



Shawn Odom

March 30, 1977 - March 3, 2023

Shawn Chadwick Odom, 45, of Monroe, passed away on Friday, March 3, 2023.

Raised in Donalsonville, Georgia, he spent his early days playing baseball, watching his beloved Braves with his dad, and exploring with his brother and friends. It was through these adventures in Seminole County that he first got the reputation for being curious, funny, caring, and just a little mischievous. At Valdosta State, Shawn earned a degree in chemistry that became the foundation for the success in his career. Shawn was most recently a Lab Supervisor at Johnson & Johnson who brought more than fifteen years of analytical chemical experience to covering responsibilities in every area of the laboratories, most recently leading the Chemical Suture analytical team.

He was responsible for ensuring the weekly testing and release of key products and had recently been assigned to lead labs in both Cornelia and Athens and to move capacity without impacting testing or release of materials. He built an excellent team and was developing a strategic plan for execution. His team knew him as their secret weapon, whose depth of knowledge of chromatography instrumentation and other skills helped ensure success. Colleagues knew him as a servant leader who had a unique ability to combine a commitment to detail, transparency, quality with an empathetic guidance, unselfishness, and an easygoing and laid back manner that inspired them.

Shawn surrounded himself with music and had a special admiration for singer-songwriters from all genres. He appreciated any live music and looked forward to the chance to celebrate it. A self-taught guitarist, he loved to play for family and friends. He had a wide range of specialties and was comfortable playing anything from classical to country to classic rock, and from Johnny Cash to the Avett Brothers to Poison. Shawn was also a well-known grill master in his circle – a perfect skill for someone whose love for entertaining was unmatched. He was extremely proud that he had mastered his pork ribs as he continued to work on his “white whale” – the perfect brisket.

He was a deep thinker and a helper who enjoyed solving problems. Shawn was known for his humility, his intelligence, his wit, his infectious laugh, his fantastic hair, and occasionally for his irreverent humor. Above all, he was known for how much he adored his “best girl”, Caren, and their two daughters, who were truly his light. He loved life with them and celebrated every opportunity to watch a practice or game or play or recital, play dress up, draw a picture, make a balloon animal, read a book or just to share space with his three favorite people.

Shawn was preceded in death by his father, Ronald Odom. He is survived by his wife, Caren Cleveland Odom; children Eliza and Sloane; mother, Martha Odom; brother Tracy Odom (Stephanie); and a host of in-laws, nieces, nephews and other family and friends who adored him. The family will have a visitation from 1 PM – 3 PM on Sunday, March 12, 2023 at Tim Stewart Funeral Home, Monroe Chapel and afterwards at the Monroe Golf and Country Club, 1212 Alcovy Street, Monroe, Ga 30655.

Arrangements by Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 209 South Hammond Drive, Monroe, GA 30655. (770) 267-2594. You may sign the only guest registry at www.stewartfh.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 12. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Tim Stewart Funeral Home Monroe
209 South Hammond Dr.
Monroe, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Tim Stewart Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Shawn Odom*



Tim Stewart Funeral Home - March 10, 2023 at 12:11 PM

CP

Such a beautiful tribute.

Contessa Parker - March 11, 2023 at 03:17 PM

TR

“ *I just learned of Shawn's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Tami Renner

Tami Renner - March 13, 2023 at 11:41 AM

CP

“ *I'm glad to have known and worked with such a genuinely good guy. Ethicon will miss him greatly. Continued prayers for the family, especially in the upcoming days.*

Contessa Parker - March 11, 2023 at 03:26 PM

LW

“ Eliza, please know that we are thinking of you and sending all our love! ❤️ Mrs. Whitehurst

Lauren Whitehurst - March 11, 2023 at 09:56 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Shawn Odom.



March 11, 2023 at 09:56 AM



“ Cheeseboard Gourmet Gift was purchased for the family of Shawn Odom.



March 10, 2023 at 11:02 PM

HM

“ Deepest condolences and sympathy from the Moye's (Hugh, Lacey, and Samantha Grace). Shawn and I met at Valdosta State in organic chemistry 1 and became good friends and even becoming roommates during our senior year, 1999-2000, there. I've got many stories about him but one that comes to mind is him singing "Every Rose Has Its Thorn" by Poison after we had a beer or 12. You will be missed my friend by lots of people. I will always cherish our time together and friendship; love you, man.

Hugh Moye - March 10, 2023 at 10:59 PM



“ *What a beautiful obituary for a stand up guy. He leaves behind an amazing legacy. My hearts breaks for you, Caren and the girls, but I pray all those amazing memories will carry you along. Much love, Laura Powell*

Laura Powell - March 10, 2023 at 05:21 PM



“ *93 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Tim Stewart Funeral Home - March 10, 2023 at 12:02 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Shawn Odom.*



 March 10, 2023 at 10:52 AM

DS

“ Shawn was such a great guy loved by all who knew him. I had the pleasure of working with Shawn here at Ethicon - Cornelia location as part of the QA Team. His infectious smile and calm demeanor was admired by all. He was always so nice and cordial to me. He always had your back. He will be greatly missed by all of us here. R.I.P. buddy. See you down the road.

David Stewart - March 10, 2023 at 10:38 AM

AP

“ I worked with Shawn at Ethicon, he was the kindest and most easy-going people I know. He was always ready to help and always a friend. Words cannot express how much he is missed.

Amanda Phillips - March 10, 2023 at 10:34 AM

DW

“ Deepest Sympathy-Juwan and Zee Wilson purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Shawn Odom.



Deepest Sympathy-Juwan and Zee Wilson - March 10, 2023 at 10:04 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shawn Odom.



March 10, 2023 at 09:54 AM

JF

“ Jimmy & Nancy White Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Shawn Odom.



Jimmy & Nancy White Family - March 10, 2023 at 09:51 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Shawn Odom.



March 10, 2023 at 08:44 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Shawn Odom.



March 09, 2023 at 08:21 PM

DS

“ Thoughts and prayers to Caren, Eliza and Sloane. Shawn was an outstanding parent and husband. He was known for his laid back manner and sense of humor. It was always a comfort for me to see what a tight nit family of friends there was and he was always there to lend a hand whether it was with the little ones or the adults. He brought hope to me to see how much he cherished his friendships and family. To me he showed respect that his parents should always be proud of. They raised a fine young man. I personally will miss him, his smile, his sense of humor and his gentle character. Forever in my heart Shawn .
Deborah Sneed

Deborah Sneed - March 09, 2023 at 03:33 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shawn Odom.



March 09, 2023 at 03:20 PM

CW

“ Prayers are said daily and hugs are continual for comfort.

Cindy Wood - March 09, 2023 at 03:17 PM

KM

“ Praying for comfort and peace for all the family. Shawn was such a kind and sweet person. Everyone in Caren's family thought a lot of him. He was a great part of our lives and he will be missed.

Kay W Mims - March 09, 2023 at 02:40 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shawn Odom.*



March 09, 2023 at 08:51 AM



“ *Shawn was always a kind Leader and made each person he came in contact know their value . Continued prayers . Shelby Bellotte*

Shelby Bellotte - March 08, 2023 at 05:11 PM