



Gary M. Smithson

June 27, 1963 - May 2, 2022

Legacy of Life

"When you've done everything you can do, that's when God will step in and do what you can't do."

2 Corinthians 12:10

Gary "Buddy" Michael Smithson was a beloved son, brother, uncle, coach and friend to many. After a long and courageous battle with cancer he passed away on the morning of May 2, 2022 at the age of 58.

He was born to Thelma and Richard Smithson in Richmond, Virginia on June 27, 1963. After graduating from Highland Springs High School, where he was a standout on the football field and on the track, Gary went on to serve in the United States Army including White House and Secret Service detail. Gary married Terri Letcher in 1995 and for many years they made their home in Fort Washington, Maryland. Gary retired from the military in 2001 after twenty years of service. During his time in the Military, he received his Associates degree in accounting. Many will joke that Gary also had his Masters degree in procrastination.

Gary loved time spent with friends and family and will be remembered for his generosity and thoughtfulness to all. Even when he was sick, he was always concerned about being respectful of others' time and never wanted to feel like a

burden to those around him. He was resilient and fought, deceiving expectations to the very end.

Gary enjoyed many things: fishing, following the Ravens, fixing things and finding a good bargain, but his passion was coaching track. He spent countless hours and weekends working with Track Express. His athletes will remember his dedication and his ability to push them past their comfort zone doing so with positive reinforcement. Gary was a dedicated Springer fan. staying close with many of his Springer classmates until the very end.

Gary leaves to cherish his memory : beloved mother, Thelma Smithson ; brothers, Greg Taylor Angela), Paul Smithson (Margaret), and Richard Smithson (Renata) ; sisters, Gladys Brown (Paul) and Deborah Jones (Ervin); aunt, Anna Neville; nieces, Autumn, Carolyn, Chanel, Danielle, Lauren, Monisha, and Nicolette; nephews, Alfred, Brian, Davon, and Keith; a host of cousins other relatives and caring friends, including his dear friend Denise.

Previous Events

Memorial Service with live streaming

MAY 21. 2:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Gary M. Smithson, Please Click the Link below.



March Funeral Homes - May 14, 2022 at 06:01 PM



“ Gary M. Smithson

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary M. Smithson.



May 20, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary M. Smithson.



May 20, 2022 at 11:44 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gary M. Smithson.



May 19, 2022 at 07:32 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gary M. Smithson.



May 19, 2022 at 08:51 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Gary M. Smithson.



May 18, 2022 at 08:57 PM



“ My friend I will miss our talks, laughs and times we shared. I thank God you was a part of my life . Rest In Peace my friend until we meet again . My deepest condolences to the family . Sharonda (Houston) Cunningham. HSHS class of 81.



sharonda cunningham - May 18, 2022 at 02:11 PM

VC

“ RIP Gary and condolences to the family. You will be missed for all the jokes and wisdom. I was looking forward to visiting you but God had bigger plans. Rest well my friend, Valerie (Charles) Coleman. "Class of 1981"

Valerie (Charles) Coleman - May 17, 2022 at 09:12 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Gary M. Smithson.



May 16, 2022 at 08:07 AM

BJ

“ RIP Gary and may your family feel God's presence during this time of change in their lives. Respectfully, Bobby and Carol (Venable) Johnson, HSHS Class of 1981.

Bobby Johnson - May 15, 2022 at 05:32 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gary M. Smithson.



May 12, 2022 at 02:36 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 - May 10, 2022 at 06:07 PM