



Jessica Lynn Smallwood

June 16, 1983 - September 2, 2024

Ms. Jessica Lynn Smallwood, age 41, of Arab, Alabama passed away Monday, September 2, 2024 at Cullman Regional Medical Center. Jessica was born in Marshall County, AL on June 16, 1983, daughter of James Harold Smallwood and Jane Albright Smallwood. Jessica was a Brewer High School Class of 2002 graduate. She was a US Army veteran and was deployed to Iraq as well as Germany. She was currently working in retail sales at Man Cave Market. She was a member of Ryan Baptist Church.

Family and friends were very important to Jessica. She loved the beach and could sit for hours enjoying the breeze on her face and listening to the sounds of the waves. She, in her high school years, took up archery and became quite good at it.

Jessica is survived by her parents, James and Jane Smallwood; sister, Jamie Belcher (John); nephew, Sam Reed; aunt, Pat Stidham; dearest friend, Samantha Hallmark; and chosen son, Samson Hallmark.

The family has chosen cremation with a Memorial Service planned for 2:00 pm Sunday, September 8, 2024 at Ryan Baptist Church. Jessica's family will receive friends and guest for a visitation time beginning at 1:00pm. Brother Terry Hudson and Brother Eldridge Criscoe will be officiating services. Arrangements entrusted to Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel.

In lieu of flowers please consider donations to the Wounded Warrior Project at P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66676-8516

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 8. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Ryan Baptist Church
11136 Highway 67 South
Joppa, AL 35087

Memorial Service

SEP 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

Ryan Baptist Church
11136 Highway 67 South
Joppa, AL 35087

Tribute Wall



“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



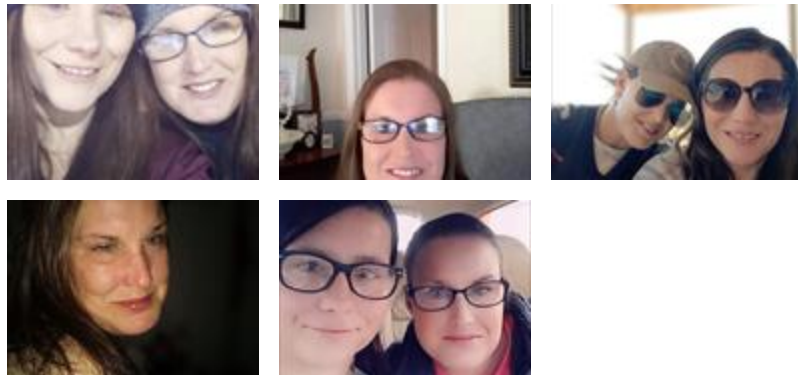
Samantha Hallmark - September 08, 2024 at 12:38 AM



“ I am not able to put into words the loss that I feel since Jessica left us. There is such a huge hole in our family and my heart without her. I don't know how I'm going to get through this life without her holding my hand.

I am grateful for every moment I was able to spend with her over the past 10 years; no matter whether they were good, bad, or ugly, Jessica always made sure I knew I was loved. Especially in the last 4 years or so, she became such an important part of this family, making a positive impact on every one of us.

She was so caring and thoughtful. It was important to her that everyone around her felt special. All she wanted in return was to be loved and accepted. I promise she was. I love you, pretty girl. I miss you so much.



Samantha Hallmark - September 08, 2024 at 12:18 AM



“ Jessica was always kind and very helpful. Offering a helping hand whenever she saw a need. Very caring with Samson.

Sarah - September 06, 2024 at 11:20 PM

MH

“ We’ve lost a good woman far too early. Jess was one of the most compassionate souls I’ve met. Since we were introduced she has done nothing but make me feel welcome and accepted and loved. Even in times of distress, Jess just sought to make others feel better. She couldn’t stand to see pain in others. Always the first to foster peace and the last to cast blame. If she could have had her way we would all live in harmony forever I think. She was patient, kind, and honorable. Beyond any of this, there’s nothing she wouldn’t do for the people she loved, and I’m afraid this world is worse for not having her in it

Matthew Henrickson - September 05, 2024 at 10:58 PM

WY

Found memories of watching Jessica grow up . From days at Ryan school to the days at Parkside . I appreciate Jessica's service to our nation ! God's peace to her family and friends .

