

Homegoing Celebration Service



Winston N. Smith

October 5, 1952 - February 13, 2015

Saturday, February 28, 2015 - 9:45 a.m.

RESTORE HOLINESS CHURCH

40 Hobson Street
Newark, New Jersey

Obituary

We are gathered here today in the memory of my brother, **Winston Smith**, so that together we may acknowledge and share both our joy in the gift that his life was to us, and the pain that his passing brings. In sharing the joy and pain together today, may we lessen the pain and remember more clearly the joy.

My name is Clifton and I'm Winston's brother.

Winston was a remarkable man in so many ways and he lived his life to the fullest and touched so many people during his time with us, as evident by so many of you here today.

Born on October 5, 1952 in Jamaica to the late Percival and Teresa Smith, Winston lived his life like that of a free hummingbird, but on February 13, 2015 that Hummingbird has cast his final flight on this life and ventured on to a depth unattainable at the moment.

Winston was very close to his family and friends and they were good to him. Their care and support during his last years especially, is very much appreciated by us all. As an Insurance Agent, Winston worked hard, but he also enjoyed his life. He loved to travel and some of his best hobbies were swimming, playing pool and gardening. There are a lot of stories about our traveling abroad, but I'm afraid those stories would have to stay abroad.

There were other things besides traveling that Winston enjoyed immensely. Some of his favorite past times were being with a group of friends or family, playing dominoes, cooking, eating and just enjoying the gift of life with those he cherished the most. Oh, and let's not forget his best pal, Mr. White Rum.

Many of you will also recall Winston's vegetable garden. He enjoyed working in his garden and sharing the fruits of his labor with many. He was a warm friendly man who made his mark on the world, not with grand gestures or fancy titles, but by his basic goodness and generosity of his character, by the quality of his involvement with his fellow man and how he brought out of these qualities in others.

There are so many wonderful aspects to Winston's life. He will be remembered as a wonderful father, brother, uncle, cousin and so much more. His many ways, he made our lives richer and fuller. Now that he has passed away, of course there will be emptiness and pain, but the gift of Winston's life is still here with us.

He lives in our memories and stories. So today, I encourage you all to share today, tomorrow and the years to come, your memories and stories of Winston Smith. This way, we will keep the gift of Winston's life alive.

As I look out at the faces in this beautiful church, I see many family members and friends that I know will miss him. His beloved daughter, Karen, son Llewellyn and grandchildren Jennifer & Audra Smith and Jonathan Spence, sisters, Ida, Pearlette, Enid, brother, Delano and so many more.

So, to all his family and friends, The Tree of Life has spread His wings and set a shadow of peace into a life of pain. And God saw fit to set him free. Thus allowing this wonderful spirit to flutter and be unencumbered by the tragedies of life.

Today, the angels sing a final lullaby "Nearer My God To Thee, En tho it be a cross, that raiseth me, still ally song shall be, Nearer My God To thee;" Winston lived a life at best he knew and now to rest at best he will.

As we wave our final hearty farewell, let him be welcomed with open arms in the heavens as we see him finally depart and be reunited soon with our God's return.

On behalf of the rest of the family, I'd like to thank you all for coming there today. But, most importantly, we would like to thank one person especially. She is an angel that God has blessed not only Winston, but all of us. For all her unselfish deeds, her dedication, her unrequited love and kind heart; Maria, thank you so much for helping to show Winston the true meaning of love and happiness. We can all hope that we too will be blessed with our personal angel as Winston was blessed with you.

Order of Service

Processional.....Soft Music

Prelude.....Soft Music

Prayer

Song.....“How Great Thou Art”

Scripture Readings

Old Testament:Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.....Beth Cummings

New Testament:1 Corinthians 15:51-58.....Karen Spence (daughter)

Solo.....Pastor Miriam Gabriel

Prayer For The Family.....Pastor Dr. Jacqueline Waite

Solo.....Sister Paulette Clarke

Tributes.....Family and Friends (15 mins)

Solo.....Kayson Gaynor

Acknowledgement.....Maria Thompson

Remarks.....Clifton Smith (brother)

Salute.....Melecia Harrison (grandniece)

Message.....Pastor Dr. Jacqueline Waite

Recessional

Interment

*Hollywood Memorial Park
Union, New Jersey*

Pall Bearers

Clifton Smith	Delano Smith
Ben Hayes	Paul Spence
Roger Pryce	Richardo Forrester

Psalm 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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May God bless each of you.*

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