



Ms. Haley Ann Smith

July 24, 1995 - July 13, 2023

Haley Ann Smith was born July 24, 1995 in Poplar Bluff, MO. Haley leaves behind her Mom, Peggy Ann Smith, and sisters, Lesa Renee Smith, Linda Baker, and Nikki & husband Randall Collins. She is preceded in death by her Dad, Dewayne Smith. She has several other family members and friends that will continue to love and miss her.

I am Haley's sister, Nikki. I want to share Haley's story in hopes that other lives may be saved.

To some, Haley was just an addict. When they met her, they saw her addiction and what it had done to her physically. They didn't care to know her anymore. This was their loss, though. Haley was funny and could make anyone laugh. She was a friendly person with a big heart. She had a bright personality and usually had the hair to match. Haley sure was feisty, but she would help anyone that needed it.

Haley fought drug addiction for several years. This disease brought her to many moments of pain and darkness. Her life spiraled as she made horrible decisions because of her addiction. Heroin made her think everything was going to be ok. It gave her an escape from the demons she had faced for so long. On her lowest days, her only care was where to get her next fix.

Growing up, Haley was a Daddy's girl through and through. She spent as much time with her dad as she could. She had him wrapped around her finger. Haley was in prison when she got the news that her dad had passed away. This, too, was pain she just couldn't handle.

As a young girl, many of us dream of becoming a mom. Haley and I talked about it when we were kids. She had that chance, but her struggle with addiction took it from her twice. Though Haley hid the pain with drugs, what she had done was unbearable. The drugs helped to numb it.

Haley loved our mom so much and tried to help take care of her in any way she could. Even, though she was unable to care for herself, at times. Haley tried over and over. Harder and harder to get sober. She tried living with me and my husband and going to church where she got saved. I still remember witnessing that powerful moment that she went to the altar and asked the Lord into her heart! She tried going to rehabs multiple times, but always left before completing the program. During these moments of sobriety, family and friends got to know the real Haley. The healthy, happy Haley. They got to see her beautiful smile and to hear her infectious laugh. Each time, the disease would come back like a thief in the night, and take it all away.

It was so hard for Haley to say no to the temptation when family and friends around her battle the same disease. She would use with those closest to her. In the sad, dark world of addiction, that's "love".

Haley's struggle with the disease only got worse over the last few months of her life. Haley was homeless. I seen her one month before her passing. She was unrecognizable. No one should have to see their sister like this! No one should have to live like that! My heart broke as I feared addiction would soon take her life. I prayed for her as I didn't know what else to do.

My prayers were answered, but not how I ever imagined. On Thursday, July 13, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. Haley was pronounced dead from accidental overdose. Her addiction won. She had overdosed at least 4 other times before, but was always able to be revived with Narcan. Not this time, though. My mom found her slouched over and not breathing.

Haley is finally at peace in Heaven. The battles and pain she had for so long are no more. Her disease is healed, but I'm sharing her story hoping that others may not end up with the same outcome.

Haley was not just a junkie! Haley was a daughter, a sister, a niece, an aunt, and a cousin. She was loved far past her addiction.

If you or anyone you may know is struggling with addiction, please contact the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA) Helpline at 1-800-662-4357, and know that you are loved.

Tri-City LLC Crematory Funeral Home is honored and privileged to serve the family of Haley Smith. Online condolences may be expressed at www.Tri-City-LLC.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **22**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Recycling Grace
503 Apple Street
Poplar Bluff, MO 63901

Anyone wanting to speak of memories or friendships will be aloud to from 2-3. Immediately following services there will be a balloon release, in remembrance of Haley's Birthday.

Memorial

JUL **22**. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Haley is a beautiful woman. I do not even know Haley, but her story shared by her sister touched my heart. So young to have her lose her life to drugs! I do not understand the whole drug problem so many are experiencing when life could be so beautiful if they NEVER tried that first time thinking they would not become addicted. Drugs continue to take lives and some times the addicted survive, but what drugs do to their brain is not reversable and they live the rest of their lives suffering....not to mention what this has caused to their families. My prayers for this family and all who go through the same thing. God be with you all.*

I.Brayton - July 28, 2023 at 06:07 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Haley Ann Smith.*



July 21, 2023 at 02:53 PM



“ *Memories - Peaceful Reflections Marker was purchased for the family of Ms. Haley Ann Smith.*



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“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Amy dennis - July 21, 2023 at 06:23 AM



Only met her once in person but talk to her on Facebook she was very nice to me and love to talk I will miss her a lot she might be gone from here but she will never be forgotten love u Haley

Jimmy mccauley - July 22, 2023 at 01:18 AM