



## Eric Keith "Smiley" Ellzey

June 9, 1963 - September 11, 2011

Eric Keith "Smiley" Ellzey, son of Wes and Mary Lou (Goodrich) Ellzey, was born June 9, 1963 in Waynesville, Missouri. Eric grew up mostly in the Laquey area and graduated from Laquey High School in 1982.

On June 10, 1990, Eric was united in marriage to Tonya Marissa Varner in St. Robert, Missouri. They shared over 21 years of marriage together and were blessed with two daughters: Rebecca and Karen.

Eric was a hardworking man and worked several years for J. J. Williams Construction and various other construction companies. In 2008, Eric became employed on Fort Leonard Wood in the Mess Hall.

In his spare time, Eric enjoyed being outdoors while fishing and hunting. He also liked to watch NASCAR and also loved visiting with the guys at McDonalds, Texaco and Buckhorn. Most importantly, he cherished the times spent with his family and friends.

Eric accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior and he and Tonya were members of Harvest Tabernacle in Lebanon, Missouri

Eric passed away at 8:50 a.m. Sunday, September 11, 2011 at his home surrounded by his loving family after a long battle with a brain tumor. He will

be sadly missed but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved him.

Eric leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Tonya Ellzey of the home; two daughters: Rebecca Nicole Brown (Matthew) of Buckhorn, and Karen Daniella Ellzey of Richland, MO; parents: Wes and Mary Lou Ellzey of Waynesville, MO; one sister: Tanya Kempker of Westphalia, MO; one brother: Kevin Ellzey of Waynesville, MO; maternal grandmother: Ruth Goodrich of Waynesville, MO; mother and father-in-law: Karen and Ronnie Fincher; very special aunt: Irene Berry; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, September 15, 2011 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Pastor Christopher Thorton officiating. The songs "Amazing Grace", "Stand By You", "Good Morning Beautiful" and "Look for Me" were played. Serving as honorary escorts were Larry Echleberry, Jeff Chapman, Kevin Ellzey, Gary Clark and Robbie Sapp. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/ St. Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Eric Ellzey and may be left at the funeral home.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Eric Keith "Smiley" Ellzey*



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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - September 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Eric Keith "Smiley" Ellzey*

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January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ Tonya, Becca, Karen,  
I Love You all. In the beginning when you first got married Eric and I clashed so much. And it was because no one was good enough for my sister. Over the years we clashed just like brothers and sisters clashed, we had our fights but we always had each others backs. Eric I realized was more than good enough for you and loved you more than life itself when he took care of you and went to your treatments. No one could of asked for a better husband. I do think of him very oftern. I do think of you very often and I do think of your all's love for each other. Becca and Karen just remember girls that love is never easy it is something that you have to work on and keep at it never give up when you find the right one that God intended you to have. Tonya I admire you and I admire Eric. I Love you all and I am so sorry for your loss and sorry I couldn't be there for you. Forever your little sister that admires your strength and knows that when no one looks you cry because you love,  
Loretta###imported-begin##Loretta Mask###imported-end##

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December 29, 2011 at 01:46 PM



“ Dear Tonya and Girls:

Our families reaches out to you in this time of sadness. We pass our strength and comfort onto your family.

God bless you.###imported-begin##Bays Family###imported-end##

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September 19, 2011 at 11:17 AM



“ Eric had a smile for each and a very nice person. My prayers are for the family.###imported-begin##Annette Troutt###imported-end##

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September 19, 2011 at 08:45 AM



“ Tonya, May God comfort you at this time of your loss and give you the strength to make it through. You have my heart and prayers. May you have peace. I was so sorry to hear of your loss.  
CC##imported-begin##CC Rosencrans and Family##imported-end##

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September 15, 2011 at 11:06 PM



“ My deepest condolences on your loss.##imported-begin##Laura Huffman##imported-end##

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September 15, 2011 at 10:47 PM



“ Tonya and children, Wes, Mary Lou, Kevin, and Tanya - we're sorry for your loss, and pray God gives you comfort during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Todd & Tina Anderson##imported-end##

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September 15, 2011 at 12:16 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May angels walk with you today and always. Bless you##imported-begin##Larry and Brenda (hammock) Crossland##imported-end##

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September 15, 2011 at 10:47 AM



“ Wes and Mary Lou. There aren't words to express the deep sympathy we feel for your family. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Margaret & John Malloy##imported-end##

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September 15, 2011 at 09:56 AM



“ *Tanya and Family:*

*•You have my sincere condolences on the loss of your brother. My family is keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Rebecca Pierson##imported-end##*

