

As I loved you, so I miss you; In my memory you are near.

Jimmie Lee Small Jr.

July 6, 1982 – November 8, 2026

Jimmie Lee Small Jr., known to all as Shank, passed away on November 8, 2026, in Dothan, Alabama, at the age of 44. He was born on July 6, 1982, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Shank grew up in a close-knit family and they meant everything to him. He carried that love of connection throughout his life, married to Frances Culver-Small for twenty years. Together they built a life filled with the simple joys he cherished most—time spent with loved ones, laughter, and good conversation.

Those who knew Shank knew him as a man who never met a stranger. He loved to smile and laugh, and he always had a story to tell. Whether it was an ordinary day at work or an evening relaxing on the porch with family and friends, he found joy in the moment. He was a hard worker and someone who showed up fully as a great husband, father, brother, and friend. He spent his free time outside or with family and friends—the things that mattered most.

Shank lived by the belief that "Family is not an important thing. It's everything." That philosophy shaped everything he did and everyone he touched. He was a good person, the kind of person who drew others to him naturally and made them feel welcome.

Shank was preceded in death by his loving and devoted parents, Jimmie L Small Sr and Gloria J. Small.

He is survived by his wife Frances; his daughter Kinia Cooper; his siblings Leada Small, Latasha Daniels and her husband Justin, Alexander Clarke, Jason Small and his wife Seferina, and Shannon Mace and her husband Marc; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

The family will have a private reflection for Shank. A CELEBRATION of life will be held at a later date for family, friends and co-workers.

"Those we love don't go away; they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near."