



# Robert Cameron Smith

February 1, 1951 - July 18, 2022

Robert “Cameron” Smith passed away July 18 in Rogers AR.

Born February 1, 1951, in Hempstead, NY; Cameron grew up in Southern California in the 1960s when the music of the Beach Boys ruled the radio and where sports and surfing became his world. Cameron attended St. John Chrysostom School, Inglewood High School and Long Beach State where he used his athleticism, drive to win, and unquestionable charm in building life-long friendships, all of which formed the future leader he would become.

Cameron was the Founder and CEO/President of Cameron Smith & Associates where in partnership with the love of his life, wife Monica, he successfully built the premiere recruiting firm CSA Recruiters that for over 20 years remains the keeper of the keys to doing business in Northwest Arkansas. The CSA Family will carry on Cameron’s legacy with tremendous pride and gratitude. He loved them all dearly.

Cameron was preceded in death by his parents Phyllis Marie Brown and Wilfred Smith, mother-in-law Lulabelle Thomason, grandparents Robert E. Brown and Agnes E. Brown, uncle Robert E. Brown Jr., and precious nephew Colten Smith.

Cameron’s passion for helping people will live on through all the lives he touched. At his core were always faith, family, and fun. He loved his family and Cameron loved God. His deep relationship with God and his time in his men’s bible fellowship were his lifeline as a husband, father, friend, and leader. That relationship strengthened his mission to give back through the numerous corporate boards and non-profits he served on. Being raised by a single mom led Cameron to support the Single Parent Scholarship Foundation for many years.

His sense of humor and love of laughter were infectious. Cameron’s practical jokes were legendary, and he was always willing to take them in return. Cameron Smith’s annual Fourth of July fireworks at Shadow Valley were some of his happiest times. Although a California transplant, he was a passionate supporter of the Razorbacks. He also loved live music, and everyone knew exactly where he could be found any night the AMP had a concert.

Showmanship was in his soul. From his time as a professional softball pitcher wowing the crowd with his fastpitch, to magic tricks and ventriloquism for his nieces, nephews and most recently his grandchildren, that's where he found joy.

Cameron is survived by his large loving family; Wife, Monica Smith, Children, Jeff & Tara Smith, Troy & Michelle Smith, Jeff & Sarah Tucker, Jaclyn & Brad Julian, his ten cherished grandchildren, his siblings Tom Smith, Kathy & Jay Forbes, and his many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins. All adore him and miss him very much.

The Celebration of Cameron's life is being coordinated by Nelson-Berna Funeral Home in Rogers, AR with the celebration service being held at 11:00AM, Saturday, July 23, 2022, at Fellowship Bible Church, 1051 W Pleasant Grove Rogers, AR led by close friend & Pastor Mickey Rapier. Visitation will be from 5:30 to 7:00PM, Friday July 22, at Hunt Family Chapel, 5930 S Wallis Rd, Rogers, AR 72758.

In lieu of flowers, donations and memorials may be made in his name to Cancer Challenge 479-273-3172 [www.cancerchallenge.com](http://www.cancerchallenge.com), an organization which Cameron was so proud to support and represent.

# Cemetery Details

## Pinnacle Memorial Gardens

5930 S Wallis Rd  
Rogers, AR 72758  
<https://www.pinnaclememorialgardens.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUL 22.** 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hunt Chapel  
5930 South Wallis Road  
Rogers, AR 72768

## Celebration of Life

**JUL 23.** 11:00 AM (CT)

Fellowship Bible Church  
1051 Pleasant Grove Road  
Rogers, AR

# Tribute Wall



“ *Berna Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Cameron Smith*



**Berna Funeral Homes** - July 22 at 10:49 AM

RD

“ *Didn't get to hang with Cam as much as I would have liked but came very close to working for him but Mike Whittington ended up being my sub & that turned out pretty good! Also will always think of him during football when I wear the Razorback Addidas pull over he gave me & forever grateful for my son & I courtside seats when Tubby was a Texas Tech & played the Hogs. I sure wish I could have introduced him to Pip as a thank you but sometimes the clock sounds before we are finished. RIP my brother, God Bless the family & I will see you on the others side.*

