



Deacon Avrian Jerome Smith

November 1, 1972 - January 23, 2016

Deacon Avrian Jerome Smith was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut on November 1, 1972. He was the third of four sons born to the late Christine Baker.

Avrian was educated in the Henrico County Public School System. He graduated from Henrico High School in June, 1991.

He accepted Jesus Christ and was baptized at Fifth Street Baptist Church, where he became a member on February 14, 1994. Over the years, he was active in numerous organizations at Fifth Street to include the Tucker and Celebration Male Chorus, Gospel Creations, and Youth & Young Adult Choir. He served as the Coordinator for Caritas with the Federated Missionary organization (FMO), Vice-President of the Christian Social Action & Justice Commission, a member of the Evangelism Commission, and a member of the Men's Ministry and Deacon Ministry. He attended the Brother to Brother Saturday class and the Couple's class.

On June 13, 1998, he married the love of his life, the former Telka Alena Thomas. To this union two beautiful daughter were born, Alana Renee` and Niya Larrine Smith. The love of family was one thing he cherished. He loved his three girls and in his eyes his girls could do no wrong.

He received numerous awards to include Young Adult of the Year in Fellowship in 2001, Young Adult of the Year 2004, and he was ordained to the Ministry of Deacons on January 23, 2011.

Avian provided transportation for student and adults in the Richmond area for the past 15 years. He worked in transportation for Coca-Cola, James River Bus Lines, Groome Transportation, GRTC transit system and Henrico County before finding a job at VCU where he was currently employed with the RamSafe program. He enjoyed working at VCU.

A true comedian at heart who would always keep you laughing and a smile on your face, and please don't challenge him about his love for his team the "ONLY" team "The Dallas Cowboys." He enjoyed sharing with the men of the church with fantasy football.

He leaves to cherish his memory a loving wife of 17 years, Telka Thomas-Smith; two devoted daughters, Alana Renee` and Niya Larrine Smith; three brothers, Dwayne (Tracy), David (Gladys) Foster and Renese Smith; devoted father and mother-in-law, Deacons Thermond and Otelia Thomas; two sisters-in-law, Crisane T. (Theodore) Cook and Rev. Cecelia T. (Francisco) Rollins; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends, among them, Alpha Mallory, Frank Jones, Deacon Randolph Butts and Timothy Hobson.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane
Richmond, VA 23222

Previous Events

viewing

JAN 31. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

JAN 31. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Service

FEB 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

5th Street Baptist Church
2800 3rd Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Tribute Wall



“ *Deacon Avrian Jerome Smith*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Francisco and Cecelia Rollins Jr. - February 01, 2016 at 07:24 PM



“ *Please find comfort in Psalms 34:18 Jehovah is near to those broken at heart and those crushed in spirit he saves. Praying for and with the family.*

SHEILA HILL - February 01, 2016 at 03:34 PM



“ *Telka, I am praying for you and your family. Sending love.*



Tammy Baxter - February 01, 2016 at 02:31 PM

Naja
Kemp
Cook

“ *Naja Kemp Cook lit a candle in memory of
Deacon Avrian Jerome Smith*



Naja Kemp Cook - February 01, 2016 at 12:03 PM

TB

“ *Tisa Brooks lit a candle in memory of Deacon
Avrian Jerome Smith*



Tisa Brooks - February 01, 2016 at 11:52 AM

TA

“ *Tania Alexander lit a candle in memory of
Deacon Avrian Jerome Smith*



Tania Alexander - February 01, 2016 at 09:55 AM

TW

“ *Temeia Williams lit a candle in memory of
Deacon Avrian Jerome Smith*



Temeia Williams - January 31, 2016 at 08:52 PM



“ *Tyrone Peyton lit a candle in memory of Deacon Avrian Jerome Smith*



Tyrone Peyton - January 31, 2016 at 05:54 PM

BR

“ *Bridget lit a candle in memory of Deacon Avrian Jerome Smith*



Bridget - January 31, 2016 at 04:19 PM

BR

Bridget Harris West

Bridget - January 31, 2016 at 04:20 PM

TW

“ *Tina L. Winn lit a candle in memory of Deacon Avrian Jerome Smith*



Tina L. Winn - January 31, 2016 at 03:57 PM

TM

“ *Tonya McCauley lit a candle in memory of Deacon Avrian Jerome Smith*



Tonya McCauley - January 31, 2016 at 03:52 PM

LL

“ *Lisa Lacks lit a candle in memory of Deacon Avrian Jerome Smith*



Lisa Lacks - January 31, 2016 at 03:26 PM

EM

“ *It was a joy just knowing you and serving on the Christian Social Action and Justice Committee with you. May God continue to Bless your Family.*

