Celebrating The Life of

Albert A. Smith

Sunrise August 24, 1924 Sunset November 15, 2019

<u>Service</u> Wednesday, November 20, 2019 • 5:00 p.m.

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE 1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey *Rev. Ron Tuff, Officiating Emory Lee, Organist*

<u>Obituary</u>

Albert Austin Smith, 95 passed away on November 15, 2019 after a valiant battle with pneumonia bronchitis and fluid in his lung. He was born on August 24, 1924 in Arvene, Queens, NY to Harold and Catherine Smith. He spent his younger years growing up in Far Rockaway, NY. The family moved to 415 W. 128th Street in Harlem and Albert attended Dewitt Clinton High School in the Bronx. He graduated from Dewitt Clinton in June of 1943 and joined the US Army in August of 1943.

After completing his military training, he went off to war being assigned to the European Theater of Operation from March 1944 to June 1945. He reached the rank of Spec 5 and was reassigned to the Pacific Theater of Operation from August 1945 until March of 1946. He returned and was honorably discharged from the Army.

He had met Frederica Phillips when he was in High School. He promptly proposed to her and they were married on May 12, 1946. He then used the GI Bill to attend electronic repair classes for RCA. He eventually landed his career start with the Manhattan and Bronx Transit Company as a bus driver. He retired in Management for MABSTOA.

He had three children, Albert Jr., Rama Indra, and Mayarani Frederica. He participated in all of his children's activities, all neighborhood and community organizations, and many political organizations including attending the Inaugural Ball of Lyndon Johnson in 1965 in Washington, DC.

Ironically, Frederica Smith, his wife, predeceased him at the age of 76 on November 14, 2001. A difference of 18 years and 1 day. He is survived by his sons Albert Jr. and Rama, by his daughter Mayarani, and by his grandchildren Albert Krishna, Renge, Lia, and Alexandra. He is also survived by his great-grandchildren, Dameon, Brianne, Aidan, and Taylia.

He will be sorely missed by his immediate family and his extended family. His laughter, his jokes, his teasing, all those things that were a part of him will be cherished in our memories.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude	Organist
Processional	
Viewing of Albert Smith	
Closing and Sealing of Casket	
Musical Selection	Michael Pugh
Prayer	Mayarani Smith
Scripture	Rev. Ron Tuff
Musical selection	Michael Pugh
Special Tribute	Albert Smith
Reflections (2 minutes please)	
Obituary	Rama Smith
Eulogy	

CREMATION

Evergreen Crematory Hillside, New Jersey

<u>Repast</u> Oriental Grand Lodge 37 Fulton Street • Newark, NJ (parking in rear)



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! -author unknown

Acknowledgement

The family of Albert A. Smith 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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