



## Ethan Michael Smallie

September 3, 2020

Ethan Michael Smallie, of Fort Collins, was born in Marietta, Georgia on May 5, 2004, to Todd Smallie of Granite City, IL, and Brooke (McHenry) Smallie, of Westport, Connecticut. He passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, September 3, 2020, at the age of 16. He is survived by his parents, Todd and Brooke Smallie, of Fort Collins; his sister, Gwyneth Marie Smallie, of Boulder; and a large extended family including grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Ethan was a bright, curious boy, and when he was young, he had the focus and intelligence to be a competitive Rubik's Cube solver and an incredible trick Frisbee player. He loved to be in motion -- when he was young, he was a BMX bike racer and as he got older, he loved to go for long drives and on road trips with his dad. He took after Todd's musical talent when he was small by banging on the drum kit, and when he was older, he loved making beats. He was an animal lover, and especially cared for his dog, Teddy. He had a great summer in 2020 learning the electrician's trade with his beloved Uncle Brent, and shared a truly special bond with his big sister Gwyn.

Ethan was so kind and caring and would drop everything to help anyone in need. He was always ready to listen and had that special skill of asking the right questions to make you know that you were heard. He was always ready with a joke and a smile and could not wait to be old enough to go to Lil Skies

and Travis Scott concerts with his idol, his big sister Gwyn. The time that he spent with her at CU Boulder was some of the most important in his life.

Ethan also struggled, as so many adolescents do, with mental health and substance abuse issues. Most teens get the opportunity to learn, grow and become healthy, but to our shock and grief, Ethan was denied that chance. Words cannot express how much he was loved and will be missed.

His funeral service will be held on Sunday, September 13, at 1 PM at WindSong Event Center at 2901 Saddler Blvd, Severance, CO.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to SummitStone Health Partners to help those that suffer from mental health and substance abuse issues: <https://www.summitstonehealth.org/how-to-give/>

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

SEP **13**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (MT)

Windsong Estate Event Center  
2901 Saddler Blvd.  
Fort Collins, CO 80524

# Tribute Wall

GS

“ Happy 19th Birthday Ethan. I had just turned 19 when I found out about Ethan's passing so this birthday stings a different heartstring. The first birthday without Ethan, we went to Punta Cana and stayed at a family friend's vacation home, and last year, my dad and I went to Meow Wolf where we saw (miraculously) "Ethan is here" on the movie theater's advertising board. This year, I'm finishing up a final and going to hangout with our parents to celebrate Ethan's day. To say we love and miss you is an understatement. Happy Birthday bro



Gwyneth Smallie - May 05, 2023 at 05:37 PM



“ Ethan Michael Smallie

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM

GS

“ It's a day late (9/4/2021) but I miss you so much e man. I will never be the same without you, I don't know how i'm alive without you. Our favorite artists are releasing music right now and it's absolutely torture not being able to show you. Miss you so so so so much bro bro- G



Gwyneth Smallie - September 05, 2021 at 02:39 AM

JS

“ Jennifer Sledz lit a candle in memory of Ethan Michael Smallie



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**Jennifer Sledz** - November 24, 2020 at 06:32 PM



“ I can't imagine what you are going through. Just want to send all the love I have to give.

*Phil Goldman and Family*

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**Phil Goldman** - November 23, 2020 at 02:15 PM

SH

“ Sherri Holliday lit a candle in memory of Ethan Michael Smallie



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**Sherri Holliday** - September 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Todd and Brooke, my heart and soul mourn with you over the loss of Ethan. As the parents of two boys, Tricia and I grieve with you and hold you close in our hearts. May you somehow see and feel the light and love through this darkness.

