

Celebration of Life In Loving Memory



Otis A. Smith

Sunrise
August 17, 1982

Sunset
July 7, 2020

Service
Saturday, July 25, 2020 • 12:30 p.m.

CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME
256 Rosa Parks Blvd., Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Alfred E. Steel, Officiating



Reflections of Life

On August 17, 1982, a handsome baby boy was born to Otis Hall and Emma Smith. They name him Otis Antonio Smith.

Otis attended school in Harrisonburg, VA before moving to Paterson, NJ. He attended Public School No. 12 and Kennedy High School. He later got his GED. Otis moved to Radford, VA. Upon returning to Paterson May 2019. Otis attended Hohokus School of Trade where he took up welding. He graduated January 2020 with a certificated in welding. He was employed by UPS in Saddle Brook, NJ from 2019 to 2020.

Otis very pleasant demeanor could be felt whenever he enters a room. His smile would light up the room. He was flashy dresser and always had to have the latest sneakers sunglasses and baseball cap.

Otis was truly the definition of a true and loyal friend. He loved people and felt it was his job to make you smile because he was ALWAYS smiling.

He was predeceased by his father, Otis Hall, his grandmothers, Martha Smith Henderson and Marie Richardson Hall, grandfather, Eddie Smith, Godmother, Gloria Blount Anderson.

He leaves to cherish his precious memories: his only son, Otlis A. Burnette who owns his heart; his only daughter, Taylor Burnette his queen; his parents: mother, Emma Smith Porter, his right hand, step father, Roger Porter from Paterson, NJ; his big sister, Shaunketta Smith Paterson, NJ; brothers, Christopher Johnson, Keisan Franceis, Shabli William, Devon Manely, James Perry John McNeal, Jamon Ford, Dashon Francis, Sheldon Rose, Tariq Clay Timothy Voloape all of Paterson, NJ; aunties, Annie Cotton, Patricia Smith, Linda Netters all from Peoria, IL, Loretta Williams Chicago, Heights IL, Vivian Nicolette, Orlando, FL, Sharon Richardson Harrisonburg, VA, Aretha Williams, Lorene, Thelma Richardson, Glady Jones all of Greenville, MS; nieces, Keisana Franceis, Jaedyn, Preyton McNeal all of Paterson; nephew, Christian Williams; God sister, Rasheeda Thomas Paterson, NJ; God brother, Zion Seegers Paterson, NJ; devoted and loyal friend, Danea Norris; special cousins from no grass in the yard to the concert, Terrence, Melvin, Damione, Anthony, Calvin, Mark, LaRron, Brain, James, Darrell, Jarell; cousins he loved like sisters, Michaun, Chriatiana; and host of family and friends.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Open Hymn

Opening Prayer Dr. Rev. James Farrior

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 23:4-5 Loretta William

New Testament - Matthew 6:19-24 Dawnetta Purnette

Prayer of Comfort Rev. Kenneth Clayton

Selection Michael Gatling

Remarks (Two Minutes Please)
John McNeal, Friends & Family

Special Tribute By A Friend & Brother Devon Manley

Acknowledgments

Reflections of Life Danea Norris

Selection Michael Gatling

Poem Rasheeda Thomas

The Message of Comfort..... Rev. Alfred E. Steele

Final Viewing

Recessional

Pallbearers

Devon Manely	John McNeal,
Bernard Jones	Ebonic Bowman
Tariq Clay	Timothy Volpe

Interment

Parkview Cemetery
Peoria, IL

Open Letter To Dad

Hey Dad,

I just want tell you I love you and miss you. I wish we could have had made more memories together. I know you are looking down over me now. I promise to make you proud and I will take care of Nana.

Love You Forever & Always
Your Son Otis

Hey Dad

Thanks you for being my mentor my listening ear and my teacher. Thank you were my biggest fan but, most importantly thank you for being my father!

You taught me a lot and brought me through a lot I am blessed for that. Were both Leo's our birthday literally one day apart that is why you always understood me.

I'm so grateful that Bod brought you into my life. I hate that our time here don earth was cut so short but, I can't wait to get to heaven and see you again. My future kids will know how great of a man their grandfather was. Keep having a ball in haven I know that beautiful smile is even brighter now.

I Love You Always
TayTay

Honorary Pallbearers

James Smith
John Smieth
Anthony Cotton
Mark Talley
Laron Richardson
Calvin Richardson

With Much Love To His North 6th Street Family

Acknowledgement

We the family of Otis "Oskeeno" Smith would like to thank each and every one for all your support, phone, calls, cards, prayers, and kindness during our difficult time. May God continue to be with you.... Much Love & Respect The Smith Porter Family

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