**Robbie Davis** - July 25 at 07:52 PM

GL

“ *5 files added to the album Memories of Bobby Smith*



**Gary Leach** - July 23 at 11:45 PM

GL

*Bobby Smith was my best friend for most of my young life. We grew up next to each other in Inglewood, CA, and he was the big brother I never had. We were each raised by strong, loving single mothers, who taught us work ethic and character. Along with Kathy and Tommy, we spent every minute of every day together playing games, watching Westerns, cartoons, musicals and gladiators on TV, drawing, eating, having sleepovers - everything. He was always the leader of the gang, making sure everyone had fun and stayed involved. Then I moved away and we were separated for over 50 years. Luckily, we found each other again in our late 60's and we didn't miss a beat. He really found himself and made a wonderful life in Arkansas. I'm so glad I found him again and we had some quality time together. Sending all my love to Monica, Kathy, Tommy and their families.*

Gary Leach - July 24 at 12:21 AM

SP

“ *Our heartfelt condolences to Cameron's family and friends. He was such a great person and so giving. His personality was one of his best qualities. He made you feel like family. It was such an honor knowing Cameron (Bob to us) and we have very fond memories of anytime that we were able to spend with him. We are happy to donate in Cameron's behalf to his Cancer Challenge Organization. Sending light and love from The Pruden Family*

sheri pruden - July 22 at 05:00 PM

SV

“ *Shadow Valley purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Robert Cameron Smith.*



Shadow Valley - July 22 at 04:29 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Cameron Smith.*



July 22 at 10:41 AM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Robert Cameron Smith.*



July 22 at 10:36 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Robert Cameron Smith.*



July 21 at 03:06 PM

RW

“ *My condolences to Monica and all of his family. Growing up in the 60's, he was my best friend. At that time, he was "Bob" to everyone. We lived across the street from each other in Inglewood. It was like we were joined at the hip. We took the first bus to Playa Del Rey beach and the last bus back home every day, every summer. He was the Best Man at my wedding. After he moved to Arkansas we lost touch but for the occasional phone call or email he'd send with something about the Beach Boys we grew up on since they lived one city over from us in Hawthorne. RIP my friend. Thanks for the memories.*



**Ron Wilton** - July 21 at 02:20 PM

GL

*Ron, I just read your story and it sounds like we knew the exact same guy. I lived on So Flower next to Bobby in the late 50's - early 60's. Then I moved to Redondo. Thanks for sharing your memories*

**Gary Leach** - July 24 at 12:25 AM

DW

“ *My heartfelt condolences to Cameron's family and friends. I first met Cameron thru the Walton College of Business and later thru Razorback athletics. He was always a gentleman and an all-around good person.*  
*Don White - Fayetteville*

**Don White** - July 21 at 01:58 PM

AF

“ Monica and family and many loved ones, my sympathy to you all. Mr. Cameron Smith, always took the time to ask about everyone in my family. Mother with cancer, me with my struggles. He didn't know a stranger and everyone respects him. Prayers and love to the family. Monica God is with you and family though this time.

Anthony Fernandez - July 21 at 08:16 AM

LR

“ My prayers and love go out to my cousins Jeff and Troy and their family. I have so many great memories with uncle Bob when I was younger. Uncle Bob had a big heart and was always funny. My fondest memory prob would be camping at Colorado river and teaching me to ski. I'll never forget him scaring my little brother Brian with the dummy doing his ventriloquist and making the head spin, Brian was 2 at the time and flipped out. Uncle Bob seemed to still make it all funny even though it traumatized Brian.

It's not fare cancer took him, but I do know he is with our our Lord Jesus Christ and is completely cancer free and surrounded by love.

