



Emmett Smith

June 2, 1958 - October 8, 2009

Emmett "Richard" Smith, 51, of Arlington, Texas, passed away Thursday, Oct. 8, 2009, after a courageous battle with cancer. Richard was born in Dallas, Texas on June 2, 1958. As owners of R & D Tile, he and his wife had a successful business, installing tile in Arlington for 30 years. Survivors include his Wife of 26 years, Donna Smith of Arlington; step sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Ronda Carter and Steve and Brandi Carter all of Mansfield; grandchildren, Nicki, Cameron, Jacob and Matthew; mother, Mary; sisters Carol (Larry) and Kay (Arturo); brother, Charlie (Joy).

Tribute Wall

PR

“ Please accept our heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Pete & Marilyn Rosales - October 12, 2009 at 01:13 PM

LW

“ Richard was and still is a very precious man! He never gave up and was always willing to help anyone who needed help. He loved his wife dearly and had a lot of friends at Pam's Too Restaurant in Acton, Tx. We were his "other" family. We will miss you so so much, Richard. And we will always be there for Donna!

Lynda Willard - October 10, 2009 at 03:22 PM

MH

“ Donna & Family -

Richard was a wonderful man with a ready smile and a great love of life. His friendly manner will be missed. We are sorry he has been so ill and hope your happy memories will sustain you during this difficult time.

Heaven is richer today.

*With love and prayers
Marge & Jim*

Marge & Jim Hughes - October 10, 2009 at 08:38 AM

RA

“ *Donna and Family,*

We are so grateful that God allowed us to meet you and Richard and your families. You are our wonderful friends, the kind we feel we've known all our lives.

Our words can not express how our heart aches for you all right now for your loss, ...but rejoices for Richard in knowing he is eternally safe and free in his new body, and the new mansion God promised him.

I was so honored and privileged the night of July 4th, to get a call from Richard. He was crying, but out of joy, not sadness. He said he had been praying as he was watching the sky, full of fireworks. He said God actually spoke to him that night and told him that his soul was already healed, and that he would be used as a witness for God's Glory. In the weeks after, he was an amazing witness to all who noticed the sense of peace he had, even through the pain of his illness. I know that peace came from the secrets God revealed to Richard that night and in his last days here on Earth.

When Richard told me "I guess this is Goodbye" on our last visit with him, I said "No, not goodbye...I'll see you again, later." He knew what I meant and he smiled, that sweet smile he had. I will never forget that smile!

We are praying for God's Peace and His Comfort to touch each of you now and in the days ahead.

Rick and Madonna Andrews - October 09, 2009 at 04:36 PM

SW

“ Even though I did not personally know Richard, I know how very special he was in the lives of Larry & Carol Johnson, my friends, co-worker and neighbor. Blessings and peace to the family during your loss of a very special person.

Skip, Stephanie & Victoria Welch, Red Oak, Texas

Skip and Stephanie Welch - October 09, 2009 at 03:47 PM

RH

“ You will be forever missed. Godspeed, my friend.

Rhynda - October 09, 2009 at 03:30 PM

LB

“ I am not surprised at all hearing how courageously Richard fought this battle for in all the few times I was with him I heard his determined spirit through his voice and actions. Please accept my sincere sympathy and prayers, Donna.

Your friend, Lyn Baldwin

Lyn Baldwin - October 09, 2009 at 08:43 AM

DS

“ Donna and family - we send our condolences and prayers to you during this sad time. May God lift you up and give you peace knowing that Richard is in heaven this morning. Love, Mary & Dan Sheffield

Dan Sheffield - October 09, 2009 at 08:41 AM