

Memorial



Nicholas Smith

A FRIEND NEVER FORGOTTEN

Senior Nicholas Smith died early in the morning, March 7, 2015, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

The accident occurred on I-71 outside Louisville, Kentucky. Smith was traveling for a mission trip to Syracuse, New York in a caravan with 10 other students. The group was going to work with the Wetzel Road Church of Christ, where Smith was to be a summer youth intern.

Smith, originally from Buford, Georgia, was a youth and family ministry major set to graduate in May from the University's College of Bible and Ministry. In addition to being a member of men's social club Beta Omega Chi, Smith was also a beau for women's social club Chi Kappa Rho and an honor student. He is the son of Richard and Amy Smith and the brother of Alexis Smith.

Church members in the Louisville area surrounded family and friends of Smith following the accident. Several administrators from the University flew to Louisville to show support and encouragement, including President Bruce McLarty.

"All through the day on Saturday, there was a steady stream of people who came to the hospital with offers to help in any way that was needed," McLarty said. "At least four different church congregations were represented, and two nearby Harding-trained ministers, Conrad Moorer and Larry Sawyer, spent the day helping the family walk through the long hours of the day. Numerous times during that difficult day, I heard people say, 'The body of Christ is here today.'"

A memorial for Smith was held in the rotunda of the McInteer Bible and World Missions building the evening of March 18.

"Nicholas ... and the entire group of Harding students who were heading to New York for a Spring Break mission are an inspiration to us all," McLarty said. "They left Searcy full of purpose, love, joy and hope. Nothing that happened on that Kentucky highway can take those things away from them. Their hope in Christ is even more real to all of us today than it was two days ago."

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