##

August 07, 2008 at 11:19 AM



“ It was August 1986 at Winston-Salem State when I met Puncho. There were many days that we thought that we must be crazy to be practicing in 100 degree weather getting yelled at by Coach Hayes. But no matter what happened on the practice field Puncho would always find a way to make you laugh.

Sometimes he got carried away with the jokes, like the time when we were at the airport in Pennsylvania trying to get back to N.C. after a playoff game and he told the clerk not to shake his bag too much because the bomb may go off. The clerk didn't think that it was funny nor did the security guards who surrounded our team thinking we were terrorist.

Punch you will truly be missed and I pray that God will bring strength to your family during this difficult time.

We love you Brother,

Greg Waller##imported-begin##Greg Waller##imported-end##

August 07, 2008 at 09:56 AM



“ I am very blessed to have been very close to Puncho for over 24 years I love you Punch you will truly, truly be missed God bless you Janice and keep you all! Misty##imported-begin##Misty Walton##imported-end##

August 07, 2008 at 03:00 AM



“ Our prayers are with the family today and always. I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Smith as a teacher @ Bethune for my daughter Akena, who later became the godfather of her daughter Te'jaia, whom she affectionately called "Duty". We will miss his kind heart, and loving smile. We love you James, GOD BLESS YOU!##imported-begin##Mrs. Toyika R. Seay & Family##imported-end##

August 06, 2008 at 08:55 PM



“ I did not know James but I certainly knew Poncho. We attended Winston Salem State University together. I remember when I first met him- Camillie use to talk about this football player all the time "Poncho" - so when I finally met him, I said "I'm so glad to meet you because Camillie will not stop talking about you- and I'm tired of hearing about Poncho." We all laughed and from that moment, we became really good friends.

To the Smith family, please know that God's grace and mercy will continue to lead, guide and comfort you during this difficult chapter of your life. My sincere prayers will always be with you.##imported-begin##Cindy Gamble-McNeill##imported-end##

August 06, 2008 at 08:52 PM



“ May God Bless and keep you all in your time of need.##imported-begin##Sharoune Coleman##imported-end##

August 06, 2008 at 12:46 PM



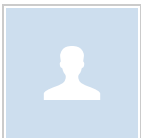
“ Dad i am so sad to see you leave this earth i dont know what to do and i know god does everything for a reason but i want you here with me call me selfish if need be but you were the best dad someone could ask for. I really feel like you had so much more on this earth to do but i am sure you are in heaven making god and all the angels laugh as you made everyone that you came across in your life do. All i can ask is that you continue to be there for me in heaven as you were while here on earth i LOVE you and miss you :(Love Always
T-T##imported-begin##T-T (your loving daughter)##imported-end##

August 06, 2008 at 09:24 AM



“ Hello family,
I am a co-worker and friend of Camillia Smith. I was so sad to hear of the passing of your beloved family member. During this difficult time camillie has talked about how wonderful and supportive you all have been. Thank you all for taking care of my friend and her dughters. My prayers will be with you all. Love, Norfolk,
Virginia##imported-begin##CYNTHIA M. BELL##imported-end##

August 06, 2008 at 07:18 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Smith family during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Shalonda##imported-end##

August 05, 2008 at 10:08 PM



“ Janice, Keith and KJ my prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. James was very special to me and he will always be in my heart. James have touched so many lives during his time here on earth. I thank God for him sharing James with me. If you need anything just know that I'm a phone call away. Love yall!##imported-begin##Samoan Hunter##imported-end##

August 05, 2008 at 06:50 PM



“ Our hearts and prays go out to the entire. Remember God is in control and never makes a mistake. Stay strong. We love you all. From Mario, Renee', Bianca, Sharnee' and Taryn##imported-begin##Mario and Renee##imported-end##

August 05, 2008 at 05:08 PM



“ Our prayers and condolences go out strongly to Mr. Smiths family. As former students of his we will definitely miss his charming and humourous personality. Mr Smith could always make us laugh and smile on a bad day, and we're sure he did the same for everyone else he knew. God makes no mistakes, so we all will have to find comfort in knowing James is in a better place, looking down on all those that loved him and those that he loved. May the Lord bless his soul.##imported-begin##zeneva ware and kanisha malone##imported-end##

August 05, 2008 at 01:45 PM



“ James will truly be missed. He had such a wonderful spirit. I have only known him for a short period of time, he always had an encouraging word for me.

Nothing you are facing is too big for our God. He created the heavens and the Earth, so he can certainly help you through your difficult times.##imported-begin##Lou McClain##imported-end##

August 05, 2008 at 09:23 AM



“ Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. James had become a dear friend to us and will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Charles and Linda Hobbs##imported-end##

August 03, 2008 at 10:06 PM