



Harvey Lee Smith

November 4, 1957 - August 3, 2021

Obituary

The righteous perish and no one ponders it in his heart, devout men are taken away and no one understands that the righteous are taken to be spared from evil. Those who walk uprightly enter into peace: they find rest as they lie in death.

Isaiah 57:1-2

Harvey Lee "Sput" Smith was a mighty warrior. He was born November 4, 1957, in Richmond, Virginia to Mary Frances Smith Robinson. Tuesday, August 3, 2021 God called his servant home.

Harvey was educated within Richmond Public Schools and graduated from John. F. Kennedy High School. While in Mosby Middle School, he began breaking track records. His athleticism continued flourishing at John F. Kennedy where he had numerous record-breaking seasons.

During the summers, Sput worked at Fairmount Swimming Pool and earned the reputation as a very reliable and dependable life guard. After graduation from high school in 1978, he enlisted into the United States Army.

While in the Army, Harvey competed in numerous competitive runs across the country and internationally. He won the "Workhorse Award" in Germany by

outrunning 700 other participants.

Harvey fought for family and country in the Persian Gulf War and Saudi Arabian War. He earned numerous military awards and medals including the Bronze Star for valiantly serving. Harvey was a proud soldier and retired as a Sergeant with an honorable discharge in 1998.

After retiring from the military, he was united in holy matrimony to Nannie October 9, 1999. He gained employment with Richfood, Inc. For nearly 20 years, he was as a diligent forklift operator, until he became disabled.

In his leisure, Harvey loved to grill and entertain family and friends. He also enjoyed dancing and to family was known as the “dancing bunny.” His favorite past-time activity was all things NFL “Red Skins.” He was an avid fan who attended all of their games, training camps and even mingled with the cheerleaders.

Harvey was an amazing soul. At the age of 63 he accepted Christ. He was “no nonsense” but generous and always willing to help his fellow man. Sput was dependable, loving, protector of family and friends; very crafty, strong-willed and he was the bravest person we knew.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Nannie Smith; mother Mary Frances Smith Robinson; and brother Samuel Smith. Harvey leaves cherished memories to his loving and devoted siblings, Marie Woods, Evelyn Hamilton, Mary Knightner, Joanne Robinson-Shands (Edward), Joseph H. Robinson Jr., Charles B. Robinson (Willa); sister-in-law, Nadine Smith; several nieces and nephews; devoted friends, Debbie Doumbie; a host of other relatives and friends.

Facts!!!

He fought until the bitter end.
Forever in our heart!!

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG 11. 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM (ET)

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

Celebrate of Life service with live streaming on the website

AUG 12. 2:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
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Richmond, VA 23222

Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Harvey Lee Smith, Please Click the Link below.*



March Funeral Homes - August 10, 2021 at 01:26 PM

RE

Uncle I am glad I got to know you I can truly say you was the family patriarch with integrity you will truly be missed but your perseverance will not be forgotten.

Renelle - August 11, 2021 at 04:33 PM



“ *Harvey Lee Smith*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

DT

“ *Sending my condolences and love to Joann, Debbie and all of Harvey's family. Harvey was such a good person and friend. He was one of a kind and I will miss his special friendship, smiles and joking around. RIP my friend! ❤️*

*Deborah Taylor
Friend and Classmate, JFK Class of '78*

Deborah Taylor - August 06, 2021 at 07:13 AM

BG

One good friend all around very sweet person

Blanche and Stephanie ghee - August 06, 2021 at 07:47 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 - August 05, 2021 at 01:18 PM

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Sending my condolences to Joseph Joann and Debbie and the rest of the Smith family ,during this difficult time, Harvey was a genuine person with a kind spirit he will be greatly missed by many rest in peace my friend 🌹 Alma Jones

Alma Jones (Russell) - August 08, 2021 at 12:44 PM

LE

My friend from childhood to adulthood what memories. Love you Harvey.

Lanita Epps - August 11, 2021 at 12:48 PM

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Renelle - August 11, 2021 at 04:49 PM