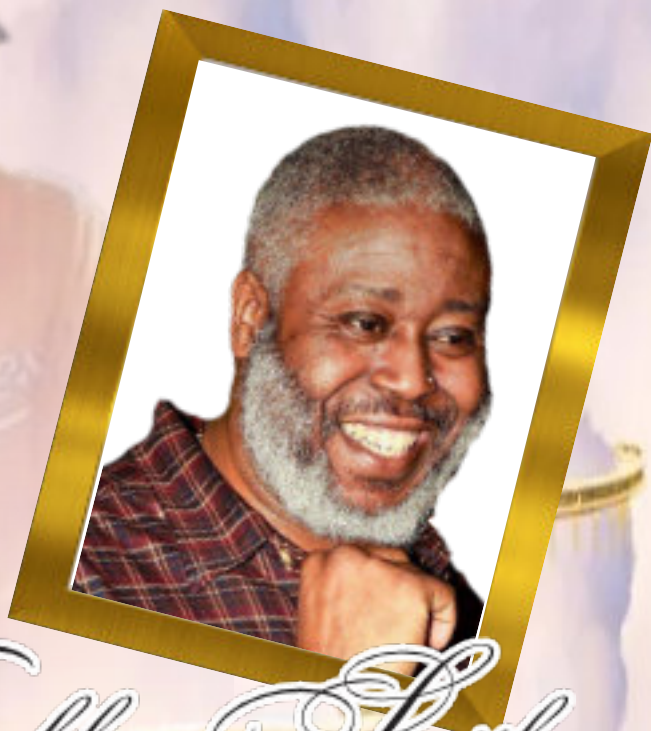





*In Loving Memory of*



*Franklyn Smith*

Sunrise  
December 31, 1969

Sunset  
January 22, 2022



Service:  
Tuesday, February 1, 2022 - 11:30 am

**MCCALL'S BRONXWOOD FUNERAL HOME**  
4035 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, New York 10466  
Rev. Andre Mosley, Officiating

# *Obituary*

On New Years Eve,, December 31st, 1969, **Franklyn Derrence Smith** led the way into the New Year accompanied by his fraternal twin, Franquel to Lilli Paulk and Richard Smith at Albert Einstein Hospital. The family, with its two new additions, settled in the Bronx, New York. Ms. Paulk immersed all her children into art programs where young Franklyn and siblings participated in guitar and dance classes.

On March 25, 1975, Franklyn and the family were dealt a sharp blow with the transition of Franklyn's father Richard Smith.. Franklyn found a strong male influence in his grandfather, Francis "Big Daddy" Smith.

Franklyn loved music and was greatly influenced by Hip Hop. Artists like KRS1, Public Enemy, Rakim, and Brand Nubian..

These artists fueled Franklyn's drive to become a "Civilized Black Man." He became a student of the teachings of the Honorable Clarence 13 X. Franklyn adopted the principles of the Nation of the Gods and Earth, later adopting the name "FREEDOM". Franklyn harbored the belief that the Black man is the original man. He felt that through education of oneself, he would find his "TRUE FREEDOM" as a Black Man.

On the lighter side, Franklyn was a Dapper Dan fan for sure, even when he was casual. Franklyn's style was derived from the fashions of the 70's and Hip-Hop. Freedom aka known to rock the apple jack hats, Wallabee's and British Walkers with matching Corduroy pants, Sheepskin, and his famous Forever Freedom Engraved Nikes.

Franklyn was always at his Mother's feet when she cooked and started to develop some serious cooking skills of his own. As a teenager and young adult Franklyn culinary interests were sharpened working at D'Agostino's Supermarket where he brought his culinary delights of all backgrounds and creeds to life.

Franklyn was a smart and strong-willed young man, performing well in the NYC Parochial School system, graduating in 1987 from Tolentine HS.

Franklyn attended City College and John Jay in pursuit of his degree

in Criminal Justice. Franklyn wanted to affect change from within the system for his people. Franklyn, always the fighter and great debater.

Franklyn always wanted to give back to his community. He gained employment as case manager for the Developmentally Disabled Adults, whom he considered one of the most vulnerable population. Franklyn served as a Vice President for CSEA local 443, where he continued his fight for the underrepresented, choosing to represent direct care workers, who were subject to unfair work practices.