Wren Yeager - September 07, 2024 at 09:12 AM

EH

“ jessica was one of the most selfless people ive ever met. it truly brought her the most happiness to make everyone around her smile. she was so patient, kind, and caring. she was hilarious and i couldn't ever go a day without smiling if i saw her. she always made you feel like the most special and beautiful person in the world. she'd call you beautiful when you just jumped out of bed and bring little gifts home whenever she left the house. she would always go to the store with me, and beg me to stay over when the weather was bad, and tell me to wake her up if i had to drive late at night because she never wanted me to be alone. whether it was her cheesy jokes or her acts of kindness, or seeing her interact with samson you felt the energy and joy radiate from her in everything she did. you couldnt help but love her. me and my family miss her everyday and will never go a day without thinking about her. i know shes at peace in heaven and i will cherish every memory with her until i see her again. she wasnt my blood but my mom couldnt have picked a better person to become part of our family. i love you Ca. im forever changed for the better because i had you in my life. you made me better. thank you.



emma hallmark - September 05, 2024 at 10:05 PM

MS

“ I was so blessed to be part of Jessica's life. I will always remember the many days or evenings Jessica a I would just sit on the front porch a swing in the chairs and just talk about life. She was such a tender hearted women. She wanted to take care of everyone. She wanted everyone to love her and that we surely did. She was a special part of my family and she is terribly missed. I know she's in God's arms now and I'm grateful for that. Rip my sweet Jessica.

Mary speegle - September 05, 2024 at 09:14 PM

SW

“ Jessica was an overcomer. I'm proud of her for that. She was always very kind and went out of her way to show it. She became a part of our family and really was so good with Samson. She would tell me about reading the Bible with him. That was important to her that he know Jesus. I'm grateful for that. She will be missed by our family very much. ❤️👍

Stacie Woods - September 05, 2024 at 09:05 PM

JB

“ I have a heavy heart and losing my sister Jessica will be something my family and I will never get over. But, we all will keep her memory alive and do our best to remember so many good times we had together. I was 10 when Mom and Daddy brought her home. She was a beautiful baby and all I wanted to do was just hold her. She was so tiny and sweet in her little clothes. Jess loved life and was fearless in her approach to it. Even when she was a toddler- always my shadow- everywhere we went. She wanted to ride the roller-coaster and swim out deep in the ocean with me. If I liked a song, she loved it. If I loved a book, she would too. One of my favorite memories is going to see Stevie Nicks-she was 6 and I was 16, but Mom and Dad took us on a school night to Birmingham and we all watched and listened to Stevie. "Landslide" would become our song. It will always be our song and I know that she's found peace. She is home now in Heaven with my Pa, my Grandmother, and all the family and friends who left us too soon.

Thank you for your prayers during this time. My family and I appreciate the love and kindness so very much.

I love you Jess and you'll always be a part of me. I will hold you tight in my heart until we meet again. I have a heavy heart and losing my sister Jessica will be something my family and I will never get over. But, we all will keep her memory alive and do our best to remember so many good times we had together. I was 10 when Mom and Daddy brought her home. She was a beautiful baby and all I wanted to do was just hold her. She was so tiny and sweet in her little clothes. Jess loved life and was fearless in her approach to it. Even when she was a toddler- always my shadow- everywhere we went. She wanted to ride the roller-coaster and swim out deep in the ocean with me. If I liked a song, she loved it. If I loved a book, she would too. One of my favorite memories is going to see Stevie Nicks-she was 6 and I was 16, but Mom and Dad took us on a school night to Birmingham and we all watched and listened to Stevie. "Landslide" would become our song. It will always be our song and I know that she's found peace. She is home now in Heaven with my Pa, my Grandmother, and all the family and friends who left us too soon.

Thank you for your prayers during this time. My family and I appreciate the love and kindness so very much. I love you Jess and you'll always be a part of me. I will hold you tight in my heart until we meet again.

Jamie Smallwood Belcher - September 05, 2024 at 04:06 PM

DC

“ *Rest in peace sister veteran.* ”

Donald R Crow - September 05, 2024 at 11:56 AM



“ *Kathy Wolfe sent a virtual gift in memory of Jessica Lynn Smallwood* ”



Kathy Wolfe - September 05, 2024 at 07:08 AM

NM

“ *Nalani Clements McNary sent a virtual gift in memory of Jessica Lynn Smallwood* ”



Nalani Clements McNary - September 04, 2024 at 10:31 PM