

*Celebration of the Life
of*



Michael Smith

August 16, 1959 – September 26, 2019

Service

Wednesday, October 2, 2019 - 10:00 a.m.

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE

130 Main St. • Orange, NJ 07050

Obituary

Michael (Mike) Smith was born in Newark, New Jersey, to Lemoyne Sr. and Betty Smith on August 16, 1959. He was called Home at the age of 60 by His Lord on September 26, 2019, in Summit New Jersey. Mike graduated from Central High School in Newark, New Jersey in 1977. He was a proud member of the United States Army from 1981 to 1992. For eleven years he was on active duty- stationed in Korea and Germany as well as bases all over the United States. In 1991, he was deployed to Operation Desert Storm, serving in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. From 1992-1997 he served in the Army Reserves. He was a recipient of numerous military medals and awards, most notably the Army Achievement Medal and the Kuwaiti Liberation Medal. After leaving the Military, Michael worked for the United States Postal Service for 20 years.

Mike enjoyed playing Dominoes and was nicknamed "Bonemaster" for his skills and mastery of the game. He met his wife Tyran in 1993 and they became inseparable. During his almost year long illness, Mike was always surrounded by his family and friends and always reminded everyone how blessed he was. He will truly be missed and we will forever be grateful for having had him in our lives.

Michael is survived by his mother Betty Jean Smith, his devoted and loving wife Tyran Smith, sons Michael (fiancée Shanise) and Najee, step-son Shelton Walton (fiancée Bella), and step-daughter Taryn Outlaw (husband Anthony); brothers Lemoyne Smith Jr. and Derrick Smith (wife Sheila), and sisters-in-law Kim Samad-Speed (husband Umar), Kelly Beauford and Kitt Cook (fiancée Brian); grandchildren Miles, Trenton, Tyree, Tristan, Kelsie, and Davion; nieces Nadiyah A. Samad, Jamene Edwards, Jasmine Fleming, Tiana Smith, Kiana Smith, Ebony Betty Jean Smith; Mecca Cook, and Medina Cook; nephews Nizam A. Samad, Darnell Jackson, Rodney Smith, Jr., Monroe Cook and Nuh Speed; aunts Catherine Edgerton and Dorothy Wright; and his Uncle John (June) Wheeler and a host of cousins and extended family. He is preceded in death by his father Lemoyne Smith Sr. and sister Denise Smith.

Order of Service

Processional

Solo

(Bella Mathison and Pianist; Laura)

Obituary by Lemoyne Smith Jr.

Remarks

(2 minutes)

Eulogy

Minister Brian Taylor of Destiny Living Ministries

Final Viewing

Recessional

INTERMENT

Thursday, October 3, 2019 - 10:00 a.m.
Washington Crossing National Cemetery
830 Highland Road, Newtown, PA 18940

Repast

*Wednesday, October 2, 2019 - 12:00 Noon
The Clubhouse - 205 Spruce Street, Newark, NJ 07108*



I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for
me*

*I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.*

I could not stay another day.

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved
one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too
brief,*

*Don't lengthen it now with undue
grief.*

*Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to extend our sincere gratitude for all acts of kindness and sympathy shown to us at our time of bereavement. God bless you all for your thoughtfulness and concern.

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