



Larry Roger Gonzales Smith

September 12, 1964 - July 7, 2016

1964-2016

Larry Roger Gonzales Smith, passed away on Thursday, July 7, 2016. He was born to Epifanio Gonzales Jack Smith and Ricarda “Ricky” Bernal Smith, on September 12, 1964, in Roswell, New Mexico.

As a proud New Mexican, Larry graduated from Albuquerque’s Valley High School and The University of New Mexico. Most recently Larry was Development Director at KANW-FM where he was the face and voice of the station’s successful fund raising and public relations. Before that he was Vice President and Senior Director of Government Relations, at Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce. Larry was also Aide to New Mexico Senator Jeff Bingham. He loved politics, New Mexico, and democracy. Larry was a mentor to many and thrilled in developing political strategies with friends and colleagues. He treasured his son, Jackson voting for the first time. Larry Smith is preceded in death by his father, Jack Smith; and brothers, Richard, Jerry, and Anthony Lucero. He is survived by his son, Jackson Wolfe-Smith; his mother, Ricky Smith; his sister, Mary and her husband, Joseph Billera; sister-in-law, Paula Espinosa; and Jackson’s mother, Anastasia Wolfe. Larry is also survived by many loving friends and relatives. Family, friends and colleagues are invited to a service celebrating Larry’s life, at the UNM Alumni Memorial Chapel, on Tuesday, July 12, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. As per Larry’s request, instead of flowers please make a generous contribution to KANW-

FM, New Mexico's first FM, kanw.com. Please sign Larry's online tribute at romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St. Belen, NM.

Tribute Wall

KD

“ It was always nice to work with Larry. He was relaxed and dependable, an asset to the KANW experience. I offer his family sincere condolences, along with his coworkers and friends. In the words of Emily Dickinson, "Unable are the Loved to die For Love is Immortality." Go forward and prosper in the Light.

Katie Domain - July 13, 2016 at 01:03 PM

MM

“ I have known Larry for almost 30 years. We were a group of friends who worked at the mall, did fun activities on the weekends, met for drinks, read books and discussed them, went dancing, and laughed a lot. Larry had an incredible wit and wonderful sense of humor and was always a pleasure to be with.

My favorite story he would tell is when he went to the dentist with a toothache and the dentist asked if had been taking anything and Larry told him, "Just onions and potatoes." Like a true New Mexican, he knew and followed many of the traditions of our people.

I enjoyed running in to Larry around Albuquerque through out the years when he was with the Chamber and especially KANW. Larry will be missed by all of the community. My deepest sympathies to Larry's son and family.

Martha Mondragon-Guerin

Martha Mondragon-Guerin - July 11, 2016 at 03:28 PM

MP

“ I met Larry over 20 years ago. Any time I would run into him throughout the City, we would always chat about politics. Who's running for what? Who's going to win the election? He was always fun to converse with about politics, community and family. He was a good guy! Michael Perez

Michael Perez - July 11, 2016 at 11:23 AM



“ I remember being in Larry's good company many of nights at ABQ City Council. I am saddened to hear of his passing. Sending sympathy and prayers to his family. Katherine

Katherine Martinez - July 11, 2016 at 11:13 AM

BO

“ I am deeply saddened by Larry's passing. He was so generous with his time, his kind words and his support of mine and all of NM music artists. I will keep him in my prayers. God bless you Larry. Sincerely, Brenda Ortega

Brenda Ortega - July 10, 2016 at 11:12 PM

MA

“ I knew Larry when he worked for Senator Bingaman and would occasionally see him in Albuquerque; he was always so happy. I was saddened to learn of his passing. To his family and loved-ones- you are in my thoughts and prayers. Marron Lee Nelson

Marron - July 10, 2016 at 11:01 PM

DO

“ My deepest condolences to the Gonzales Smith family on the passing of Larry. May he rest in peace and May God Bless You All! He was a great person and very nice to me. I bought a KANW apron from him about a month ago.

David L Otero - July 10, 2016 at 10:00 PM

CM

“ Larry, I always looked forward to your smile, your wit, and insights. My thoughts go out to your son and family. May you find peace.

Crystal McClernon

Crystal McClernon - July 10, 2016 at 08:08 PM

AL

“ Larry, you will be missed. It was a pleasure working with you at KANW. My deepest condolences to Jackson Wolfe Smith terribly sorry for your loss. God be you at this time and may you find comfort during this Difficult time.



Alex Lopez - July 10, 2016 at 02:22 PM

DR

“ Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Larry Roger Gonzales Smith



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - July 09, 2016 at 07:54 PM