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September 14, 2011 at 10:59 PM



“ *My heart goes out to you all. The loss is great for all of you. I wish the right words were there to say, but I can only hope that you will grasp on to the memories and Eric's smile that will always keep him in my mind. We love you all and will try to be there to hug and support.##imported-begin##Terry Collins##imported-end##*

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September 14, 2011 at 09:00 PM



“ *Wes & Mary Lou: So sorry for your loss. We will keep you in our prayers in the days ahead.##imported-begin##Ray & Helen (Dye) Fleischer##imported-end##*

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September 14, 2011 at 07:12 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Mike and Anna Bergeron##imported-end##*

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September 14, 2011 at 06:32 PM



“ *Death leaves a heartache no one can heal. L<sup>O</sup>ve leaves a memory no can steal. Our prayers are with you . bob gayle  
brandon###imported-begin###bob and gayle ann brandon###imported-  
end##*

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September 14, 2011 at 05:42 PM



“ *Dear Wes and Mary Lou,*

*I wish that we could say or do something to take away some of the pain that you must be feeling with the loss of Eric. I wish that we could be with you in the same way your family was with us at Violet's visitation. Your presence is extremely meaningful.*

*Love,*

*Lindell and Lenora*

*P.S. We are attempting to find a way to contribute to a memorial fund for Erick###imported-begin###lindell and lenora  
anderson###imported-end##*

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September 14, 2011 at 04:23 PM



“ *Kenny and I send our deepest condolences and prayers to the entire Ellzey family. My sister Lynda and I were talking about Eric the other day and she said you never saw Eric without a smile on his face. He's smiling down from Heaven now.. God Bless all of you!###imported-begin###Kenny and Brenda Ferguson###imported-  
end##*

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September 14, 2011 at 02:32 PM



“ To Eric's Wife, Kids, Tanya & Kevin, and all family, so sorry for your loss. I knew Eric through Laquey schools. We were all very blessed to have had him in our lives for that short period of time. Eric had the greatest outlook on life, and the best smile. May God bless all of you and keep you in peace through this very difficult time.##imported-begin##Naomi (Cressel) Abraham##imported-end##

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September 14, 2011 at 11:50 AM



“ You and your family are in our prayers and thoughts.##imported-begin##Jim and Marla White##imported-end##

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September 14, 2011 at 08:43 AM



“ Wes and Mary Lou--just saw Eric had passed away--so sorry for your loss--he was taken way to young, but is in a better place now. May the Lord keep you in his care during this sorrowful time.##imported-begin##Sheila Debo##imported-end##

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September 13, 2011 at 11:39 PM



“ May God grant you Peace, Comfort and Strength as you go through this difficult time.##imported-begin##Sheila Baranowski##imported-end##

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September 13, 2011 at 04:28 PM



“ Wes & Mary Lou, I am so sorry about the loss of your son. I can't imagine losing mine. I pray God will give you comfort and strength at this time. For his wife, children, and other family, I pray God will bless you, too.

Sincerely,##imported-begin##Mary (Mrs. Joe) Morgan##imported-end##

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September 13, 2011 at 02:56 PM



“ I am so sorry at the loss of your family member...having recently lost a sister, it is difficult. But your are all in my thoughts and prayers, may God be with you during this difficult time

Marilyn Kay Anderson  
Judith Gap, Montana##imported-begin##Marilyn  
Anderson##imported-end##

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September 13, 2011 at 12:58 PM



“ Wes and Mary Lou,  
So sorry for your loss. Paul and I will keep your family in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Paul and Bonnie Frantzen##imported-end##

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September 13, 2011 at 10:33 AM



“ I was very saddened to hear of Eric's death. As far as I can remember Eric always wore a smile and always had time for friends. Lord have mercy on your soul, may you rest in peace, and may the Lord keep you close my friend.##imported-begin##Tom Wallis##imported-end##

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September 13, 2011 at 09:25 AM



“ Tonya, I am so sorry for your family's loss. I will be unable to attend Eric's service, but know that my thoughts will be with you. God Bless.##imported-begin##Kris Cantu##imported-end##

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September 13, 2011 at 03:44 AM



“ Tonya, Beck and Karen. We are so sorry for your loss and sorry we will not be able to attend the service. Just know that we love you and hold you in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Carman Blanchard##imported-end##

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September 12, 2011 at 11:02 PM



“ Please know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers as you go through the difficult days ahead. Let us know if there is anything we can do. We are only a call away.  
John and Dru Cowart##imported-begin##John Cowart##imported-end##

