



Marlos Jakise Smith

October 9, 1975 - September 1, 2025

Marlos Jakise Smith, affectionately known as “Los” to those who loved him, passed away peacefully on September 1, 2025, in Ocala, Florida, at the age of 49. He departed this life after a courageous and dignified battle with brain cancer, surrounded by love and support. Born on October 9, 1975, in Panama City, Florida, Marlos was the eldest of three sons born to Milton and Judy Smith. As the big brother to Milton Javenske Smith and Marquez Jamal Smith, Marlos helped set the tone for a childhood filled with love, laughter, and strong family bonds. The three brothers shared a unique connection—not just by blood, but also through their identical initials, M.J.S., a symbol of their parents’ thoughtful love and unity.

Marlos was a man of joy, kindness, and unwavering loyalty. His presence lit up every room. His humor was natural, his smile contagious, and his heart wide open to all. Known for his easygoing nature, he made friends wherever he went, and was cherished as a brother, father, son, cousin, friend, and co-worker.

Marlos began his schooling in Panama City, attending Rutherford High School, before his family relocated to Ocala. He graduated from Forest High School in 1993. Later in life, his love for food and hospitality led him to pursue a degree in culinary arts. In 2015, he graduated from

Le Cordon Bleu in Orlando, Florida, a milestone that marked the beginning of a meaningful second act in his career.

Throughout his years in the culinary field, Marlos worked in many respected restaurants, where he brought passion and skill to the kitchen. He delighted in creating flavorful dishes and was known for his perfection on the grill. His culinary journey included positions at Olive Garden, Texas Roadhouse, Tibby's New Orleans Kitchen, Southern Pig & Cattle Co., Outback Steakhouse, and most recently, Mission BBQ. At home, his chocolate chip cookies and key lime pie became legendary among family and friends—a reflection of the love he poured into everything he did.

Above all else, Marlos was a devoted father. His daughters, Marley and Camryn, were the heart of his world. He was deeply involved in their lives and proud of the young women they are becoming. He shared a special and enduring relationship with Stacey Riggs, the mother of his children and his lifelong companion, with whom he raised their daughters in love and partnership. Marlos was also a deeply devoted son. He cherished the bond he shared with his mother, Judy, and often found joy in simple moments—like watching *Naked and Afraid* together, laughing, and talking about life.

Outside of work and family, Marlos found peace in fishing. Whether it was early in the morning, after work, or on a stolen afternoon break, you could usually find Los with a rod in his hand, casting into the water with hope and patience. Fishing wasn't just a hobby—it was therapy, reflection, and joy.

A lifelong Alabama Crimson Tide fan, Marlos cheered his team on with pride, regularly exclaiming his signature “Roll Tide!” on game days.

Sports were a big part of his life, but none more meaningful than softball, a game he shared with Marley and Camryn. He was a proud “softball dad,” offering guidance, encouragement, and love from the sidelines. His passion for the game became a shared bond with his daughters—one built on teamwork, joy, and unconditional support.

Marlos’s life was one of humor, love, and purpose. He leaves behind not just a legacy of laughter and kindness, but of strength, perseverance, and humility. He will be remembered for his gentle spirit, strong work ethic, and the deep love he had for his family. He is survived by his parents Milton and Judy Smith; daughters Marley and Camryn; brothers Milton(Heather) Javenske Smith and Marquez(Skye) Jamal Smith; longtime companion and mother of his children, Stacey Riggs; aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of close friends and extended family.

"All the world’s a stage, and all the men and women merely players..."—
William Shakespeare

Marlos played his role with heart, humor, and grace. He gave love freely, laughed often, and lifted others with his presence. Though his earthly journey has ended, his memory will continue to inspire all who were fortunate to know him.

For his Life Tribute service, please wear your favorite sports team gear. You get bonus points for Alabama "Roll Tide"

In lieu of flowers, please consider using those funds to have a special dinner with your family to celebrate Marlos' love for family bonding. Anyone who truly knows Marlos, knows that he was a family man. This is the most meaningful

way you can Honor Marlos Jakise Smith...make memories with your family!

Previous Events

Life Tribute Service

SEP **12.** 12:00 PM (ET)

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church
5 SE 17th Street
Ocala , FL 34471

The family is requesting everyone to wear Sports Jersey or T-Shirt. Bonus for wearing 'Bama gear! Roll Tide!

Tribute Wall

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“ Kelly, Glasper, Treadwell Family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Marlos Jakise Smith.



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