



Earl Smith

July 22, 1932 - February 20, 2012

Earl Smith was born July 22, 1932, to Alberta Smith and Author Monroe. He was the youngest of four children, Walter Smith, Anna Aurea Robinson (deceased) and John Smith (deceased). Earl grew up in a small community nestled behind Mafggie L. Walker High School and Virginia Union University, called New Town. He attended Moore Street School, now known as Carver Elementary. At a young age, he joined Saint Paul's Baptist Church, which was originally located in New Town. Earl continued to grow his faith through membership with the Church of God and Prophecy and Shekinah Temple. Immediately preceding his death, his daughter Linda Jafari pastored him.

Earl was adventurous and fun-loving; and it was that spirit that led to his extensive traveling. From the age of 15-25, he hitchhiked his way to many states, the last of which was New York where he lived for 5 months. At his 79th birthday party last year, he shared with those in attendance that his life time dream was to travel to London, England.

Though Earl had very little formal education, he was very skilled and gifted. He had the ability to fix anything, and spent most of his spare time restoring things that had been discarded. He was a master craftsman who utilized his skill as a burner at Cruickshank Ironworks and Sampson Iron and Metal for many years. Recognizing his skill, he was trained as a welder and later worked as

Frank H. Knott's and Peck Iron and Metals. He also taught welding at Steele's Welding School.

Earl married the love of his life, Mary Lucille Washington. They had 10 children together: Boyd Earl, Linda, Veronica, Gregory and Audrey Washington, Jerome, Shiras, Earl, Jaunice and Kevin Smith. He has three sons-in-law; Emmett J. Jafari, Timothy Brice and Otto Brown, Jr.; and two daughters-in-law, Deborah Smith and Theresa Smith, 20 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

He enjoyed listening to Gospel Music, watching cowboy movies, building model cars, and riding his own custom designed scooter. Earl was a man of great courage, determination and wisdom. Doctors gave Earl only a few days to live months ago, but God gave him months until a few days ago. Even during the latter stages of his illness, he continued to amaze everyone by his awareness, perception and wit. He was lucid and chatty to the very end, still watched his westerns and will be sorely missed by his friends and family.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Earl Smith*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss and would like to offer my condolences to your family. Death is such a terrible thing for a family to go through, I actually lost my mom 3yrs ago. I'm truly grateful that I have the truth about death and look forward to the future when there will be "a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous."—ACTS 24:15. I'm sure you would love to see your dead loved one again in the coming Paradise here on earth! Again so sorry for your loss!!*

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“ *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.*

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