



Samuel Christian Smalley

December 8, 1972 - October 10, 2025

SAMUEL CHRISTIAN SMALLEY, AGE 52

And a resident of Hammond passed away peacefully early Friday morning October 10, 2025 at his home, after a courageous battle with cancer. Chris was born in Donaldsonville, Louisiana on December 8, 1972, before moving with his family to Franklinton as a young boy. He played youth baseball for several years and later graduated from Franklinton High School Class of 1991. Chris was chosen for the Louisiana All-State Chorus and, throughout his life, had a love for different types of music. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Franklinton, and had participated in all youth group activities, including R.A. basketball, which he enjoyed very much. After graduation, he served his community and country in the Louisiana Army-National Guard for several years. Chris worked at the Tulane Biomedical Research Center in Covington for the last 20 years, serving in different departments, most recently as a bio-safety engineer traveling to facilities around the area. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed shooting pool with his friends. Chris loved grilling for his family and friends, considering himself a "Grill Master". He also loved family vacations to the beach and any time they could spend together. Chris had a contagious laugh, which his countless friends could attest to, although he considered himself the funniest person he knew. Recently, he loved spending time with his young granddaughter and enjoying time with his friends at Franklinton Demons football games, watching

his favorite LSU Tigers and just being together with all those he loved. He will be forever remembered by all that knew him.

Survived by:

Wife: Rebecca Bennett Smalley of Hammond

Daughters: Madison Smalley of Hammond.
Morgan Bond

Son and Daughter in law: Samuel Christian Smalley, Jr. and Emily Curry Smalley of Hammond

Granddaughter: Rumi Nyx

Parents: Karen and Rev. Joey Miller of Franklinton,
Sam Smalley of Mandeville

Siblings and Spouses: Chad and Allison Smalley of Florence AL,
Carson Smalley of Mandeville,
Chaplin and Leah Ann Smalley of the Stateline Community,
Scott and Katie Miller of Mt. Hermon,
Sally Ann and Cory Shaver of Montgomery, TX,
Chase Miller of Atlanta,
Michael and Stacey Rase,
Lance and Erika Rase

Nieces and Nephews: Stella, Savannah, Layla, Chandler, Brady, Peyton,
Eden, Kodi Grace, Quinn, Crew

Aunts and an Uncle: Janet and Doug Perrigin,

Jan Perry Davis

Mother in law and Father in law: Charlotte and Andy Williams of Port Vincent

Father in law and Mother in law: Bruce and Linda Bennett of Denham Springs

Sister in law: Brittney Bennett,

Brothers in law and Sisters in law: Preston and April Bennett,
Landon and Maggie Watts

Also numerous cousins and many dear friends that he loved as family

He was preceded in death by grandparents Nyra "Nell" and Rev. Wallace Perry, Harley and Toby Smalley, uncle Aubrey Perry, step-mother Marsha Smalley and other family members.

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home (1109 Bene Street, Franklinton) on Monday October 13th from 5:00 pm until 9:00 pm and after 9:00 am on Tuesday. A funeral service will be held in the funeral home chapel at 11:00 am Tuesday with Rev. Joey Miller officiating. Burial will follow in Ellis Cemetery.

Pallbearers: Chandler Smalley, Tony Fagan, Shane Willis, Landy Lott, Heath Bernard, Robert Kerne, Chris Wood

Honorary Pallbearers: Greg Holmes, Wesley Green, Graham Wolbrecht, Derald Cupp, Rob Crain

Tribute Wall

MC

“ *Mr. & Mrs. Quincy Chase purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Samuel Christian Smalley.*



Mr. & Mrs. Quincy Chase - October 13, 2025 at 09:56 PM

MC

“ *Mr. & Mrs. Quincy Chase planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Samuel Christian Smalley.*

Mr. & Mrs. Quincy Chase - October 13, 2025 at 09:56 PM

KL

“ *My condolences to the family. Prayer for God's comfort and peace to be with each of you during this difficult time.*



Kim Lassiter - October 13, 2025 at 08:05 PM

SB

“ *Susan Barber lit a candle in memory of Samuel Christian Smalley*



Susan Barber - October 13, 2025 at 02:39 PM

DC

“ My condolences to the entire family. I had the privilege of calling Chris a friend and coworker for many years. I got to play golf with him a few times and enjoyed many conversations over the years. He will be greatly missed but never forgotten.
Sincerely,
David Core

David Core - October 13, 2025 at 02:16 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Samuel Christian Smalley.



October 13, 2025 at 10:59 AM

BP

“ Brandon & Regina Peek purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Samuel Christian Smalley.



Brandon & Regina Peek - October 13, 2025 at 08:55 AM

FP

“ Fay Bob White. Ashley Timmy Penton purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Samuel Christian Smalley.



Fay Bob White. Ashley Timmy Penton - October 12, 2025 at 11:40 PM

LM

“ Chris served as Wedding Ring bearer in 1979..in Or Wentworth Georgia..and always had a special place I. Mine and Carols hearts..RIP Sir...Warm Condolences to all...Lee n Carol Morgan

Lee Morgan - October 12, 2025 at 03:10 PM

SH

“ Scott Harper purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Samuel Christian Smalley.



Scott Harper - October 12, 2025 at 11:33 AM

EC

“ Eliska, Carissa and Cj purchased the Sweet Snacks Gift Crate for the family of Samuel Christian Smalley.



Eliska, Carissa and Cj - October 11, 2025 at 07:40 PM

BW

“ Prayers to his family for healing and peace.

Benjamin Webb - October 11, 2025 at 06:27 PM

CB

“ I'm so sorry to hear this yall in my thoughts and prayers I look up to Mrs Karen and brother Joey they are both wonderful Christian people ❤️❤️

chris burch - October 11, 2025 at 03:21 PM



I am so heartbroken about Samuel! Be sure fought a good fight! We prayed so hard for his healing here, but we know he got his healing in heaven! He was a wonderful Christian & family man! His family are such remarkable Christian people! We will continue to pray for the family & loved ones! God bless you all! Pastor Larry Lassley & congregation Calvary Christian Bogalusa

Larry Lassley - October 11, 2025 at 07:34 PM



My Thoughts and Prayers go out to the Family and Friends for your loss ! My Heart is with you all !!

Arthur Freaney - October 12, 2025 at 08:15 PM