



Thomas Harry Smith, Jr.

December 22, 1961 - March 1, 2022

Thomas H. Smith, Jr. was born on December 22, 1961, in Richmond, Virginia to the late Thomas H. Smith, Sr., and Olliemae Cooper Smith, giving them a very special Christmas gift that year.

He was preceded in death by his father Thomas H. Smith Sr., maternal grandparents Theodore J. Cooper Sr., and Elnora B. Woodson, and paternal grandparents James and Bertha Jones.

Affectionately known as Tommy, during his younger years he was a very active child, always busy and into something. That charisma followed him throughout his life. Prior to graduation from high school, Tommy worked alongside his brother and father. He was a 1980 graduate of Lee Davis High School, and after graduating, he was employed at Farmer Machine, Winter Window and Doors, and Richfood Dairy.

He accepted Christ as his Savior at an early age and was baptized at Brown Grove Baptist Church, Ashland Virginia. He later joined the New Bridge Baptist Church family.

Tommy was a free spirit, a person who would give you the shirt off his back. There was no gray area with him; you either loved him or you grew to love him. Funny, kind, and loveable, he was a big teddy bear. Presence always felt, voice always heard, he was truly the life of the party. He found enjoyment in fast cars and the lifestyle associated with them.

He loved his family deeply, especially his daughter, grandson, niece, and nephews. His niece and nephews loved to be in his presence; he was the fun uncle and always had a funny story or something crazy to tell them. He adored his New Bridge family. Reverend Martin held a special place in his heart, along with the New Bridge daycare children whom he loved dearly and often referred to them as his children.

Leaving to cherish his beautiful memories are his mother, Olliemae Cooper Smith, daughter Lindsey R. Lindsay, grandson Ethan A. McElroy, sister Synator Smith Johnson

(Freddie, Jr.), brother Grayland E. Smith (Pat), niece Briana G. Smith, nephews Pierce A. Johnson and Grayland E. Smith Jr., nieces and nephews by union Nikeya Holland (Troy), Freddie Johnson, III (Kelli), and Maurice Johnson (Amanda), aunts and uncles Martha King-Anderson, Melvin Cooper, Jean Jackson (Robert), Jonetta Williams, Adolph Jones (Annie), Oscar Jones (Helen), Vanessa Lee, Theodore Cooper, Jr.,(Maitland), and Sandra Jones, a numerous amount of beloved cousins, and devoted friends Edward W. Braxton better known as "Chuck", Erwin Spurlock and Wallace Berkeley.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Memory Gardens

13389 Mountain Road
Glen Allen, VA 23059

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAR 8. 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

MAR 8. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life with live streaming

MAR 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Thomas Harry Smith, Jr., Please Click the Link below.*



March Funeral Homes - March 03 at 03:48 PM

FA

“ *My Deepest condolences and sympathies goes out to the Smith family. Tommy was always very nice to me and my family. He lit up every room he walked into with his jokes, laughter, and kind heart.*

*Love,
Fatima*

Fatima - March 09 at 12:11 PM

DH

“ *To the Smith Family...
The news of Tommy's Passing has surely saddened my heart. His personality was bigger than life. His presence at New Bridge Baptist Church will be missed. He was the 'Big" brother that loved to pluck your nerves. His joking around just made you act like a big kid. We've been told to "Shhhh" during services because we both refuse not to get the last wise crack in...I just want to hug Mrs. Smith tight... I love her and the Smith family like my own.... Keep your Faith strong. You all are never alone. you're loved more than you can imagine by GOD and your N.B.B.C. family.*

Denise Harris

Denise Harris - March 09 at 09:21 AM

JW

“ My deepest sympathy to the Smith family. Whoever came up with the title "gentle gaint" must have known Tommy was coming along. We always had a battle over who was going to get the last word in!!! Of course, he won. I'm thinking of today as not a rainy day, but as the angels are laughing and crying at his jokes in heaven. I'm going to miss him.

Joyce Webster



Joyce Webster - March 09 at 08:28 AM

RY

“ To Mama Olliema, Synator, Grayland, and the extended Smith family;

I pray your strength in the Lord during this time of bereavement. I pray that you find joy and peace with the tears as you share memories of Tommy. Tommy had a way of making laughter a part of his everyday life. If you were around him, you were going to laugh and/or say "boy you are crazy". He was a individual that loved life.

Praying for all of you,
Rosalind Yvette Rustin
AKA "Sister"

RYRustin - March 04 at 01:18 PM

MC

“ Our deepest sympathy to The Smith Family. Please take comfort in knowing that others share in your loss. We have such fond memories of Tommy, his smile was contagious.

With Love,
Tammy & James "Mac" McCray

McCray - March 03 at 03:21 PM

OC

Cousin Olliema

My sisters Mae, Annette and I send you and the family our love, condolences and prayers during this difficult time.

Otelia Berryman Christian

Otelia Berryman Christian - March 07 at 04:42 PM

DC

To the Smith Family

Sorry for your loss Newbridge Baptist Church ushers are sending you healing prayers and comforting hugs.

DeWanda Crumm

DeWanda Crumm - March 09 at 02:20 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 - March 03 at 11:36 AM