



Rickey Lenair Smoak Sr.

June 27, 1953 - December 26, 2024

Rickey Lenair Smoak, Sr., also known as Frog, Daddy, and Papa, was born in Barnwell, S.C. on June 27, 1953. He is preceded in death by his mother and father, George Jefferson Smoak Sr. and Lou Mae Carroll Smoak as well as step-mother Mary Smoak. Also preceded in death by his brothers George Jefferson Smoak Jr., Horace Lee Smoak, and sisters Lula Bell Roome, Joann Smoak and sister-in-law Thelma Smoak (Chi-Chi). He served in the US Army 1972-1977 as a Specialist E-4 as a transport driver and was stationed in Germany. He then went on to start a family and worked at Southern Bulk Haulers at the end of his career. To Rickey, his family was everything to him. He was a very simple man who loved to be a goof ball. He always had a way to make us smile. He is survived by his brothers, John (Scottie) Smoak (Linda), and Howard Darwin Smoak Sr. (Diane), two sister-in-laws Sue Smoak and Ann Smoak, his four children, Angela Smoak Helms (Lawrence), Rickey Lenair Smoak, Jr. (Shawna), Rachel Smoak Mims, and Jeffrey Daniel Smoak, Sr. (Alexis), and two bonus daughters, Stacy Steiner and Jennifer Heath. He was survived by his 19 grandchildren, Tripp, Cory, Sarah, Cierra (DJ), Lex (Hope), Seth, Joseph, Kolton, Kelsey, Alissia, Surina, Lily, JJ, Finley, Luca, SJ, Jerry, Lizayla, Xavier and 12 great-grandchildren, many nieces, nephews and cousins. His infectious humor and love will always be in our hearts. He was loved by so many and will be missed dearly. Services will be conducted on Tuesday, December 31, 2024 at 11:00a.m. at the Branchville Church of God. Family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. Interment will follow at

Barnwell Memorial Cemetery in Barnwell, SC. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Ott Funeral Home PO Box 96, Branchville, SC 29432.

Tribute Wall

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“ I was Rickie's hospice nurse around 8 1/2 years ago. He was on the list to be one that was going to go very soon, but he and I decided that he wasn't ready. We worked to get his medications right and therapeutic. He ended up getting dropped from Hospice, "for failure to die". That's what he called it lol. He was a character to say the least. We never lost touch, he sent me texts and memes daily. He was always telling me to come be his wife lol. He was a bit of a lady's man. He lifted my spirits alot through Covid with all the death. He gave me pep talks and assured me everThing was going to be ok. He was a good friend, a good man who was so very proud of his family. I will miss him and his daily texts. God speed my friend !

Masen Attanasio - December 29, 2024 at 12:00 AM

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“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Ott Funeral Home

A Memorial Tree was planted for Rickey Lenair Smoak Sr. - December 28, 2024 at 12:00 AM