



COLLIN YARED SMITH

A CELEBRATION
OF LIFE



The Smith family invites you to come and be united in love for Collin — to celebrate his great life, share our cherished memories of him, and continue to shine his light and spirit.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025

John Burroughs School — Haertter Hall

St. Louis, MO 63124

Ample parking available at the school's entrances —
9243 Clayton Rd. and 755 S. Price Rd. (north/upper lots).

Doors open 1 p.m. | Celebration begins 2 p.m.

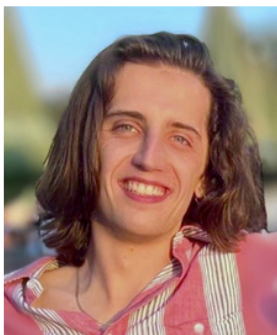
Reception with refreshments to follow, at which time
the Smith family will receive guests.

[Click here to connect with a live stream of the event.](#)



Please wear colorful clothing in honor
of Collin's vibrant spirit.

In Collin's memory, donations may be made
to [Bruce's Legacy](#), [Forest Park Forever](#),
and/or [John Burroughs School](#).



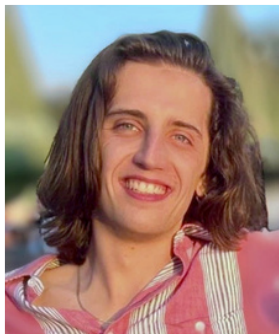
COLLIN YARED SMITH



On the evening of Friday, May 16, Collin and three friends went sailing on Lake Monona in Madison, Wisconsin. The weather and wind conditions were pleasant when they took sail, but after a period of time, an unexpected and violent weather system rolled across the lake. The storm's fierce winds capsized the sailboat and the kayak it was towing, stranding Collin and his friends in the middle of the lake. The rapid onset of high wind speeds and the size of the waves were conditions that many local residents and the authorities who responded had never witnessed before.

Collin and his three friends were experienced and attentive outdoorsmen. While in the water for nearly an hour, they fought hard and did everything they could do for each other. Despite everyone's valiant efforts, the severe weather and the cold water led to Collin's drowning. On May 23, Collin's body was recovered by volunteer rescuers with the organization Bruce's Legacy.

Collin's spirit lives on through the Smith family, his beloved cat, Wally, and all those who were involved in his life.



COLLIN YARED SMITH



MEMORIAL GIFTS

In Collin's memory, donations may be made to Bruce's Legacy, Forest Park Forever, and/or John Burroughs School.

BRUCE'S LEGACY

This organization's mission is threefold: to provide resolution for families who have lost a loved one due to drowning or a water-related incident; to provide education to communities, first responders, and government agencies in the rescue and recovery of victims, crime scene evidence, and/or waterway obstruction; and to provide and support SCUBA diving opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

FOREST PARK FOREVER

This nonprofit conservancy partners with the City of St. Louis to restore, maintain, and sustain Forest Park as one of America's great urban public parks for a diverse community of visitors to enjoy, now and forever. On the same day that Collin passed, Forest Park — a favorite spot of Collin's — was greatly damaged by a tornado, which destroyed thousands of trees. Collin had a life-long admiration for trees, especially Catalpa trees.

JOHN BURROUGHS SCHOOL

Gifts made in Collin's name to JBS, his alma mater and the venue for his celebration of life, will be designated to benefit Drey Land, the school's wilderness camp in the Ozarks that serves as a valuable resource for orientation programs, biology field research, outdoor education, and service outings.