Evelyn Morris-Harris

Evelyn Morris-Harris - January 31, 2016 at 03:14 PM

TD

“ *Tiffany Davis lit a candle in memory of Deacon Avrian Jerome Smith*



Tiffany Davis - January 31, 2016 at 02:51 PM



“ *Taryn Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Deacon Avrian Jerome Smith*



Taryn Jenkins - January 31, 2016 at 02:30 PM



“ *Prayers with the entire family at this most difficult time.*



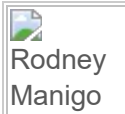
Necole and Kevin Wood - January 31, 2016 at 08:14 AM



“ *Nicole Battle Farnum lit a candle in memory of Deacon Avrian Jerome Smith*



Nicole Battle Farnum - January 31, 2016 at 08:01 AM



“ *Rodney Manigo lit a candle in memory of Deacon Avrian Jerome Smith*



Rodney Manigo - January 31, 2016 at 06:32 AM

MT

“ Alfred and Mildred Thomas lit a candle in memory of Deacon Avrian Jerome Smith



Mildred Thomas - January 30, 2016 at 07:10 PM

TT

“ Thermond And Otelia Thomas lit a candle in memory of Deacon Avrian Jerome Smith



Thermond and Otelia Thomas - January 30, 2016 at 02:58 PM

Dale Witherspo

“ Dale Witherspoon lit a candle in memory of Deacon Avrian Jerome Smith



Dale Witherspoon - January 30, 2016 at 08:46 AM

SJ

“ Shanniece James lit a candle in memory of Deacon Avrian Jerome Smith



Shanniece James - January 29, 2016 at 08:54 PM

ZD

“ *Zenobia Davis lit a candle in memory of
Deacon Avrian Jerome Smith*



Zenobia Davis - January 29, 2016 at 08:44 PM

HC

“ *Herman Cosby lit a candle in memory of
Deacon Avrian Jerome Smith*



Herman Cosby - January 29, 2016 at 05:35 PM

HC

“ *Sorry to hear of the loss of my friend
and former coworker .You will be missed
Herman and Maxine Cosby*

Herman Cosby - January 29, 2016 at 05:34 PM

CS

“ *Charlene Scroggins-Bates lit a candle in
memory of Deacon Avrian Jerome Smith*



Charlene Scroggins-Bates - January 29, 2016 at 03:04 PM

RE

“ I remember when we first met, I was young and wild, and he always used to check me, in his very own way, the advice given was needed, and appreciated until this day, I know you are still looking over from the other side, you may be gone but never forgotten, one love.

Robert (C.J) Ellis - January 29, 2016 at 10:49 AM

CS

“ Cassie Spurlock lit a candle in memory of Deacon Avrian Jerome Smith



cassie spurlock - January 29, 2016 at 10:38 AM

CS

“ We have so many funny memories just from our childhood but my fondest are of the holidays at Aunt Frances house. RIP and know that you will forever be remembered and loved, your cousin Cassandra.

cassie spurlock - January 29, 2016 at 10:33 AM

MK

“ Telka, Avrian will be well missed. He was a child of God, and a good friend (more like a brother), that give you good advice. My family and I send our deepest sympathy to you and your family. May God sheild you and your family through this time of sorrow, and help heal your hearts.



Marshall King - January 29, 2016 at 10:18 AM

LS

“ *Lisa Smith-Knight lit a candle in memory of Deacon Avrian Jerome Smith*



Lisa Smith-Knight - January 29, 2016 at 10:08 AM

BC

“ *Telka you have my deepest sympathy and I am sadden by your loss. May God bless and sustain you and your family during these trying times .*



Brenda Cooper - January 29, 2016 at 07:10 AM

RC

“ *Rev. Vanessa B. Carter lit a candle in memory of Deacon Avrian Jerome Smith*



Rev. Vanessa B. Carter - January 29, 2016 at 05:51 AM

TA

I'm sorry for the loss he was a good guy.

Tashunda - January 29, 2016 at 06:40 AM

KM

“ I so sorry for your loss Telka. I am praying for comfort for your family



Kim Moore - January 29, 2016 at 04:51 AM



“ LaMont Sledge lit a candle in memory of Deacon Avrian Jerome Smith



LaMont Sledge - January 28, 2016 at 11:14 PM



“ Tiffany Sumler-Smith lit a candle in memory of Deacon Avrian Jerome Smith



Tiffany Sumler-Smith - January 28, 2016 at 09:19 PM

LY

“ Lynette lit a candle in memory of Deacon Avrian Jerome Smith



lynette - January 28, 2016 at 09:11 PM

LY

“ *Lynette sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Avrian Jerome Smith*



lynette - January 28, 2016 at 09:11 PM

KW

“ *Kevin Wood lit a candle in memory of Deacon Avrian Jerome Smith*



Kevin Wood - January 28, 2016 at 09:03 PM

KW

Thanks for all the good times we had homie!!!! Make sure you shine your light on us. Many Blessings To The Family