One of Franklyn's proudest accomplishments happened on June 21, 1999. On that day his Muse was born to he and Nadine Trotman-Carrington: Ja'lon Smith. Franklyn took fatherhood seriously, taking pleasure in introducing Ja'lon to a massive archive of movies and documentaries, heightening his learning experiences. Franklyn taught Ja'lon about the responsibility he had to enrich and add to his community. Franklyn taught Ja'lon autonomy and independence, thereby strengthening Ja'lon's debating skills.

**SIDEBAR: FRANKLYN LOVED TO DEBATE ANY AND EVERYTHING.**

In conjunction with great support from Ja'lon's mother, Ms. Trotman-Carrington they molded Ja'lon into an intelligent and idealistic young man who graduated from SUNY Fredonia with a degree in Criminal Justice which brought added Joy and enrichment to his father's heart.

After a prolonged bout of sickness, Franklyn succumbed to heart related issues in the early morning hours of January 22, 2022. Franklyn leaves behind his greatest supporter in life his mother, Lillie. His pride and joys, his sons, Ja'lon and Kenneth, his sisters- Delvina and his twin Franquel, his younger siblings Jaquan Devante, Brandon, and Laquell. He also leaves behind his friend Lydia and her son Justin and a host of Nephew/Nieces: Christian, Elijah, Tino, Marcus, Season. His godchildren, Jonathan, Jordan, and Tyreek. His brother-in law Sterling. His life brothers Kyle, Jay, Andre, Tommie, Harry, and Richard. Franklyn also has his African Village of Life Family, loved ones, friends, and colleagues.

Franklyn Smith aka FD aka Freedom, your impact was unmeasurable, we were all blessed by the gift of you in our lives and we are richer, smarter, more analytical human beings because you. King the Spiritual Essence just got 1 Fly Brother (His Tattoo on his right arm) to add to the mix.

Forever Freedom!!! Always love!!

# *Order of Service*

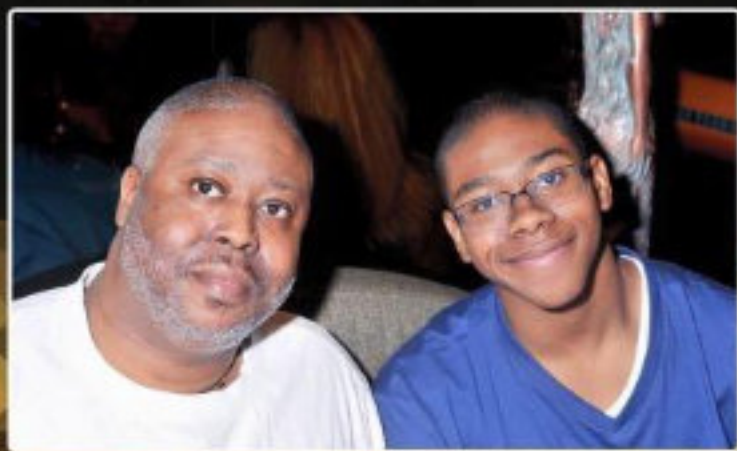
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Opening Prayer ..... Rev. Andre Mosley  
Old Testament Scripture Reading.....Ja'lon Smith  
Solo .....Laquel Paulk  
Obituary Reading ..... Richard Bradley  
New Testament Scripture Reading .....Joseph Reid  
Poem Reading ..... “Letter To My Son”.....Lillie Smith  
Eulogy .....Rev. Andre Mosley  
Solo ..... Lillie Smith  
Committal & Benediction .....Rev. Andre Mosley  
Remarks By The Funeral Director  
Final Viewing  
Recessional

*Interment*  
RoseHills Memorial Park  
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# God's Plan

*God saw he was getting tired,  
And a cure was not meant to be.  
So he put his arms around him and whispered,  
"Come with me.  
With tearful eyes we watched him suffer,  
And slowly fade away.  
Although we loved him dearly,  
We could not make him stay.  
A golden heart stopped beating,  
Hard working hands were put to rest.  
God broke our hearts to prove to us,  
He only takes the best.  
Lovingly submitted,  
The Smith Family*

## Acknowledgments

**The family would like to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.**

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