

In Loving Memory
of
Devon "Ber-Ber" Smith Jr.

Sunrise
March 25, 1993

Sunset
September 22, 2015



Saturday, October 3, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.

CALVARY ROSEVILLE UMC
400 Main Street • East Orange, New Jersey
Rev. Veronica Palmer, Senior Pastor

*In Thanksgiving for the Life
of*

DEVON DONALD SMITH

March 25, 1993 – September 22, 2015

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE	“Great is Thy Faithfulness”	William M. Runyan
GATHERING	“Be Still My Soul”	Jean Sibelius
	“Abide With Me”	W. H. Monk
GREETING		Rev. Veronica P. Palmer
*HYMN	“Because He Lives”	UMH# 364
PRAYER		Minister George Ferdinand

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE	<i>Psalm 91</i>	Claire Reed
POEMS		Kerry Ann Binns & Nicole Binns
TRIBUTES		Clive Binns Jr. Tonia Smith
SOLO		Nakisha Walsh
SCRIPTURE	<i>2 Corinthians 5:1-10</i>	Sharon Binns
*HYMN	“Nearer, My God, to Thee”	UMH# 528
OBITUARY	<i>Devon Donald Smith</i>	Charletta Broome
	<i>Theo Leenado Walsh</i>	Delisha Smith

REMARKS	Rev. Vivian Rodeffer, Chaplin Jeff Sutherlin & EMT John Ginefra West Essex First Aid Squad
SOLO	Marcia Romans
SERMON	Pastor Lebert Walsh
PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY	Pastor Lebert Walsh
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT	Sharon Binns

COMMENDATION

*HYMN	“When We All Get To Heaven”	UMH# 701
*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		Rev. Veronica P. Palmer
*RECESSIONAL	“Steal Away to Jesus”	arr. by William Farley Smith

Obituary

Devon "Ber-Ber" Smith Jr. was born on March 25th 1993 to Georgette Turner and Devon Smith Sr. in Rochester, New York. Admirably, Devon was an eager learner and expressed what he liked. So, at four years old, he decided he was no longer going to be his mother's baby and declared his own nickname "Ber-Ber". That was the verdict and so everyone affectionately called him "Ber-Ber".

Not surprisingly, he made other decisions at four years old too....he knew he wanted to become a lawyer. Impressively, he even learned how to spell the word "lawyer" and made sure that everyone he talked to, knew how to spell "lawyer" too! At this point, he also showed interest in politics and often reminded us that Bill Clinton was our president.

He spent his earlier years in Rochester where he attended Friendship Children's Center. Later, Devon with his dad and grandparents, relocated to New Jersey where Devon excelled in the schools he attended. Devon attended Vailsburg Elementary School, and University High School until he graduated in 2011.

Devon attended Kean University where he continued to excel at his studies and also considered becoming a DEA agent working for the FBI. Such an eager learner, he soon realized that he could also become a great businessman. As a result, he pursued his studies in Accounting and Business Finance. With this business knowledge, his goal was to buy old homes, renovate them and sell them. His eagerness to learn made his choices limitless.

He loved to "dress up" in business attire and would often send "selfies" to everyone at every chance he got! He loved video games, basketball, music and sneakers.... especially the latest "Nike Foams". He would enter sneaker lotteries to "cop" the latest "Nike Foams".

While attending school, Devon always had a job. He loved to work. Even during the summer months while visiting his mom in Rochester, he obtained a job at Empire Plastic, a manufacturing plant. He also worked at Popeye's and Burger King as a Manager until his untimely death.

Devon was a fun-loving young man who dearly loved his family and friends. His easy-going nature made it easy for anyone to love him. He had a smile that would light up any room he entered.

Above all, Devon knew the Lord. He and his grandmother, Ms. Cutie regularly attended church. Tragically, Devon departed from this life suddenly on Tuesday, September 22nd 2015 to be with the Lord.

Devon was a dearly loved child of two families: Maternal Grandparents: Mr. Cecil Turner (predeceased) & Mrs. Joyce Turner (predeceased), Loving Mother, Georgette Young (Ellis), Loving Father, Devon Smith Sr., Sisters: Cierra Young, Jaqueen, Deana and Makyla Smith. Aunts and Uncles: Winston Turner (Olive, predeceased), Norma Turner, Cecile Scarlett, Oswin Turner (Jennifer), Vinette Lewis (Danny), Audrey Johnson (Dwight), Launa Cousins (David), Terrence Turner (Sheryll). Paternal Grandparents: Mr. Radcliffe Smith & Mrs. Khalice Smith. Aunts and Uncles: Anthony Samuels (Althea), Delroy Smith (Yolanda), Dorothy Campbell (Glenford), Sharon Binns (Clive), Claire Reed (Garfield), Richard Smith (Sonia), a host of cousins, friends, other relatives and Godparents: Richardo Grant and Charletta Broome. Noteworthy mention to his two SPECIAL cousins, Richard Smith Jr. (shared so much with Devon) and Theo Walsh (together to the end with Devon).

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Miss Me, But Let Me Go

*When I come to the end of the
road and the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little-but not too long,
and not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me-but let me go.
For this is a journey that we all must take,
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know.
Laugh at the things we use to do
Miss me-but let me go.*

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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