



## Louis F. Smackum

May 27, 1928 - March 10, 2020

LOUIS F. SMACKUM, son of the late George L. and Myrtle I. Smackum, was born on May 27, 1928 in Baltimore, Maryland, He transitioned to eternal life on March 10, 2020 after a brief illness.

Louis received his education in the Baltimore City public school system and enlisted in the United States Army as teenager. He served two tours of duty as a Military Police Office. His late brother, James and he serves together in Japan; and his brother, Leonard and he served together in Fort Drum , New York. Louis loved his job in the army and did not show favoritism. He even arrested his brother James on one occasion.

In 1957, Louis sister Marquerite, introduced him to the love of his life, Bernice, and they married on September 26, 1970. Together, they raised six children and helped to raise their grandchildren. Louis and Bernice were very active and loving parents. He took pride in teaching ll the children and grandchildren how to drive , and they all passed the driving test first time.

Louis was loved by all and was fondly known as "Pop" by many. He had a confident natural swagger that was matched only by that of the former President Obama. In fact, he was the self-proclaimed president of everything in which he was involved and was called "Mr. President" by is pastor and church family.

Louis worked for J.G Foods for over 20 years. He then went to work for Caplan's Deli and Catering until he retired at the ripe old age of 82.

Louis gave his life Christ and joined New Pleasant Grove Missionary Church in 1992, under the leadership of Reverend Robert Haynes. He was a dedicated worker and leader in the church and served as a deacon and a trustee. Louis was an avid student of the Bible, participating in state-wide and church-wide institutes, Sunday School and Bible Study. He also taught noon-day Bible Study and was a substitute teacher and treasurer of the Sunday School Ministry. Louis continued his discipleship under the leadership of Reverend Haywood Bradley, Jr. in 2010.

Louis was a true family man and loved to entertain. He and Bernice were well known for their hospitality. Their home was the gathering place for family and friends.

Louis loved sports, politics and jeopardy. He kept up with sports, including tennis and golf. He loved to debate and was an expert on everything, according to him.

Louis, his brother, Leonard and his son, Rudy were extremely close and referred to themselves as "The Three Amigos"

Louis leaves to cherish his memory; loving wife, Bernice, six devoted children, William Ronald Hobbs (Gloria), Carolyn Harris, Garfield Rudy Allender (Gail), Charlene Caldwell (Alonsa), Michelle Allender and Roslyn (Roz) Branchcomb (Charles); six grandchildren, Reginald (Reggie), Damon, Susan, Kimberly (Nicki), who preceded him in death, Garfield (G.R) and devoted brother and best friend, Leonard, caring sister, Marquite, two sisters, Lorraine and Gloria and one brother James who preceded him in death; twelve great-

grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends who were all very special to him.

Even as Loui's body began to fail him, his mind remained as sharp as ever until the day the Lord called him home.

# Cemetery Details

## Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road  
Owings Mills, MD

# Previous Events

## viewing

MAR 17. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore  
1101 East North Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21202  
(410) 727-3300  
info@marchfh.com

## Wake

MAR 18. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

March Funeral Home East-Wake  
1101 E. North Ave.  
Baltimore, MD 21202

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Louis F. Smackum*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Denise lit a candle in memory of Louis F. Smackum*



**Denise** - March 19, 2020 at 05:30 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Louis F. Smackum.*



March 15, 2020 at 01:27 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** - March 15, 2020 at 11:41 AM