

## SHAUN MICHAEL SMITH



Of Knoxville, age 47, died after a long illness in the early hours of Friday, January 19, 2024. Beloved son of Gloria J. (Johnston) Smith and the late Tommy R. Smith. Dear brother of Parta Douglas. Cherished nephew of Kathie (Richard) Strait, Joseph (Diane) Johnston, and William (Darla) Johnston. Cousin of Joseph Johnston, Jacob (Kelly) Johnston, and Sammie (Karl) Schrick. Shaun grew up in Plum Borough. After

completing high school, he pursued his college education in Chesapeake, Virginia. Shaun then embarked on a career in retail sales, dedicating seven years to the industry. An avid sports fan, Shaun's enthusiasm for basketball and football was unmatched. He could often be found cheering on his favorite teams, sharing his love for the games with friends and family. His love for the outdoors was just as strong, with hunting and fishing being among his favorite pastimes. Shaun's respect for nature and all living creatures was evident in the way he cared for animals, especially his four large dogs, who were his constant companions. Shaun's legacy is one of love, laughter, and unwavering friendship. He was a friend to many, always ready with a joke or a kind word. He leaves behind a loving family who will miss him dearly.

Friends welcome Thursday, 10-12 p.m. at the **PATRICK T. LANIGAN FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY, INC.**, 700 Linden Avenue at Cable Avenue, East Pittsburgh, 412-824-8800, where a Funeral Service will be held at 12 p.m. Shaun will be laid to rest at William Penn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Humane Animal Rescue of Pittsburgh at 6926 Hamilton Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15208, or [humanearrivalr1.wpenginepowered.com/donate](http://humanearrivalr1.wpenginepowered.com/donate).

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