

John Roderick "Rod" SMARR Jr.

SMARR, JR., John Roderick "Rod" Age 65. June 15, 2012. Son of J. Roderick and Martha Smarr of Atlanta, GA. Rod graduated from Southwest Dekalb High School and proudly served in Vietnam with the [U.S. Marine Corp.](#) Rod and Laura moved to Nashville, TN in 1974 to pursue his music career, which spanned over 40 years. Rod was guitarist with Dr. Hook from 1978 - 1987 and had the pleasure of recording with such artist as Dolly Parton, BB King, Isaac Hayes, Carla Thomas, Bob Babbitt and Crystal Gayle. He is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Laura Spivey Smarr; daughter, Rhonda Smarr Johnson; son, Jeff Smarr (Shelby); daughter, Gena Smarr; grandsons, Noah Johnson, Zack Johnson, Ethan Johnson and Isaac Smarr; sister, Martha Smarr Blackwell, and a host of family and friends. A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 23rd at the Chapel at Woodmont Baptist Church, located at 2100 Woodmont Blvd., Nashville, TN 37215 at 1 p.m. Visitation with the family be held noon - 1 p.m., at the church.

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