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**Mark Johnson** - September 16, 2020 at 03:42 PM

MJ

“ *Mark Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ethan Michael Smallie*



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**Mark Johnson** - September 16, 2020 at 03:41 PM

AG

“ *Indigo had a hole in the wall because Ethan dares me to cartwheel down the stairs. I miss his chaotic energy. ❤️❤️❤️*

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**Arianna Gerrard** - September 14, 2020 at 11:39 PM

EA

“ *I'm so terribly sorry Brooke, and family. Love, thoughts, and whatever else I/we can offer - its available.*



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**Elsa Aguero** - September 14, 2020 at 04:14 PM



“ *Ethan's heart-warming smile and beautiful blonde hair remind us so of young Jackie, her spirit, her energy and her laugh. We are so sorry to have lost so soon a family member with so much potential. Ethan was so loved and will be so missed. Our hearts are with Jackie, Todd and Gwen. We love you.*

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**Patricia Killian** - September 13, 2020 at 03:19 PM

BI

“ *Our hearts are broken. We thoroughly enjoyed meeting and being around Ethan this summer! He was a fine young man. Our prayers are with Todd and family! Much love. Barbie & Ken*

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**Barbie Isham** - September 13, 2020 at 10:07 AM

KM

“ *There are no words to convey how sorry I am for your loss. Just know that you have my heart, thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time. There is a saying that I go to in times like this.....I pray it brings some comfort to you.....*

*Life is a blend of Love and Loss, but love is always stronger....Love lives on forever.*

*You will never be without the love you have for him.*

*Kim McAfee*

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**Kim McAfee** - September 11, 2020 at 06:31 PM

LC

“Ethan walked our two dogs for over a year. They loved him—and we did too. Ethan was so conscientious about this responsibility. I have several memories of this kind soul. Most involve his helping with the dogs, and more than once he said, “Come on Bella you know you want to go for a walk”—as she was dodging his attempts to put on her harness. Other fond memories centered around his sense of the latest fashion trend. I’d say, “Are those new shoes (or Jeans, or sweatshirts) and he would look up at me with his darling face and smile as he told me about whatever the item of the day was. The shame is that he never got to move forward and find his passion in life. This is just heartbreaking. We have nothing but admiration for Brooke and Todd and Gwynn They devoted their lives to helping Ethan with the challenges he faced. There is no answer to why he’s gone. Only heartbreak at the loss.

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**Linda and Bob Cates** - September 11, 2020 at 05:38 PM

DL

“I had Ethan as a student and as a football player at Preston. I will always remember Ethan's sense of humor and adventure. Ethan worked hard and came to class and practice with a positive attitude. I am sorry to hear of Ethan's passing and I hope the best for Ethan's family and friends at this time.

*Dan Lowndes*

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**Daniel Lowndes** - September 11, 2020 at 11:47 AM

EW

“ I was Ethan's 7th grade social studies teacher at Preston Middle School. He had a motor that was never in neutral. He had an unforgettable smile that he paired with a raise of his eyebrows that revealed the joy in his heart. He had a sensitive side and cared deeply for others. Preston is filled with teachers that remember Ethan vividly and we are deeply saddened to learn of his death.

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**Eric Walz** - September 11, 2020 at 09:37 AM

GM

“ It was one of the joys of my life to take care of Ethan as a child. Much love & hugs to y'all during this difficult time.

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**Gina McClain** - September 11, 2020 at 01:10 AM

JF

“ Heartbroken for the Smallie family. Please know the Finleys in Montana are hoping the memories outweigh the sorrow.



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**Jody Finley** - September 10, 2020 at 11:50 PM

SR

“ I’ll never forget the sweet young man that Ethan was. I have fond memories of watching he & his sister (who you could tell was his hero!) play together backstage, in the crowd at theaters, the hotel lobby after concerts. He had such wonderful energy & loved his family so much. This awful loss couldn’t have happened to a sweeter kid or a more loving family but I know you all will share that love that Ethan gave you with each other as you persevere through this dire time. You are loved by so many Smallie family!!

-Stuart Raper  
New Orleans, La.

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**stuart raper** - September 10, 2020 at 10:56 PM