Truly will be missed❤️

Lori Russell

lori Russell - July 21 at 02:58 AM

DF

“ My deepest sympathy to Monica and all of his family. I had the opportunity to sit and have one last glass of scotch with Cameron recently, and I'm so glad we had the chance. He spent a lot of time talking about his family especially his grandkids. I'm sure he will be missed deeply by all. David Faulkner

David Faulkner - July 20 at 10:27 PM

PS

My deepest sympathy!!!

Pamela stouffer - July 21 at 09:48 AM

RO

Our prayers go out to Monica and the family. Thanks to Cameron for helping to bring fast pitch softball to Arkansas. Even as his business prospered, he still had time to help out the coaches and players from this area. He meant so much to so many.

Randy Osnes

Randy Osnes - July 21 at 02:57 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Cameron Smith.*



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July 20 at 09:15 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Cameron Smith.*



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July 20 at 08:44 PM

JS

“ *You will be greatly missed Cameron. Fast pitch softball in Arkansas would not exist if not for the tireless efforts of you and a few others. You gave so freely of your time and talents to help so many young girls learn how to pitch. We fathers owe you more than we could ever repay for helping our daughters. Thank you for all you did.*

*James Smith*

*Russell ville,*

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**James Smith** - July 20 at 07:19 PM

DS

“ I first laid eyes on Bob Smith when he was in the 4th grade. I was in the 8th at the same Catholic grade-school, and usually ignored all those younger kids. But he was different. Who has an "entourage" at 9 or 10 yrs old? He did. There were always 4 or 5 kids following him around the campus and in church. I was enthralled, and was curious how/why that was happening.

Fast-forward 60+ yrs, and I was visiting him in Arkansas. We had become close friends decades before, and now Bob was getting me floor-seats next to him at the Arkansas vs Kentucky college basketball game. Everyone from the parking lot attendants, to the people at the front door, and every-other passing person in the crowd spoke to and seemed to know Bob personally. Politicians, CEOs, and celebrities in the VIP room all knew the "Cameron" I once knew as "Bob." Nothing had changed. It dramatically demonstrated to me what I came to know in that "other world" we both grew up in California so many years earlier. Great people, have many followers. So do great friends. I was always proud to call Bob Cameron Smith my friend. And I was among the first. God bless you, Bob, - wherever you are. I miss you. I loved you. I know we will meet again some day, - in a much better place.



Dave Siemienski - July 20 at 07:02 PM

MM

Beautifully said Dave...those were the days...you and he were blessed to have one another! Hold tight to your memories. Mary Ann Matheson (Kenney)

Mary Ann Matheson - July 20 at 07:37 PM



“ Monica and family we shared our condolences to you all in Cameron's passing. Whenever I asked Cameron about prayer needs that he had, it was also about cares or concerns for family loved ones. Family was always so important in his life and he modeled it so well to those who knew him. Cameron was one of those special individuals that poured so much into the life of others. What a legacy he is leaving through so many. Continuing to lift you up in our thoughts and prayers.  
Gene & Anita Eggman

Gene Eggman - July 20 at 05:51 PM

CM

“ *Monica and All the Family - We are so very saddened to hear of Cameron's passing. Heaven has received a genuine and caring human being as Cameron was always interested in what was going on with others. We cherish our time spent together when you all lived in Fort Smith and while in Northwest Arkansas. Cameron's humor was infectious as he could always make you laugh. He found the good and positive in everything.*

*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." Galatians 5:22-23 Cameron was blessed with all of these values and respected in every way. He will truly be missed. God Bless you all and may peace be with you and comfort you.*

*With much sympathy,  
Bill and Carolyn Murphy*

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**Carolyn Murphy** - July 20 at 03:52 PM

DH

“ *My condolences to Monica and family. Cameron has been my friend and colleague since 2001. We traveled to China, Cuba for business and Oaklawn for races and many rounds of golf. He was one of the first persons I placed on my board at the Trade Center in 2007 and he served faithfully until his untimely passing. I will miss him very much.*

*God's peace during this difficult time and until we are all reunited.*

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**Dan Hendrix** - July 20 at 01:45 PM