



## Melvin Smith

December 17, 1950 - August 26, 2005

MELVIN SMITH JR., son of the late Melvin Smith, Sr. and Catherine Spivey, was born in Baltimore, Maryland, on December 17, 1950. He departed this life on Friday, August 26, 2005 at the age of 54. Melvin, affectionately known as “Piccolo” and Tuhir, received his early education through the Baltimore City Schools. In 1970, he joined the Army and served in The Vietnam War. Later, he continued his higher education and received his AA degree from BCCC and then attended the University of Maryland. He was raised by his grandmother, Jannie Spivey, after his mother’s departure, due to a terminal illness. Melvin was the proud “Dad” of four beautiful children, Omar, Naima, Atiya and Erika. He was a very family oriented man with his children. They enjoyed the outdoors tremendously, while camping, biking, fishing canoeing, swimming, visiting amusement parks, beaches, museums, go-cart riding and simply having family picnics. Before these events would take place, Melvin would always say, “I’m telling you now, if you don’t have fun, it’s your own fault.” His children are grateful for the thrills and experiences that they shared with their Dad. It was so common for Piccolo to shower his children with surprise gifts or give his last to meet their requests. Melvin not only enjoyed the thrills of outdoors, but he absorbed himself with various types of literatures. He was known as being a very “deep person”, Intellectual, Philosophical, Ethnocentric, Wise Man and Spiritual, were all descriptive of him. His religious beliefs lead him to the Nation of Islam and later he gave his life to Christ. Melvin’s training and education granted him the opportunity to become

a devoted and dedicated Respiratory Therapist for over twenty-five years. He was employed for an extensive time with Good Samaritan Hospital, Bon Secours, Bay View, VA and other medical institutions. He was highly respected and admired by his colleagues. Melvin was known for telling his colleagues, "get some rest-I got it". Later, when his health failed him some of those same colleagues were able to tell him, "get some rest-I got it". Melvin, Piccolo, Tuhir, Dad, no matter which name he acknowledged, he lived his life to the fullest. He traveled, enjoyed cooking and eating, ("no pork please"), enthused by music, especially jazz, diligent worker, fast talker, but easy-going, loving funny person, but sometimes stern, He just Did It His Way, with that beautiful smile. In his last weeks of life, he was able to clear his conscience, cleanse his soul, reunite with his brother Lee Ernest and make amends with those close to him. His message was: "Whatever It takes, Lord, I'll Do!" The short span of time which we shared with Melvin has come to an end, but we rejoice in the opportunity of having been a part of his life and the reassurance that we shall see him again. He leaves to cherish his memory: mother, Catherine Spivey; grandmother, Jannie Spivey (both preceded him in death); father, Melvin Smith, Sr.; son, Tuhir Omar Smith; three daughters, Naima Smith, Atiya Smith and Erika McKenzie; six brothers, Lee Spivey, Verdell, Larry, Clayton, Maurice and Reuben Smith; one sister, Deborah-Diane; four grandchildren, Jordan, Korah, Jessica, Julius Durant III (preceded him in death) and one expectant grandchild; special aunt, Shirley Wells; Julius Durant II, fiancé of Naima; two devoted friends, Gwendolyn McKeever and Karen Sterling; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Melvin Smith*

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“ GOD LOVE AND BLESS IN HEAVEN MELVIN SMITH DATA FOR FAMILY MATCH INTERNET WWW.CASHUNCLAIMED.COM MELVIN SMITH RESULT DOLLARS.##imported-begin##JOHN OVERETT##imported-end##

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“ *Dear Family, Though we've never met, I would like to express my sincere condolences for your great loss. If I may offer a comforting scripture from God's Word the Bible, it would be John 5:28,29 which promises: "Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his (Jesus) voice and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life." May your family find comfort in God's Word during this most difficult time.##imported-begin##Kelly Gathers##imported-end##*

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“ I THANK GOD FOR BRINGING YOU INTO MY LIFE, A GOOD MAN, AND A LOVING FATHER, YOU WERE THAT AND MORE. MAY YOU REST IN PEACE FOR A JOB WELL DONE..GWEN##imported-begin##gvm##imported-end##

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“ It was a pleasure knowing and working with you.##imported-begin##Harry M. Cartwright, Sr. Ph.D. RRT##imported-end##

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“ I'M GOING TO MISS YOU. WE HAD SOME FUN TIMES.##imported-begin##KAY NEWKIRK##imported-end##

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“ MAY GOD KEEP yOU IN His Name##imported-begin##SANDRA SMITH##imported-end##

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“Daddy, aka "da kid" as we approach the month and day of you leaving us, I wanted to let you know, how hard and difficult it's been this year without you. I needed your help on certain questions of life that you always have the answers to. I never really knew how deep love was until, I lost you, couldn't call or see you. That shows how big of a part you play in my life, my heart will be forever feeling not as full of completion without you. I truly miss you, and think about you everyday. Like I told you on the evening before you left us, "I will never love another man, as much as I love you", don't forget it. I know your with me, I feel a strong presence with me, and I know that's you, you give me signs, and I love you, I just wish I was given more time with you, to laugh, and to cry, but you will forever be in my heart. Jaden reminds me of you, he resembles you. I will make you proud in the future endeavors of my life, my mission is not only to please my god, myself, my family, it's for you too! Until we meet again, and I want a big hug and kiss, I will love you always, "Your Knight", "Not"###imported-begin##Naima Smith###imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy during your time of sorrow but know that the God of comfort is with you all during this time of tribulation. (2Corinthian 1:3-4) Due to the many unforeseen occurrences that brings tragedy to our lives Jehovah God promises one day soon Death will be no more (Rev 21:3-4) and his son have been given the authority to bring all those in the memorial tombs back to life. John 5:28-29 Just think there will come a time not only will death be no more but Jehovah promises that no one will have to say I'm sick according to Isaiah 33:24. I feel the need to express these words of hope because so many of us today treasure the gift of life and we do all we can to maintain it to hold on to it. That is why it hurts so badly when our loved ones die. With so many of us desiring life today no matter how good or bad it is we still want life here on earth. No one looks forward to that time of death. That is why I am under obligation by the spirit and love of God to share that hope that is in our near future that the righteous shall inherit the earth and reside upon it forever according to Psalms 37: 29 along with the above stated promises on a paradise and peaceful earth. We all can hold true to this everlasting promise because Isaiah 55:11 states all the words Jehovah have spoken WILL NOT RETURN WITHOUT RESULTS. What a wonderful prospect for our future especially enlight of the fact that Hebrews 6:18 States of God, it is IMPOSSIBLE for him to lie.##imported-begin##Carter##imported-end##

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