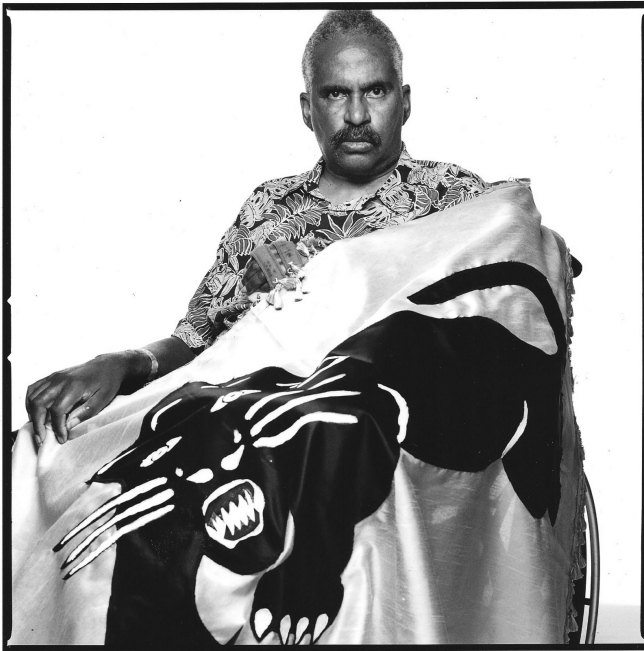


HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF



Byron Smith

ROGER WILLIAM NEWMAN SMITH

Sunrise:
May 31, 1952

Sunset:
December 22, 2019

Service

Monday, January 13, 2020 ~ 11:00 am

St. Matthew Baptist Church

159 East Ninth Avenue
Roselle, New Jersey 07203

Rev. David Ford, Sr., Pastor
Mr. Ron Spearman, Eulogist

LIFE REFLECTIONS

ROGER WILLIAM NEWMAN SMITH was born on May 31, 1952 in Newark, New Jersey to the late Louise Newman Mandeville and Roger William Smith. Roger was a member of the Queen of Angels Parish in Newark, the church that made it possible for him to participate in the historic "March on Washington" in 1963 and his meeting of Dr. Martin Luther King on his historic March in Newark in 1968. Roger graduated from West Side High School in June 25, 1970 where he was a founding member of the Newark Student Union, which protested for Black History courses to be implemented in the Newark School System, protested against dress codes, and against the Vietnam War. As part of the Newark Student Union, he gave support to the Black Organization of Students' takeover of Rutgers Conklin Hall where he met long-life friend Joel Myron, a member of the Students for a Democratic Society, who introduced him to Carl Nicholas, the Leader of the Newark Chapter of the Black Panther Party, which he Joined.

Roger attended the newly created Livingston College at Rutgers University in Piscataway, NJ. He left college to participate in community work with the Black Panther Party, working with the Free Food and Clothing Programs, Political Education, and Welfare and Tenants Rights. As Deputy Chairman of the Newark Chapter of the Black Panther Party, Roger organized numerous Tenant Organizations in the City of Newark and participated in the African Liberation Solidarity Committees fighting against Apartheid in South Africa. He was instrumental in the New Jersey Peace Mobilization against the Vietnam War. In 1979, Roger went to Cuba as a member of the Cuban Cultural Exchange Tour. He worked with the people of Cuba and learned valuable skills as an organizer. He returned to the United States determined to make further changes in the Black Community. Roger recalled a quote from Huey P. Newton, "The revolution has always been in the hands of the young. The young always inherit the revolution."

Roger worked in the Juvenile Court system in Essex County, resulting in participating and organizing programs at the Elizabeth Port Presbyterian Center and the Youth Advocate Program (YAP). YAP is a nationally recognized, non-profit organization that advocates for families and at-risk youth to provide safe, cost effective social services.

On Sunday, December 22, 2019, Roger transitioned peacefully to the ancestors.

He was predeceased by his sister, Victoria Smith; and loving Uncle Frank and Aunt Zelma Earl. Roger leaves to cherish precious memories and his legacy, one daughter, Kya Smith; His Brother Atno Smith; sister-in-law, Gloria Montealegre; nieces: Cali and Attiya Newman; nephews: Camilo Smith and Kelvin Chinkanizi; grand-nephew, Emiliano Smith; and a host of cousins of the Hawley, Green, Gordon and Earl Families Lineage and dear friends.

Humbly submitted,
The Family

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Hymn of Comfort..... “Lift Every Voice and Sing”
Black National Anthem

Scriptures

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Reflections..... Ernest King – Life Long Friend
Dr. John Dunn – College Administrator
Jeff Fleischer – CEO of the Youth Advocate Program
Joe Myron, Esq. – Mentor and Labor Organizer
Dr. Alex Sutton – V. President, Education and Consultation, YAP
Camillo Smith – Nephew, Journalist/Multimedia Professor

Acknowledgment of Condolences

Obituary

Selection..... “Power to the People” Chi-lites

Eulogy..... Mr. Rod Spearman

Recessional..... “The Legacy - The Black Panther Party”
The Lumpens



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Family and Friends of **Roger William Newman Smith**



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!

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