



*Celebrating the Life
of
Leonard C. Smith*

April 27, 1950 - September 17, 2026

Wednesday, October 7, 2026 - 10am

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2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027
Elder Lakeya Smith, Officiating Minister

Obituary

On Thursday, September 17, 2026, our beloved **Leonard Carlton Smith** entered eternal rest, leaving behind a legacy of love, dignity, and community strength.

Leonard was born in New York City to his late parents, Jesse and Gertrude Smith. We take comfort in knowing he is now reunited with them.

Affectionately known as “Lenny,” he grew up in Harlem, New York. He attended St. Joseph of the Holy Family School and later graduated from Manhattan Vocational & Technical High School. He continued his education at the New York City College of Technology.

Lenny enjoyed the simple joys of life and the hobbies that brought him peace and fulfillment. As a youth, he loved playing basketball at the neighborhood parks. He also loved music and had an outstanding record collection. In adulthood, he developed a love for cycling and after retirement, he grew especially fond of bowling and cherished using his father’s bowling ball. He also loved attending Major League Baseball games, Broadway plays, and concerts with family and close friends.

Professionally, Lenny began his career in the printing department of Mt. Sinai Hospital East in New York City, where he operated and repaired printing machines. He later accepted an opportunity with the New York City Department of Corrections, where he honorably served for 20 years as a Corrections Officer on Rikers Island. Lenny’s dedication was exceptional, he never missed a day of work and carried himself with professionalism, integrity, and meticulous attention to detail.

Photography was a passion for Lenny. Every wall of his home displayed photos of family, friends, and the many places he traveled to. Though naturally calm and private, Lenny also had a joy within him that made him the life of any gathering. His presence was warm, his name unforgettable, and his conversations full of depth and reflection. He loved to read, to think, and to continuously learn. Often, he could be found with his hand on his chin—deep in thought, observing, strategizing, and offering wisdom to those around him.

Leonard is preceded in death by his father, Jesse Smith, and mother, Gertrude Smith.

He is survived by his son Rasheem Smith, daughter-in-law Nikomis Smith, former wife Cynthia Smith, grandchildren Rasheem Smith Jr, Alex Morales, and great-grandson Rahmir King Smith. He also survived by his siblings, Robert Smith, Jesstina Smith, and Belinda Smith, as well as nephews, nieces, cousins, extended family, and close friends who will forever cherish his memory.



Order of Service

Services Ministered by
Elder Lakeya Smith

Musical Selection
“Take me to the King”

Scripture Reading

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection
“Amazing Grace”

Reading of Obituary
Nefertiti Guillaume

Remarks & Acknowledgements
(2 mins)

Musical Selection
“Something About The Name”

Eulogy

Recessional

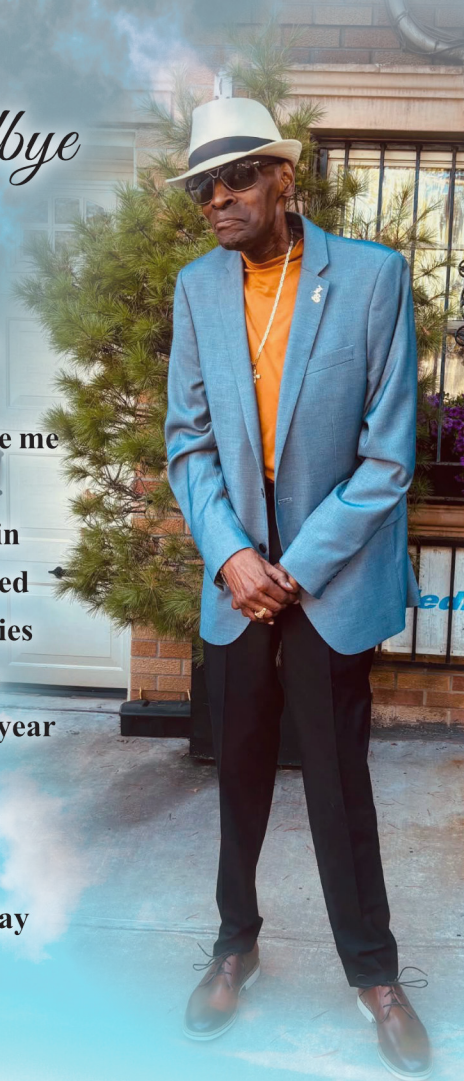
Committal
(following service)

Interment

Pinelawn Memorial Park
2030 Wellwood Ave
Farmingdale, NY 11735

This is Not Goodbye

I did not want to leave you
it was just my time to go
I know your heart is breaking
So, I need to let you know
That although you can no longer see me
I'll be forever by your side
I promise time will numb the pain
And help dry the tears you've cried
You can reach me in your memories
Just think of me, I will be there
In your dreams, we can visit yesteryear
where we didn't have a care
Please carry on & live your life
I beg of you to try
Just know we'll meet again one day
As this is not goodbye



Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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