



Celebrating The Life of

Lavar Donte Smith

Sunrise
March 5, 1977

Sunset
February 13, 2021

Service

Saturday, February 27, 2021 - 12:00 Noon
Epworth United Methodist Church
834 Concourse Village E., Bronx, NY 10451
Minister Tyrone Richardson, Officiating

Obituary

Lavar Donte Smith (Goodie) was born in Harlem Hospital on March 5th, 1977 to the late Mildred LaJuana Smith who loved him dearly. He gained his wings and transitioned to the other side at the young age of 43 to be warmly welcomed by his mother on February 13th, 2021 in Albany, NY. Lavar was collectively raised by his mother sisters. During his transition from a young boy into the early manhood portion of his life he lived with his auntie momma Jeannie.

Lavar grew up in happy homes full of fun, laughter, good food and tons of cousins. All of his cousins and his uncle considered Lavar to be their brother, so much that they have a special name for Lavar which was "Brother-cousin". Lavar was a well rounded take no shortcuts type of person, his life experiences helped to mold and shape the great man that he was.

Lavar graduated from Burlington Township High School in NJ and went on to attend Manhattan Community College. He tried his hand at several different professions such as working for UPS, Bridge & Tunnel, working as a phlebotomist for the Red Cross & lastly he became a certified welder and was a part of the the Albany Local 197 Chapter Boiler Makers Brothers Union, where he excelled in this hard working man's profession of joining fire with steel and creating strong structures & foundations for buildings all over NY. However, Lavar was an entrepreneur by heart. In 2019, Lavar successfully launched DontePleasures.com, But Lavar's true passion in which he also lovingly pursued was animal breeding. Lavar owned and founded MackBengals Inc., which he bred beautiful Bengal cats and was in the beginning stages of breeding his Mack Frenchie dogs. This was his true passion in life, he loved all kinds of animals. The other love of his life more importantly was his family! Lavar proudly wore his Family Matters tattoo which represented the love he had for all his surviving family members, who in return reciprocated the love back to him and Lavar's greatest achievement of them all was being a loving & devoted father.

Lavar met a beautiful young lady and lifelong friend by the name of Danial and they blessed us with Lavar's first born child, the beautiful, smart, & kind princess Ladaizah. As life would have it later down the line Lavar would marry the phenomenal Ms. Tashunla for 15 years and he would bless his family again with 3 more heart beats, the handsome charming Kyshaun, his second charming Prince Kavar, and the Ms. She Runs Things around here, Empress Tailah. Lavar would also go on to bless his family with 2 more lovely children, Sweet Egypt and his Baby boy Jaheim.

Lavar is survived by his children, Mothers of Children, His Aunts; Irene, Earlene, Jeannie, Lisa, Trina and Uncle Kayo (Tamara). First cousins Helena, Darlene, Jumel (Saymoe), Derick (NaKia), Jared, Calvin, Jason and a host of 2nd & 3rd cousins, girlfriend Telisha, Cousins Stephen & Logo, The Ellis family, close family and friends. Lavar was preceded in death by his grandparents Arthur and Juanita Smith, Uncle Warren, Cousin Charron, Mama Diane & Aunt Beverly.

His sudden passing has shaken the core of our very close-knit family, but we know if Lavar were still here with us he would say "Alright now, we good" in a true GOODIE MACK type of way.

WE LOVE YOU AND WILL MISS YOU DEARLY VARDY HARDY.
- WRITTEN BY JUMEL STUART

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Scripture Readings
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements

Reading of the Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Final Disposition

Greenwood Crematory
Newark, New Jersey

The Master Called

I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see, the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.
-Author unknown



Acknowledgment

The family wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement.
May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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