



## Alvin Legard Smith Jr.

February 28, 1949 - June 20, 2018

Alvin Legard Smith, Jr. was born to Alvin L. Smith Sr. and Mary Jane Cook on February 28, 1949 in Baltimore, Maryland. He transitioned from this life quietly and unexpectedly on June 20, 2018 at Saint Agnes Hospital.

Alvin, also known as Buggs or Al, was raised by his grandmother, Gertrude Smith and educated in Catonsville, Maryland. He graduated from Catonsville High School in 1968. While in school, Alvin excelled in sports and was an exceptional athlete. He was active in Basketball, Baseball, Football, Soccer, and Track. Alvin loved sports both as a participant and observer. Later in life he became a Basketball Coach for the U.S. Post Office League and pursued hunting and fishing. Though, his favorite sport was Basketball.

After High School, Alvin joined the U.S. Army. He served his country honorably from 1969 to 1972 and was a Vietnam War Veteran. He also played Football while in the U.S. Army.

Alvin worked at Henryton Center and The Social Security Administration before joining the U.S. Postal Service in 1978, where he made his career as a Mail Carrier and retired in December of 2013.

Alvin attended Grace A.M.E. Church until he entered the military and played on the Church softball team. He attended Sunday School at Grace A.M.E. and

Vacation Bible School at St. Mark's Catholic Church. Even though he did not regularly attend Church, he still read the Bible and never lost his faith. Prior to his transitioning, he accepted Christ as his Savior while at the Assisted Living facility.

Alvin's marriage to Catherine Elaine Pagan in 1984 ended in divorce. Alvin had one son, Alvin Legard Smith III. Alvin was a popular guy even from childhood. He made friends easily, many of them lifelong friendships. In addition to sports, he loved family, music, dancing and was always joking around. He was soft spoken, but always had plenty to say about everything. He was an undiscovered comedian and loved people. People enjoyed being around him and he was always the life of the party. He was especially loved by the ladies. He was fearless all his life and very protective of those he cared about.

He leaves to mourn: his son, Alvin L. Smith III; four sisters and their spouses, Elaine Hairston (Ray), Deborah Durant (Julius), Leslie McBride (James), and Laurie Smith; three brothers and their spouses, James Smith (Sandra), William Smith and Larry Smith Sr.; his loving aunt, Dolores Counsellor; cousins with whom he was raised, Ronald Counsellor, Irvin Counsellor, Arnetta Kelly, Delores Counsellor, Jacqueline Miller and Rodney Counsellor; and a host of nieces, nephews and other cousins. His oldest sister Shirley Johnson preceded him in death.

Alvin will truly be missed by all who knew him.

# Cemetery Details

## Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road  
Owings Mills, MD

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JUN 27. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
(410) 542-2400  
info@marchfh.com

## Family Hour

JUN 27. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
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## Wake

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JUN 28. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace AME Church  
67 1/2 Winters Lane  
Baltimore, MD

## Service

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JUN 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Baltimore, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Alvin Legard Smith Jr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Alvin Legard Smith Jr..*



June 27, 2018 at 11:34 AM



“ *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** - June 21, 2018 at 06:48 PM