



## Ralph Dewayne "Hank" Smith

May 28, 1956 - December 1, 2009

Ralph "Hank" Dewayne Smith, age 53, of Sandy Hook, Kentucky, departed from this life Tuesday morning, December 1, 2009, at the A. R. H. Hospital in West Liberty, Kentucky.

He was born May 28, 1956, in Elliott County, Kentucky, a son of Florence Lewis Smith of Sandy Hook, Kentucky and the late William Earl Smith.

Ralph was well known for his musical talent and he preformed with many well known musicians over the years. He will be greatly missed by his family and all of his bluegrass friends.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by one brother, Randy Smith.

Other survivors include a daughter, Shelly and her husband J.R. Honaker; one grandson, Tyler Ryan Honaker all of Grayson, Kentucky; four brothers, Gene Smith and wife Betty and Jack Smith all of West Liberty, Kentucky; Ronnie Smith and wife Lucy and Timmy Smith all of Sandy Hook, Kentucky; two sisters, Ruby Adkins and husband Webb of Sandy Hook, Kentucky, Phyllis Hamilton and husband Tim of Beaver creek, Ohio; a very special friend, Brenda Smith. He also leaves a host of uncles, aunts, nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be held 1:00 p.m. Friday, December 4, 2009, in the chapel of the Waddell & Whitt Funeral Home in Sandy Hook, Kentucky, with Brother Tim Hamilton and Brother Lige Smith officiating. Burial will follow in the Elliott County Memory Gardens in Sandy Hook, Kentucky.

Friends may call after 5:00 p.m. Thursday and until the service hour Friday, at the Waddell & Whitt Funeral Home in Sandy Hook, Kentucky.

Darrell Barker, Jeff Horton, Allen Johnson, Dewayne Moore, Dale Smith and Dave Smith will serve as pallbearers. Johnny Horton, Earnie Thacker, Melvin Stevens, Rocky Horton, Wayne Stamper and Marty Stevens will serve as honorary pallbearers.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Chris L Binion sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Ralph Dewayne "Hank" Smith



Chris L Binion - March 16, 2024 at 03:30 PM



“ from all the little sandy river rats--Hope the grass is bluer on the  
other side.##imported-begin##MarkBrown##imported-end##

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“ shelly,  
i am so very sorry for the loss of your father. i recently spoke with  
him at my place of employment and he appeared very happy,  
talking about you and the grandson!!!  
sincerely,  
s. seagraves##imported-begin##stephanieseagraves##imported-  
end##

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“ Shelly,  
I am so sorry for your loss, and for our whole family , We are  
Praying for all our family,everyone has their special memories of  
Ralph , my favorite memorys is of all the boys playing music on  
grannys front porch, watching and listening to them p##imported-  
begin##VanessaKozlowski##imported-end##

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“ We can't begin to express our heartache losing a great friend and cousin. Ralph touched many of us in different ways and leaves all of us behind with fond memories. Our thoughts and prayers are with his friends and family. Shelly, our heart goes out to##imported-begin##Smokey & DebRatliff##imported-end##

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“ We are going to miss Ralph. Our condolences are with the family and friends of Ralph##imported-begin##Cris & TammyEdmonds##imported-end##

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“ Sorry for your loss. Ralph will be missed by many people. No one can take his place with his ability to entertain people and be an all around nice person  
Bob Jacobs##imported-begin##bobjacobs##imported-end##

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“ We will have long lasting memories of being with and around Ralph. Our sympathies are with the family and many friends.##imported-begin##Rob&BethCaines##imported-end##

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“ I want to say sorry if I cant come to Ralph's visitation but I don't have anyone to stay with my wife and she can't get out very well. However please know that I would be there if I could. I like everyone will miss Ralph very much. I was around him most of hi##imported-begin##mandelsmith##imported-end##

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“ All of us on Hangover Hill at the Olive Hill Shriners Bluegrass Festival were sorry to hear of Ralph's passing. Over the years we had alot of fun playing and jamming with Ralph. When Ralph was coming up on the hill to play everyone came running just to##imported-begin##TommyKiser##imported-end##

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“ I just wanted to say to Ralph's daughter and his family that I am so sorry for this untimely loss. Ralph was a good friend to me and very dear to my heart. He taught me a lot about singin harmony and lead and gave me a chance to "get in there" and sing##imported-begin##KarlyHiggins##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathies to the family and friends. May God bless and comfort. The Lords angels band just got a great musician.##imported-begin##Sen. WalterBlevins##imported-end##

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“ We will be praying for you all and we will miss Hank and always remember the music and jamming at Poppy Mountain; it will never be the same.##imported-begin##LanaFraley##imported-end##

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##PhyllisBarker-Adkins##imported-end##

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“ To all of Ralph's Family, All of us loved Ralph very much. He was a part of our family too. We will miss him.##imported-begin##PeachieBarker##imported-end##

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“ We are shocked and saddened to hear of our long time friend, Ralph's, passing. We have many fond memories of Ralph, Jack and Darryl Barker coming to our house and pickin music. Those memories will stay with us forever. We're glad to have had the opportu##imported-begin##Karen and RickKouns##imported-end##

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“ We are so sorry for the loss of our dear friend Ralph, he will be missed by so many, the family is in our prayers.##imported-begin##Keith@SheilaStevens##imported-end##

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“ So sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Mark & ConnieWilder##imported-end##

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“ Dear Family and friends; Ralph was a really close friend and a lot more like my own family. He made me feel so special each and every time we got together. Traveling with him on the road was as good of a time as I ever had. He was a very special pers##imported-begin##KevinPrater##imported-end##

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“ We are very sorry that Ralph has passed away. We have many fond memories of late night cards games. He was a very kind hearted,sweet person . Our prayers and thoughts are with the family .##imported-begin##DAvid & AmandaFrazier##imported-end##

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“ Remembering your being a part of The Carter Co Bluegrass Festival for nineteen years and you will be sadly missed.##imported-begin##Johnny.Withrow##imported-end##

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“ Sorry Betty and I couldnt make it home for the funeral. We are thinking of the whole family. We will see everyone in a few weeks##imported-begin##GeneSmith##imported-end##

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“ Ralph will be sadly missed by friends, family and all of bluegrass music's jamm sessions, festivals and just being around and being Ralph Smith a friend to every one##imported-begin##ChrisBinion##imported-end##

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“ My prayer's go out to all the family & friends. I went to school with Ralph years ago in Sandy Hook. He will be missed by all.##imported-begin##KennyAdkins##imported-end##

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“ Ralph was awesome! I remember when I was playing with James King, Ralph let me come up and stay with him and his family and they made me feel at home and a part of the family. He even let me borrow his car for a couple of days to go back and forth to gigs##imported-begin##JohnWade##imported-end##

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“ I was so saddened to hear of Ralph's passing. He was a good friend. I will miss him. My heart felt prayers go out to his family and friends. I remember when I first began my professional music career, Ralph was there and helped a green 18 year old as w##imported-begin##ShayneBartley##imported-end##

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“ Mary & I met Ralph & Brenda several years ago up on Poppy Mt. and became a great fans of his musical ability and great frindship. He will be missed, Poppy Mt. WILL NOT be the same without him. Our thoughts are with you, Shelly, JR, Tyler, Jack, Emma, Brenda and###imported-begin##Gary & MaryYork###imported-end##

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“ We always enjoyed his music, he will be missed###imported-begin##LeonardConn###imported-end##

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