



## Mark A. Smith

September 11, 1962 - October 14, 2008

Mark A. Smith, 46, of Laurel, died Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at Nanticoke Memorial Hospital in Seaford.

Born in Scranton, PA, he was a son of Milton L. and Ruth Benke Smith and the husband of Debbie Schirra Bentler Smith.

He was a member of Lighthouse Church in Laurel where he served as a board member. Before his move to Delaware, he was a member of the Peckville Assembly of God Church.

Mark graduated from Technical High School in 1981 before attending the University of Scranton and Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury. He worked as a machine operator for McKinney Manufacturing in Scranton and was also an accomplished mason.

His special loves were his greyhound, "Jimi" and music. Playing his guitars and serving as a worship leader in his church made him very happy.

He was loved by his family and friends, and will be deeply missed. In addition to his parents and wife, he is survived by his sister, Amy Garrison and her husband, Garance; a nephew, Colin Costello; a niece, Avery Garrison; a step-daughter, Tina Woodard and her husband Mike; and two step-grandchildren,

Tyler Schirra and Lexis Woodward. He is also survived by many aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by paternal grandparents, Russell and Lillian Smith and his maternal grandparents, Gerald and Ruth Benke.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 1, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. at the Peckville Assembly of God in Blakely, Pennsylvania.

Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to Peckville Assembly of God, 3364 Scranton Carbondale Highway, Blakely, PA 18447.

Arrangements are being handled by Short Funeral Home, Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.shortfh.com](http://www.shortfh.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mark A. Smith*

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“ *Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Amy and family,*

*I was completely shocked when I heard about Mark. I'm sure there are no words that can lessen your grief, but perhaps you can find some comfort knowing my thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Mark was a very good friend of mine; a person who could be trusted to be loyal despite any circumstance. Some of the best times I've had in my life I spent with Mark. Being in the bands with him, going camping, doing karate, or just talking about how great things would be when we made it big, are all memories I'll have forever.*

*Even though our lives drifted apart, as often happens nowadays through people's busy schedules, I always did and always will think of Mark as a close friend, and that is something hard to find. I truly wish I could have been there for him if he needed someone.*

*People never really know what course their lives will take, or who you'll meet along its path. I do know my life is richer for having known Mark.*

*You have my deepest condolences. Tim Harding*

*PS- If you ever need anything from me, even to talk, my telephone number is 570-499-0563.##imported-begin##Tim Harding##imported-end##*

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“ *It's with my deepest regret and symphanty to hear that Mark has past. I wish to offer my condolences to the entire Smith family and all the friends associated with Mark. I worked with Mark for numerous years at McKinney Mfg. and know just what kind of person he was and know he was a good man to be around. I know he will be truly be missed.##imported-begin##Andrew Gobar##imported-end##*

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