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September 12, 2011 at 10:54 PM



“ I am very sorry to hear about Eric's passing.##imported-begin##Sue Bolander##imported-end##

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September 12, 2011 at 09:48 PM



“ Very sorry for your loss Eric was always ready to help anyone who needed it Our prayers to the family  
God bless##imported-begin##Billy and Stephanie Fenton##imported-end##

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September 12, 2011 at 08:36 PM



“ To Tonya and girls. I am so sorry to hear about Eric. All I can say is that our family is thinking of you and your family. Please know that we are there in our thoughts. God bless and keep you close.##imported-begin##Phyllis and Roger Graves##imported-end##

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September 12, 2011 at 08:23 PM



“ Wes and Mary Lou,  
I had an e-mail from Sally last night. My heart is breaking for you. I know how hard this is all to well even when you've been preparing for it for a while. I pray God's blessings and some comfort and peace. I do hope you have the same assurance I had of where my Matthew went. That gave me peace and strength. Take care of each other.  
With love and sympathy,  
Miriam##imported-begin##Miriam Kerns##imported-end##

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September 12, 2011 at 03:45 PM



“ Dearest Family: I am so saddened by the loss of such a sweet man. He will be very sadly missed by all. I will not be able to attend services but please know you are in my heart, mind, and prayers. Love to you all. *Barbara Wall(brock)*”

September 12, 2011 at 03:33 PM



“ Tonya & family, Times like these always brings sadness but right now Eric is walking down the streets of gold and singing in that heavenly choir. We can only imagine what that's like. Eric's suffering is over and he's at rest with his heavenly father. My prayers and heartfelt sympathy is with you. Our loss is Heaven's gain. *Pamela Cox*”

September 12, 2011 at 03:17 PM



“ Eric you always put a smile on our face. You will be so missed and you are So Loved. Your Grandfather, Uncle and my Daddy are there waiting on you. You have become another Angel to watch over Us. *Mitzi*”

September 12, 2011 at 01:33 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of sorrow. May God's blessing be with all of you. *Barbara and Donald Burns*”

September 12, 2011 at 01:20 PM



“ I am so very sorry for your loss. My prayers for grace and comfort pour out to you at this time. Want you to know if you need anything at all let me know. Take care and God Bless you all.##imported-begin##Brenda Pentecost##imported-end##

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September 12, 2011 at 12:49 PM



“ Tonya, Becky, Karen we are so sorry for your loss my prayers are we you all.  
Out loss is heavens gain.##imported-begin##Kimberly Fincher##imported-end##

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September 12, 2011 at 12:26 PM



“ tonya and girls ,so sorry for your loss, you are in our prayers ,if you need any thing at all let us know we will do our best to help out.we love you and eric .remember we are all praying for you and the family.##imported-begin##bill and norma smith##imported-end##

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September 12, 2011 at 09:45 AM



“ I am so very sorry about Eric. I always liked Eric. He always had a smile for me. He was a good young man. Now he is walking those streets of gold.##imported-begin##Sue Anderson##imported-end##

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September 12, 2011 at 07:31 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of the Ellzey Family##imported-begin##William and Sue Anderson##imported-end##

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September 12, 2011 at 07:17 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Eric's passing, I have been praying that he could overcome it. If I can do anything for your or the girls just let me know. I hope you can forgive me for not making the service, still a little to fresh from Stan's passing, but my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Stay strong.##imported-begin##Renee Myers##imported-end##

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September 12, 2011 at 12:03 AM



“ Dear Family,  
You are all truly in our thoughts and prayers in the loss of Eric. We got to know him at Laquey as parent, co-worker, and friend. He will truly be missed by so many.

May God grant you the peace that only He can give you in the difficult days ahead.

The Whites##imported-begin##Martin and Georgia White##imported-end##

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September 11, 2011 at 10:16 PM



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You are all truly in our thoughts and prayers in the loss of Eric. We got to know him as at Laquey as parent, co-worker, and friend. He will truly be missed by so many.

May God grant you the peace that only He can give you in the difficult days ahead.

The Whites##imported-begin##Martin and Georgia White##imported-end##

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September 11, 2011 at 10:13 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to all of Eric's family and friends. It was so sad to hear this news and my heart goes out to you.##imported-begin##Teresa "Gibson" Garner##imported-end##

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September 11, 2011 at 10:00 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear about Eric and I wanted the family are in my prayers and Eric is in my heart. Even tho I can't be there he will always be in my heart and mind. He was a dear man##imported-begin##Jo Ann Roam##imported-end##

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September 11, 2011 at 09:43 PM