



Steven R. Smail

November 18, 1955 - December 28, 2009

Steven R. Smail, beloved husband and father, died Monday at his residence. Steven was quiet and unassuming man of extraordinary accomplishments. He was born in Richmond, Indiana. In his younger years, he worked as a professional musician in Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan. He attended Ball State before receiving an associates degree in mathematics at IU East. He then moved to Bloomington to study computer science at Indiana University and launched his career as a software engineer. Steve was a serial entrepreneur with a long and distinguished professional career. He was passionate about building software products that combined his expertise in Internet technology and desire to solve tough problems for other people. Most recently he was a key member of both the ERIC and Sakai technical teams. Among his many accomplishments, his proudest was becoming a father. He was preceded in death by his parents Eugene and Margaret Smail. Survivors include his wife, Esther (Millen) Smail, and son, Evan Smail. In lieu of flowers, his family requests donations to Hospice of Bloomington Hospital, the Bloomington High School North Band program, or WonderLab.

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“ Steve was always both a thoughtful person and a thoughtful information technology expert. When I was first starting off as a computer consultant at IU Steve was always very helpful to me, even if my questions were not always very sophisticated. Steve had many important accomplishments after he left IU (I always maintained that the company that enticed him to leave IU did so because he understood their software better than anyone that worked for the company). He will be dearly missed, and remembered as person kind to those he worked with.

Craig Stewart - October 26, 2015 at 04:38 PM

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“ Dear Esther and Evan,

I am so shocked to learn this sad news. I did not know Steve well, but I worked with him a little here at the IU Library and he was always one of my favorite people here. he was very quiet and unassuming but always a pleasure to work with. We will miss him.

Moira Smith - October 26, 2015 at 04:38 PM

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“ On behalf of our company, Washington Consulting, I wanted to send me sincerest condolences to you all. Steve worked for us on the Department of Education ERIC project for the past few years and was a wonderful, talented man who did so much to help this project. He was a sincere and humble person and someone I respected deeply. To Millen and Evan I send our deepest condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Todd Schuerhoff - October 26, 2015 at 04:38 PM

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“ Dear Esther and Evan, URLur words cannot express the depth of concern and love we feel for you. I'm glad you all had time together and that Steve had you so close during his final days. We did not know Steve well, but I always felt he appreciated us and the friendships we have. I always appreciated his calm and friendly demure. We will all be there on Jan 2.

Pamela Eddy - October 26, 2015 at 04:38 PM