



## Casey Ray Smith

October 5, 1966 - August 5, 2018

Casey was born in Medford, OR and grew up in the southern Oregon area. He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Laura; son Ryan, daughter Rachel and grandchildren Emma-Jane and Shawn-Hunter as well as other wonderful family members like his sister Tammy and brothers Curtis and Jerry. He fiercely loved his family, actively loved nature, the science of the universe, and all things technology related.

He was always curious and always asked why, trying to find the root cause of anything and how does it work. As a young adult Casey served in the military as an Army Cavalry Scout and this greatly impacted his life as he became a lifelong soldier in his heart. When he finished his military tour, he settled in the Portland, OR area and started college where he sought a degree in Architecture. During his time at college he met his future wife Laura.

His career started in the engineering/architecture field and early on in his career changed his focus to Information Technology where his career remained and thrived. In his IT career and technology pursuit throughout the years, he held nine different certifications and traveled all over the world for work including Afghanistan, Kuwait, Germany, Spain and the United States. Casey had a zest for life and he “Lived Large” always going, doing, seeing and exploring. He was the first person to lend a hand and help. It didn’t matter how dangerous the consequences, he would run into that fire, intersection, or confront the most suspicious character to protect someone. In his joy of nature and flying free he would frequently ride his motorcycle enjoying visiting

friends, family and exploring his beloved Pacific Northwest.

# Cemetery Details

## Willamette National Cemetery

11800 SE Mt Scott Blvd  
Portland, OR 97086

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG **23**. 12:00 PM.

Oregon City Christian Church  
1179 South End Rd

# Tribute Wall



“ Casey Ray Smith

January 28, 2023 at 02:51 PM



“ *It's not until they tell you you're going to die soon that you realize how short life is. Time is the most valuable thing in life because it never comes back. And whether you spend it in the arms of a loved one or alone in a prison cell life is what you make of it. Dream big. The last tweet of Stefan Karl that reminds me of Casey, my friend and brother in law.*

pati - August 23, 2018 at 01:43 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Casey Ray Smith.*



August 21, 2018 at 11:23 AM

LS

“ A note from Kurt Luchtman “... we sat next to each other on the plane from Kuwait to Bagram. He taught me a few tricks of the military trade, like don't keep your Kevlar helmet in your lap 'cause someone might grab it and get sick in it.”



**laura smith** - August 20, 2018 at 04:53 PM

Aja  
Gabriel

*Laura how do I get ahold of you? I was in Estacada on August 5th. I tried to find Casey's family on FB but couldn't find anyone.*

**Aja Gabriel** - October 20, 2018 at 02:18 PM

RS

“ I didn't say it nearly enough, Casey was a great role model. He gave me more than I could've ever asked for growing up you gave me a home, a warm bed, family to come home to and food to eat. I really see nowadays just how hard that is sometimes thru all life's trials and tribulations. You took us into the outdoors taught us the lay of the land and of course how to read maps, you took us hiking, rafting fishing shooting atv-ing claiming and sometimes just to explore. You showed us the world we live in and how to respect it and a million other things. Those are all skills I now get to pass down to my son. Growing up I was a difficult child I never wanted to be shown anything I wanted to experience it firsthand, and sometimes that caused us to but heads. But in the end, it all made sense. We never made it easy on each other but you always were there for me even when I couldn't be there for myself. That taught me good judgment and a lot of perseverance. I could keep going on but I would be here for weeks, the moral the story is I love you dad and thank you for always being there for me and never giving up on me. - Ryan



ryan smith - August 20, 2018 at 04:49 PM

RS

“ A Letter from Kaytie Carey,  
August 5th, 2018 we lost a father, grandpa, brother, uncle, and most importantly a husband.

*I watched in envy of Laura and Casey Smith. The two of them took on life together as a team with the utmost respect and love for each other. They stood by each other's side during the good and bad and continued to push on through life's many obstacles. They were blessed with two children, Ryan and Rachel who have attributes of both Casey and Laura with adventure, confidence, kindness, and such a beautiful outlook on life.*

*Casey soon became a grandpa to a beautiful little girl Emma-Jane and a handsome little man, Shawn-Hunter. He took pride in becoming a grandpa being able to show love and affection to the new members of the family gave him constant joy.*

*Casey was hardworking, strong willed, and thrived for a better life not just for himself but his family as well. Family was everything to him. He always made himself available to anyone in need from helping with basic science homework to helping a stranger on the side of the road. The amount of generosity and kindness he had for people was one of his best attributes.*



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ryan smith - August 20, 2018 at 04:39 PM

LS

“ A note from Jay Thomas “It’s always too soon, it’s always too fast. There will never be a day that you don’t want them back. It’s not about the numbers chiseled in concrete, it’s how they live their life in the dash between”. Rest in Peace, Casey until next time.



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**laura smith** - August 20, 2018 at 04:35 PM

RS

“ He was the best father a young girl could ask for. He taught me how to change the oil in my car, how to read a map, how to shoot a gun, but most importantly he taught me how to stand up for myself, to know my worth and to never give up. He taught me the most valuable lessons that only a father could teach. - Rachel



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**Rachel Smith** - August 20, 2018 at 04:33 PM

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“ He was the youngest of 5 and always playing in the dirt with his tomboy sister”  
- Tammy

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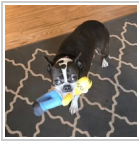
**Laura Smith** - August 20, 2018 at 04:31 PM

LS

“ He is my other half, my partner in adventure and the shoulder I cry on. He’s the center of my universe, my life, my family. - Laura



Laura Smith - August 20, 2018 at 04:31 PM



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Bryan Edwards - August 17, 2018 at 07:17 PM