



## Gus Wilburn Smith

June 5, 1962 - August 31, 2024

Gus Wilburn Smith of Greenwell Springs, La. passed away peacefully at home on August 31, 2024, at age 62 with his beloved wife Kelly (Pruitt) by his side after a short battle with cancer which left his family profoundly heartbroken.

Gus was born on June 5, 1962 in Baton Rouge to parents Charles (Magoo) Wilburn Smith and wife, Earlene Lavergne Smith. He has two siblings, sisters Toby and Hollie.

After graduating from Belaire High School, Gus went to work with his dad at A-1 Vacuum, ultimately owning the business for 40 years.

In 1982 Gus met the love of his life Kelly (Pruitt) and they were married for 39 years. Bringing into this world, 2 boys, Ty Wilburn Smith and Forrest Drew Smith. Gus was then additionally blessed with two grandsons, Carter Wilburn Smith and Ryder Blake Smith.

Gus is survived by his wife, Kelly (Pruitt) Smith, his sons, Ty Smith (wife Jaime Moore Smith) and Forrest Smith, His Grandchildren, Carter and Ryder Smith, his sister, Toby Smith (Paul), his Niece, Summer Brown (Austin), and their children. He was preceded in death by his sister, Hollie, and his parents, Charles (Magoo) and Earlene Smith.

Per Gus and Kelly's request, there will be no services. There will, however, be a Celebration of Life at St. Alphonsus Knight of Columbus Hall on 6923 Oak Cluster Drive, Greenwell Springs, La. on September 29, 2024 from 1-5 pm.

Gus' music will play, and refreshments will be provided.

Arrangements have been entrusted to McLin Funeral Home. Online

condolences may be shared at [www.mclinfuneralhome.com](http://www.mclinfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

SEP **29**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

St. Alphonsus Knight of Columbus Hall

6923 Oak Cluster Drive

Greenwell Springs, LA 70739

(225) 261-4650

<https://www.alphonsus.org/content.cfm?id=1531>

# Tribute Wall

ZC

“ Zach Corsten purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Gus Wilburn Smith.



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**Zach Corsten** - September 29, 2024 at 02:28 PM

AK

“ To the family of Gus Smith: I was really sad to see Gus's obituary in last week's Advocate. I met Gus 3-4 years ago when I was looking for a new vacuum cleaner. I could not have gone to a better shop nor could I have met a nicer person. Gus was full of information about vacuum cleaners and life in general, and I appreciated his wonderful sense of humor. I can see him pushing those vacuum cleaners around -- trying to show me the subtle differences of the various makes of vacuum cleaners. I never could figure out how to install a new bag on the vacuum cleaner I bought, so I would haul it over to Gus to take a look. He would always laugh and patiently show me (once again) what I needed to do. All of you are so blessed to have had him in your lives. He will always be with you.  
Anne Kelly

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**Anne Kelly** - September 16, 2024 at 10:49 AM

DS

“ I was a customer of A-1 Vacuum. Gus was always so friendly and helpful when I went into the store. It was always a pleasure doing business with him. I'm so sorry for your loss.

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**Donna Brown Stevens** - September 13, 2024 at 05:09 PM

LI

“ Gus was always kind, helpful, funny, and generous with his time on every visit that I made to his store over many years and purchases. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. He always spoke so warmly of his family. Sending up prayers for his family.

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**Lisa** - September 13, 2024 at 10:38 AM

IG

“ Gus was one of the kindest and most generous business people I have ever met. He made sure he understood the customer's specific cleaning needs before he recommended a product. He was honest and dedicated to customer satisfaction. He kept my vintage 1987 Electrolux machine operable..to this day. I have bought three Miele and one Sebo from him over the years. I am so very sad for his family; he will be missed. He loved you with all his heart. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Irene F. Gardemal-Bourque

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**Irene F. Gardemal-Bourque** - September 13, 2024 at 08:47 AM