

In Loving Memory of
Edward Anthony Smith, Jr.
“Tony”

Sunrise
July 16, 1957

Sunset
July 4, 2012



Memorial Service

Wednesday, July 18, 2012 - 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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*“Believe in this mandala with all your heart.
Nam-myoho-renge-kyo is like the roar of a lion.
What sickness can therefore be an obstacle?”*

The Writings of Nichiren Daishonin.

Obituary

Edward Anthony Smith, Jr., whom we all know as “Tony” the third child and only son born to Edward and Katherine Smith, passed away on July 4, 2012 with his dear sister, Robin Rene, near his bedside at St. Luke’s Roosevelt Hospital in New York.

Tony was born on July 16, 1957 at Mt. Sinai Hospital in NYC, New York. He attended and graduated from Brooklyn Technical High School. Upon graduating from high school, he started his career as a messenger. He, eventually, took the examination with NYC Transit Authority and passed with a very high score upon which he was steadily employed with the NYC Transit Authority until his retirement.

Tony raised his two nephews to their young adulthood age, Troy who lived with him when he was nine years old and, some years later, Craig whom he adopted at the age of eight. Tony did a wonderful job raising his nephews, always maintained a close relationship with his sister and usually, provided the family’s Thanksgiving Dinner in his apartment in the Bronx.

On September 6, 1998, Tony became an active member of SGI-USA, a lay Buddhist organization dedicated to the establishment of culture, peace and education through individual happiness, and, in a short time, accepted responsibilities as a Men’s Division District Leader in the Bronx. His apartment became one of the many meeting places in the Bronx for SGI activities.

Although faced with many obstacles with his health, it was during his Buddhist practice that he retired from the NYC Transit Authority and was able to fulfill all of his dreams. We all know that Tony loved to cook and was great at that. He attended The Natural Gourmet Cookery School of The Natural Gourmet Institute - a vegetarian culinary institute and graduated as “Chef Edward”. Shortly, afterward, he became Chef at Raw Foods in Harlem. He, also, was able to purchase a beautiful, new Co-op apartment in the Bronx where he continued to host SGI-USA activities.

Tony will be forever remembered for his loving kindness by his sisters, Stephanie, Robin Rene and Leslie; his nephews, Troy and Craig; his niece, Myra; his great niece, Tia; two great nephews, Troy and Elijah; his aunt, Sylvia; his aunt, Ruth; along with a host of cousins and devoted friends, especially Kevin, Ivan and Cy and associates.

*“Thus you should revere him as Buddha.
When he was alive, he was a Buddha, and now he is a Buddha in death.
He is a Buddha in both life and death.”*

The Writing of Nichiren Daishonin.

Order of Service

Emcee George Danquah
Welcome and Explanation of the Service
Gongyo and Offering of Incense Monte Joffee
Message from SGI General Director Eric Toro
Danny Nagashima
Video Tribute Family and Friends
Obituary Bernice Adaramola
Reflections of Appreciation Family and Friends
Musical Presentation Tommie Thompson
Words of Encouragement Monte Joffee
Daimoku Sansho

Final Disposition

Oxford Hills Crematory
Chester, New York

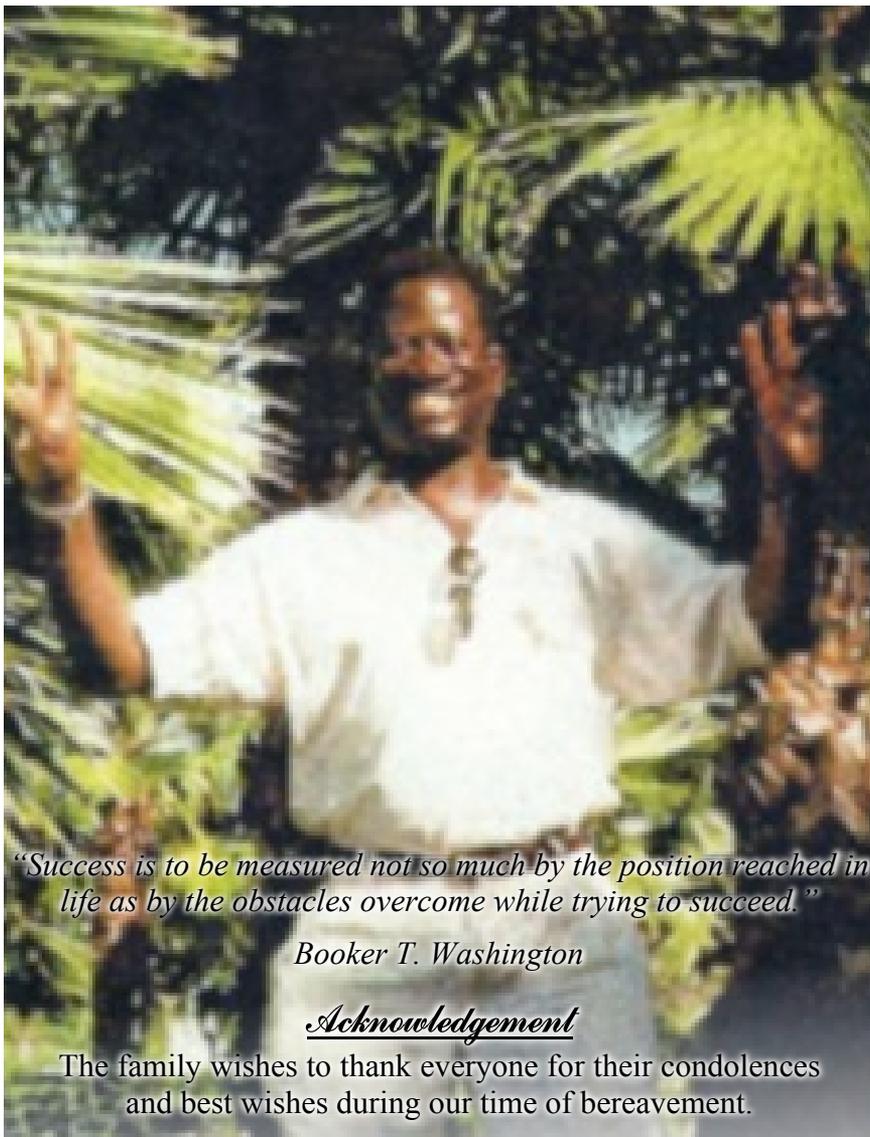
*Daily Encouragement by President Daisaku Ikeda
Wednesday, July 4, 2012:*

*“I place a high value on personal initiative.
Spontaneity underlies the spirit of autonomy and independence;
conversely, taking action because one is told to
amounts to slavery of the spirit.*

*Kosen-rufu will be advanced by brave people
armed with the spirit of independence
who voluntarily strive to fulfill the vow
they made in the remotest past.*

*Because they struggle of their own volition,
they have no complaints or grievances.*

*The greater the obstacles they face,
the greater the courage, wisdom and power
they muster from within.”*



“Success is to be measured not so much by the position reached in life as by the obstacles overcome while trying to succeed.”

Booker T. Washington

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to thank everyone for their condolences and best wishes during our time of bereavement.



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