

In Loving Memory of

A portrait of Willie D. Smith, Jr., a smiling man with a goatee, wearing a black beanie and a dark jacket over a white shirt. The background is a bright blue sky with white clouds and a sunburst effect behind his head.

Willie D. Smith, Jr.
"Cannonball"

Sunrise
June 28, 1959

Sunset
September 13, 2013

Service
Tuesday, September 24, 2013 - 12:00 Noon

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Rev. Edward Culvert, Officiating

Rev. David Jenkins, Organist

Obituary

Willie D. Smith, Jr. (“Cannonball”) was born on June 28th, 1959 to the late Willie D. Smith, Sr. and Deloris A. Smith in The New York Hospital of Harlem, NY.

As a born and bred native New Yorker, Willie spent his early childhood in the Bronx, where he attended Adlai E. Stevenson High School. After graduating from high school he attended and graduated from LaGuardia Community College with the distinction of being given a “Leadership” award. Willie also attended New York University, Columbia University, and Fordham University.

Willie believed in the true benefit of seeking a higher education, and continuing to improve the quality of one’s life through education. He spent over twenty years working in the corporate legal field, as well as being a human resources developer, and a tireless advocate for anyone who needed his help.

As a person, Willie was gifted with the ability to communicate with anyone who crossed his path, and to treat him or her with dignity, respect, compassion, and empathy. His easy charm, gift of gab and bright smile always lit up the room. Willie was a loving son, an attentive brother, a patient uncle, and loyal friend and a truly giving person.

Willie is survived by: his mother, Deloris; siblings, Victor, Debbie, Sheila, Alex, Jerry, David, Cedric, Jewel, Peter, Deloris and Douglas; and aunt, Betty Green; a close friend and companion, Barbra Scott; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and many other loved ones.



Order of Service

Processional

Sound1 (Selection)

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 25:4

“He will actually swallow up death
forever, and the sovereign Lord Jehovah
will certainly wipe the tears from all faces.

And the reproach of his people
he will take away from all the earth,
for Jehovah himself has spoken it.

Revelation 21:3-4

“With that I heard a loud voice from the throne say:

“Look! The tent of God is with mankind, and He will reside with them, and they
will be His peoples. And God himself will be with them. And He will wipe out
every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor
outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away.”

Selection (Sound 2)

- 1) *“Keep Your Eye On The Sparrow”*
- 2) *Song of Choice*

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Leslie Green

Song

“The Best Man I Can Be”

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing (Play 2 songs)

- 1) *“I’m Missing You”*
- 2) *“How Do I Say Goodbye To Yesterday”*

Recessional

Final Disposition

Oxford Hills Crematory
Chester, New York

God's Promise

*God did not promise
Days without pain,
Laughter without sorrow
Or sun without rain.
But God did promise
Strength for the day,
Comfort for the tears
And a light for the way,
And for all who believe
In His Kingdom above,
He answers their faith
With everlasting love.*

Acknowledgement

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