Kevin Wood - January 28, 2016 at 09:05 PM

TE

“ *Tyeatta Evans lit a candle in memory of Deacon Avrian Jerome Smith*



Tyeatta Evans - January 28, 2016 at 08:44 PM

KS

“ *Kavansa Smith lit a candle in memory of Deacon Avrian Jerome Smith*



Kavansa smith - January 28, 2016 at 08:43 PM

NV

“ *Naomi V.Graves lit a candle in memory of Deacon Avrian Jerome Smith*



Naomi V.Graves - January 28, 2016 at 07:05 PM

OH

“ *I'm going to miss his jokes and smile. Always had a smile on his face and he will be truly missed by many.*

Otis Duke Hunter - January 28, 2016 at 05:55 PM

MF

“ *May the peace of Christ be with you during your time of sorrow and grief. Just continue to have faith.*



Mr.Mrs Dwight Faniel - January 28, 2016 at 04:54 PM

FJ

“ I will miss my brother. Always had a joke to tell and had a heart full of love to those close to his heart. He will be truly missed.



Francisco and Cecelia Rollins Jr. - January 28, 2016 at 04:45 PM

Rhonda LaTanya

“ Rhonda LaTanya lit a candle in memory of Deacon Avrian Jerome Smith



Rhonda LaTanya - January 28, 2016 at 04:24 PM

Rhonda LaTanya

I pray for a peaceful transition for my cousin Avrian. I will truly miss your smile and all the laughter, good times. Praying for peace for the Smith family in the loss of their brother and for peace for Telka and the girls and the Thomas'. Avrian 's love and presence will be missed.

Rhonda LaTanya - January 28, 2016 at 04:29 PM

AG

“ To the Family of Deacon Avrian Smith, I offer condolences & lift up prayers. "Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way. The Lord be with you all." - 2 Thessalonians 3:16



Arlessa Gray
Henrico VA

Arlessa Gray - January 28, 2016 at 03:31 PM

TC

“ Theodore And Crisane Cook lit a candle in memory of Deacon Avrian Jerome Smith



Theodore and Crisane Cook - January 28, 2016 at 02:57 PM

AM

“ I never had the pleasure of knowing Avrian personally, but he was one of the members I always expected to see down front, standing as much as sitting, if not more.



Audrey McLean - January 28, 2016 at 01:49 PM

SJ

“ Avrian was one the funniest and nicest people I have had the privilege to know. He kept me laughing every time I saw him and he always had a hug to go with it. He will be missed greatly.

Stacie Johnson - January 28, 2016 at 01:35 PM

CH

So sorry to hear of the passing of Deacon Avrian he always was very kind to me when I visited the church may God's blessings give you comfort today in the days to come God's tomorrow is far better than today God bless you all!!

Cheryl Hitchens - January 28, 2016 at 03:23 PM

MT

“ *Mechelle Thompson lit a candle in memory of Deacon Avrian Jerome Smith*



Mechelle Thompson - January 28, 2016 at 01:28 PM

MT

My Deepest sympathy to the Smith Family. Avrian and I worked together at Ramride for MCV and Ramsafe for the University. I really enjoyed working with Avrian. He always was ready to work and he always had a funny joke to tell us as soon as we got to work. May his happy sprit and joyful smile rest in eternal peace.

Mechelle Thompson - January 28, 2016 at 01:32 PM

SP

“ *Starr Pickens lit a candle in memory of Deacon Avrian Jerome Smith*



Starr Pickens - January 28, 2016 at 12:48 PM

BY

“ *Brenita Younger lit a candle in memory of Deacon Avrian Jerome Smith*



Brenita Younger - January 28, 2016 at 12:38 PM

PJ

“ To the Thurnond and Otelia Thomas and Smith family. From the E W Wyatt Class of 1968. Our prayer is that God will continue to bless and comfort you during your time of sorrow. Please remember that we are here for you. With much love sent by Paige Butts-Jones.

Paige Butts Jones - January 28, 2016 at 12:25 PM

Craig
Watson

“ Craig Watson lit a candle in memory of
Deacon Avrian Jerome Smith



Craig Watson - January 28, 2016 at 12:06 PM

LJ

“ Leon Sykes, Jr. lit a candle in memory of
Deacon Avrian Jerome Smith



Leon Sykes, Jr. - January 28, 2016 at 09:28 AM



“ Jerome was funny and nice person that I ever
know he always have a smile on his
face.angela johson



Angela Johnson - January 28, 2016 at 09:23 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 - January 27, 2016 at 01:47 PM