



Herbert Lee Smith Jr.

October 7, 1952 - April 24, 2022

Loving Memories

On October 7, 1952, a bright-eyed boy and youngest child was born to the late Herbert Lee Smith, Sr., and the late Emma Betty Reese Smith-Davis. As joy filled the hospital in Southampton County, they smiled and called him “Herbert Jr.”

Dr. Thelma Gray Smith, wife of 44 years, caregiver, high school sweetheart, and Central High School Graduating Class of 1970, would call him husband, father, friend, classmate, and “Herrrrbberrt”.

Damien Tyshaun Smith, Son, and his wife, Deesha Pritchett Smith, shared Herbert’s care during his illness, his love of sports especially in coaching basketball together and cheering for the Washington Redskins, his sense of humor, and technician in his business, In-House Communications. They greeted their dad with “Hey Man” and called him “Pops”.

Damiya Tyneil Smith, Granddaughter (daughter of Damien and the apple of Herbert’s eye) became Herbert’s cooking partner as they baked cakes and prepared breakfasts, and as she became interested in sports. Damiya called him “Papa”.

Grayson Tyrell Smith, Son, and his wife, Latasha Aikens Smith, shared his care during his illness, learned to care for the lawn and cars, and now share the desire to coach youth sports as

his dad did.

They greeted Herbert with “Hey Old Man” and called him “Coach and Pops”.

Gavin Tyrell Smith, Grandson (son of Grayson and another apple of Herbert’s eye) is only 3 years old

but his cheerfulness and laughter stirred Herbert’s being as he happily shouted, “Hey Pops”.

Cheronka Townsend, Daughter, and her husband, Timothy Townsend, who remember Herbert

through the scripture and interpretation of the book of Genesis 32:24-28 AMP, and how to become

stronger through hurt and pain called him “Dad”.

Nannie Delores Smith Myrick, Sister, and her husband, Tommy Myrick would become the parent

figures, encouragers, calmers, and supporters as they called him “My Brother”.

Deaconess Jokita Myrick-Bragg, Niece, and her husband, Kevin Bragg, and their daughter, Samantha,

knew him as the only Uncle on her mother’s side. Jokita watched as he tinkered with cars with her

dad and stood proudly as he filled in to dance with her at her Debutante’s Ball. She called him “Uncle

Junie”.

Virginia M. Smith, Sister, and her friend, Joseph Prescott, enjoyed Herbert’s adventurous spirit, and

sense of humor, and called him “Herbert L.”

Carrie Delk Gray, Mother-in-Law; LaVerne Gray Thornton, Joyce Gray Feaster, and Patricia Delk

Howell, Sisters-in-Law, remember him as friend, running buddy, courageous, free-spirited, generous,

and brother. They called him “Herbert and Bailey”.

Bethlehem Baptist Church (Jarratt, VA) who baptized Herbert in the name of the Father, called

Herbert “Member” while First Baptist Church Centralia (North Chesterfield, VA) called him

“Thelma’s Husband”.

Elnora Hamlin, Niece and Professional Caregiver, shall forever be in our prayers for many hours of care, determination, and love. She called him “Uncle, and most recently, “Mr. Smith”.

The United States Army (Viet Nam War Veteran) called him “soldier”. The phenomenal staffs at TLC

Home Health, Chippenham-Johnston Willis Hospitals, McGuire Veterans Hospital, Encompass

Health, Suncrest Hospice, and Hospice of Virginia called him “Mr. Smith”.

Central High School (Sussex, VA) Class of 1970, Central Piedmont Community College (North Carolina), and Virginia Union University (Richmond, VA) called him “Student”.

Two special ladies, India Hurlburt and Nadia Smith could light up Herbert’s eyes with their presence

as did a host of nieces and nephews, and friends of his sons who called our house, ‘home’. Though

too numerous to name there are memories by William “Buck” Ricks and Class of 1970; Edward

“Eddie” Gray Siblings and families; Bernard Hamlin Siblings, and families; Michael Claiborne

Siblings and families; Angie Baylor and Nikki Williams and Families; Tianna Clark Feaster Sibling

and Families; Floyd and Bryant Fields Siblings and families; Howard Butts Siblings and families;

David Seaborne Siblings and families; other cousins, relatives and friends.

Herbert was lovingly called by many names: “Husband, Brother, Dad, Pops, Papa, Uncle, Duncle, Mr.

Herbert, Mr. Smith, Smitty, Jack, Papa, and others, but on April 24, 2022, God called him “Home”.

Rest in peace Herbert.

Cemetery Details

Virginia Veterans Cemetery at Amelia

10300 Pridesville Road
Amelia, VA 23002

Previous Events

Family Hour

MAY 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church Centralia
2920 Kingsdale Road
Chesterfield, VA 23237

Visitation

MAY 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

MAY 6. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Thelma & family: I am so sorry about the passing of Herbert. I was shocked when I received the text informing me of his death. My heart goes out to all of you for I know the hurt and pain of having to say goodbye to the ones we love. I am sure Herbert is happy as he rejoices with God, the angels, and all the ones that had gone to be with the Lord before him. As you are missing him, think of the love you shared, the great times you spent together, the storms of life you faced together, and the list goes on and on. I will be thinking of you all in days and months to come. This is your cousin Lois from Capron, Va. Sending lots of hugs and love your way. Rest in peace Herbert.*



Lois Johnson Orick - May 07 at 10:51 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Herbert Lee Smith Jr..*



May 03 at 08:58 PM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

March Funeral Homes - April 29 at 09:17 AM