



## Kristan Strickland Smoak

May 1, 1981 - January 31, 2015

Kristan Elise Strickland Smoak, age 33, died on Saturday, January 31, 2015 at University Hospital in Augusta following a two-year battle with cancer.

She was born May 1, 1981 to James Max & Kay Griner Strickland and lived in Sylvania all her life. She served as secretary for the Sylvania First United Methodist Church for the past six years. She was a faithful member of the McDonald Baptist Church where she was active in many of the church activities including the WMU and sang in the choir. She graduated with the Class of 1999 at Screven County High School and was crowned Miss Screven County Livestock Festival Queen in the spring of 1999. She attended Ogeechee Technical College and enjoyed her family, especially her 2 boys. She was preceded in death by her paternal grandfather, Max Kutz Strickland and her maternal grandparents, Louis H. & Bernice Waters Griner.

Surviving Kristin are her husband, Anthony W. (Tony) Smoak, her two sons, Kameron Max Smoak and Tanner Kaiden Smoak, a step-son, Michael Smoak, parents, paternal grandmother, Elise Hagan Strickland, uncles and aunts, W. Ronnie & Shirley B. Waters and Rupert L. & Sarah Waters Aaron, a special "sister" Allyson Aaron Thomas, father-in-law and mother-in-law, Wayne & Mary Ann Smoak, sister-in-law, Tonya S. David, nephew, Chris David, all of Sylvania and special 'Papa', Talmadge J. Hall of Royston, GA. Several Cousins also survive.

Funeral services for Kristan will be held Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at 11:00 AM at the McDonald Baptist Church with the Rev. Dr. Karen R. Zeigler, Dr. Jack Gatlin and the Rev. C. Mike Benson officiating. Interment will be in the Screven County Memorial Cemetery.

Visitation will begin at 6:00 PM, Monday at the funeral home.

Active pallbearers will be, Larry Aaron, Chris Waters, Darrick Waters, William Thomas, Lawrence Yancey, Jeremy Forehand and Troy Waters. Honorary pallbearers will be the congregation of McDonald Baptist Church.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made to McDonald Baptist Church, 311 Avondale Drive, Sylvania, GA 30467.

Thompson-Strickland-Waters Funeral Home is in charge of all arrangements. (912-564-2331 or at [www.thompsonstricklandwaters.com](http://www.thompsonstricklandwaters.com))

# Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry for your loss, I did not find out about it till it was to late to pay my respects, Just wanted you to know that even If I did not know your daughter, my Prayers will continue to follow you, and your family, I know she had to be a wonderful person, God be with you and your family.

*With much Love and Prayer  
Kelly Johnson*

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**Kelly Johnson** - September 10, 2015 at 08:27 AM

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“ Dear Tony and Family,  
May all the fond memories of Kristen and God's grace help you in this most difficult time. I got to knew Kristen only briefly as we met regarding pictorial directories with Lifetouch for both McDonald Baptist and first UMC in Sylvania. She was such an upbeat , courageous and talented person who will be missed by so many. She was an inspiration to me the little I knew her, and I hope you enjoy the portraits we are forwarding to your home. May God give you all strength. Sincerely, Bill Shoemaker, Church Consutant, Lifetouch

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