



April Leigh Smith

January 29, 1971 - January 1, 2024

April Leigh Smith, age 52, of Bessemer, Alabama, passed away on January 1, 2024.

She is survived by her husband of 33 years, Lee Smith, son; Tyler Smith (Ashley) and grandson, Holden, son; Zack Smith (April), parents; Tom and Kathy Headley, Aunt and Uncle; Nancy and Garry Williams. April spent her entire work career for over 30 years at UAB and Kirklin Clinic. It was there that she met many lifelong friends. She was dedicated to her job and providing the best care for her patients. She will be remembered by all who knew her for her sweet spirit and beautiful smile. April truly loved her family, and always put their needs and wants above hers. She held a special place in her heart for her daughters-in-law, Ashley and April, and called them her girls. She was a wonderful Gramma to 5 month old Holden. A funeral service will be held on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 2:00 PM at Bessemer Brown Service Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 12:00 PM till service time. A burial will follow the service at Valhalla Cemetery with Rev. Ray Glover officiating the service.

Previous Events

Receive Friends

JAN 8. 12:00 PM (CT)

Bessemer Brown Service Funeral Home
1300 4th Avenue N
Bessemer, AL 35020
(205) 425-2424
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<https://www.bessemerbrownfh.com/>

Funeral Service

JAN 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

FC

“ April is an Angel that has her wings now. I have worked with her for nine years. She has been a blessing to my life. She had a soft voice with a pure heart . She is going to be missed. Praying for the family for understanding and heavy heart . Sending my love to the family.
Fran

Francine Andrews Commons - January 08, 2024 at 09:12 AM

SS

“ Worthiest of surgical first assists and a true living angel. We all should strive to embody her nature and self, how she so easily and simply existed with dedication, class, and an enduring calm like no other around her. Truly a loss. Much love to her family. - Sasha

Sasha Still - January 07, 2024 at 07:48 PM

SP

“ My sincere apologies to the Smith family and everyone whose lives were touched by April. She was an extraordinary soul whose light will never be forgotten. I knew April for 30 years and worked closely with her in CVOR at UAB. April had a deep understanding of people and an uncanny ability to connect with the CVOR staff. Her kind demeanor and knowledge allowed her to patiently guide those that needed her help, often emergently, with an assurance that whatever the situation was it could be rectified. She had a passion for creativity. She loved to design the bulletin boards at work often steering me away from something that would have been a subpar display. April was a talented pastry chef. I will never forget her delicious cupcakes and wedding cakes. She also had an infectious giggle when she would play a practical joke on someone. April's earthly life was a blessing to all that new her. I hope I can honor her memory by cultivating in my own life some of the selfless habits she practiced on a daily basis. Steve Parsons.

Steven Parsons - January 07, 2024 at 03:20 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of April Leigh Smith.



January 06, 2024 at 08:31 PM



“ April was a patient and kind mentor, coworker, and friend. I was a baby nurse when she cheered me on and taught me everything she knew. She was devoted and hard working. She made whatever room she was in, better.

Brooke Jared - January 06, 2024 at 02:53 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of April Leigh Smith.* ”



January 06, 2024 at 01:01 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of April Leigh Smith.* ”



January 05, 2024 at 03:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of April Leigh Smith.* ”



January 04, 2024 at 07:24 PM



“ *Condolences to her family. I am so sorry for you loss.* ”

Wyvern Wallace - January 03, 2024 at 10:40 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of April Leigh Smith.



January 03, 2024 at 05:57 PM



“ April was loved by all who knew her. Many prayers for her family for the difficult days ahead



Vickie smith - January 03, 2024 at 11:59 AM



“ I'm so very sorry for your loss. April was always kind, always smiling. She was just genuinely such a sweet soul.

Alesia Ray - January 03, 2024 at 11:59 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of April Leigh Smith.



January 03, 2024 at 09:26 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of April Leigh Smith.



January 03, 2024 at 07:32 AM

AL

“ Some days are hard. Finding out April was gone yesterday was devastating.

When you find your career path as a young nurse it's important to find your person and she was my person for many years. She was the person I vented to and laughed with. Her number is still memorized in a time no one remembers phone numbers. We bonded over cake decorating, chicken salad gyros , and the Twilight series of all things and our mutual love for our jobs while standing across from each other in surgery for hours. I loved scrubbing in with her because everyone wanted to work with her. The room where she was in was more pleasant somehow. In the OR you can say so much with your eyes looking over a mask and whether that moment was a smile or just silent understanding It was an unknown blessing to me. It was encouragement to each other that even in the hardest days ... we had each others back. April was a true light in this world. I never heard a negative word stated about her. She was talented and creative. She loved her boys more than anything. She was lost suddenly and too soon. It saddens me that life separated us by different hospitals for years following. But she will always be considered one of my people. Those people , the ones that make lasting impressions - they don't come around often. Her impression is ever lasting. Sweet April.

Only in death do we truly share what those around us mean to us. So I'd like to encourage everyone to say that kind word, give that hug, let people around you know what they mean to you. Her husband , sweet boys and daughters in laws, grand baby , and any coworker who she ever taught.: They will feel a void: but they will also be lighter for having known her however time they spent . My few years weren't enough. I love you April. You, my dear are missed already. We will run that cake decorating business in heaven. 💕💕💕

allyson - January 03, 2024 at 01:56 AM

RP

“ Karen and I offer our deepest condolences to Lee, Tyler, Zach, Ashley, April, Tom, Kathy, and the entire family. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. What a precious soul and a sweet spirit. Always smiling. Always kind. May the God of all comfort give you His peace and strength both today and in the days ahead.

Rick Patrick - January 02, 2024 at 09:55 PM

JJ

“ April could light up any room with her beautiful smile. She was the sweetest person. She loved my daughter April Jones Smith as her own daughter & she loved Ashley as her own daughter too these girls have truly been blessed by the BEST and she was a great caring person very family oriented. She is such a precious jewel & will be greatly missed by all who knew her. The legacy She leaves behind is one of a kind. Her two sons Tyler & Zack are very loving & caring gentlemen they both have sweet personalities taken from their Mother.

Joyce Jones - January 02, 2024 at 06:36 PM

AB

She was the sweetest!!And always smiling!!The girls at the restaurant would always say it's your friend April the one that makes the amazing cupcakes!!!She will be missed by all !!Prayers for her family!!!

Amy Bryant - January 02, 2024 at 11:03 PM

TF

“ I worked with April for 20 years at UAB. She was the most caring, sweetest person you could ever meet. Her smile made the most difficult situation better. I will miss her.

Terry Franks - January 02, 2024 at 06:17 PM