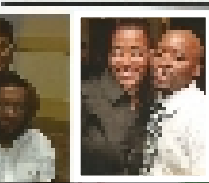
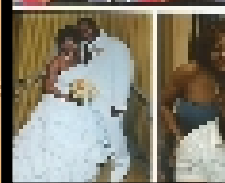
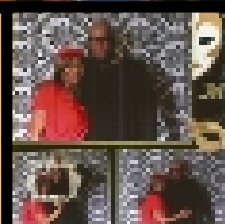
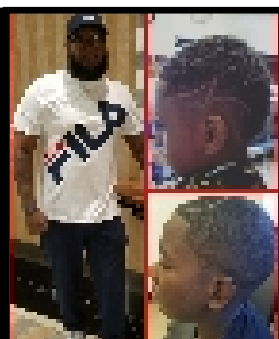




*Celebrating The Life of  
Raymond Smith, Jr.  
"Hanif"*

*Sunrise  
March 19, 1970*

*Sunset  
January 28, 2020*



## *Reflections of Life*

**Raymond "Hanif" Smith Jr.** was born on March 19, 1970 to Ruth Stokes and Raymond Smith Sr. He was raised in Paterson, NJ.

He attended the local public schools and graduated from Passaic County Technical Institute. He was a great cook. He also enjoyed spending time at the gym and was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan. He was also a GQ connoisseur of name brand sneakers and sweat suits.

Hanif was a Master Barber. He worked in Paterson for more than thirty years. In 1984 he enrolled in cosmetology class in PCTI Wayne. His first official job was at Community Barbershop on Rosa Parks Blvd. In the late 1980's he fine tuned his skills and made a name for himself at Hair Affair Barbershop on West Broadway downtown Paterson under the training and mentorship of Eric Jones. After the passing of his mentor Eric Jones he left Hair Affair and began temporary employment at a small shop in East Orange. He returned to Paterson in the early 1990's and began a lead barber position at Turning Heads Unisex Salon on Broadway downtown Paterson, he later connected with a family member and joined the team at a shop called Final Phase located in South Jersey. He again returned to Paterson and began a lead position at Better Look Barbershop on Grand Street. In December 1994 he began a barbering position at Kutt Creators Hair Repair and Accessories Unisex Salon. In 1997 he partnered in a barbershop on Park Avenue called Universal Kutts. Then in 1999 he returned back to Kutt Creators along with three other barbers and formed the Mega 15 Chaired Barbershop, Beauty Salon and Retail Shop titled Simply The Best Unisex Salon. Shortly after 2011 Simply the Best Unisex began DBA Simply Hair Kutts. On October 1, 2019 Simply The Best Barbershop DBA Simply Hair Kutts closed it's doors after 25 years at the 681 East 18th St. location. On Saturday, January 25, 2020 Hanif closed out his 35 year barbering career at Head Quarters Barbershop 528 East 18th St. Paterson, NJ. He loved Paterson and the community which he was committed to serving as a barber.

*He was preceded in death by his step-son, Zahmir Hayes, grandparents, William Buck Brown, Virginia Lucy Watkins, Walter Smith, Walter and Mary Slade, aunt, Mina Medley and god father, Robert "Bobby" Alexander.*

*He departed this life on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at Hackensack University Medical Center.*

*He leaves to cherish precious memories: his wife, Khadija Smith of Paterson, NJ; his parents, Ruth and Ron Stokes of Raeford, NC; his father, Raymond Smith Sr. of Brick, NJ; five children, Kiyon Smith, Kiara Smith and Dymond Smith of Owings Mills, MD, Raymond Hanif Smith III of Paterson, NJ and Canei Smith of Raeford, NC; step-son, Al-Jumu Johnson; four grandchildren, Dior and Sarai Smith of Fredericksburg, VA and Harlym and Shi Smith of Owings Mills, MD; step-grandchildren, Ahzir Hayes and Prince Johnson of Paterson, NJ; step-brothers, Ronald Todd Stokes and Timothy Morrison; sister, Alexis Smith; step-sister, Shelly Stokes; grandmother, Beatrice Smith; aunts, Georgianna Mack and Denise Smith; uncles, Aldo Cole and Gregory Smith; great aunts, Bernice Slade, Mamie Harris, Juanita Boyland, Delores Ali and Romena Ali; sisters-in-law, Ashona Smiley, Tawana Hayes, Nakasha Page, LeKeysha Alston Page, Theresa Alston Page, Shakira Goodman, Shaneika Goodman; brothers-in-law, Grady Page, Jr., Grady Brown, Eric Smith and LeKindrick Page; mother-in-law, Mary Hayes; father-in-law, Grady Page Sr.; godmother, Shirley Alexander; god brother, Robert Alexander and god sister, Robyn Alexander; god son, Robert Hanif Alexander; special friends, Rodney Ayers, Keith Peterkin, Corey Bolds, Demetrius Johnson, James Chappel, Terrell Wash, Casey Melvin, Terrell Hall, Adrian Evans, James Dailey, Tremaine and Timothy Watkins and Daniel Noble; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and his "Paterson Posse".*

*We will always remember Hanif by his favorite saying "I'm Out!"*

*Friday, February 7, 2020 - 11:00 a.m.*

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### *Order of Service*

*Hymn of Comfort*

*Scripture Readings*

Old Testament ..... Jilene Hope Spencer

New Testament ..... Denise Smith

*The Prayer of Comfort*

*Musical Selection* ..... Trina Preston

*Reflections of Life* ..... Khadija Smith

*Musical Selection* ..... Eric McKenzie

*Eulogy* ..... Dr. Douglas Logan, Pastor  
Church of Planting at Remnant Church  
Richmond, Virginia

*Recessional*

#### **Interment**

*East Ridgelawn Cemetery  
255 Main Avenue  
Clifton, New Jersey*

#### **Pall Bearers**

KC	REL
EFE	Rodney
Qurshon	Antoine
Kiyon	Raymond III

*Two amazing women can  
love the same incredible  
man in completely  
different ways. For one is  
his beautiful wife and one  
is his beautiful mother.*



## *Daddy*

What we'd give if we could say  
Hello Daddy, in the same old way  
To hear your voice, see your smile  
To sit with you and chat a while...

So you who have your Father  
Cherish him with care  
For you'll never know  
The Heartache  
Till you see  
His vacant chair

Loving you always,  
Kiyon, Kiara, Kiara, Dymond, Nefe and Canei

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of the late **Raymond Smith, Jr.** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to our family during this our time of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

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