



Raymond Thomas Smith

September 23, 1928 - August 20, 2014

On September 23, 1928, Raymond Thomas Smith was born to the late Clarence Smith and Virginia Hatchett Smith. He was the third of seven children.

He attended Goochland County Public Schools. At the age of twelve, he joined Emmaus Baptist Church and remained a faithful member until his passing.

His early employment, trucking, led to his lifetime passion. All of his fellow truckers knew him as "Bumblebee"-his CB handle. Companies blessed by his skillful driving were Schneiders and Mountainside Transfers, Edy's Ice Cream, Cary Hauling and Dwight Construction. This career would span 43 years on the road accumulating over a million miles which included traveling to West Virginia during the very destructive Hurricane Camille in 1965.

On August 24, 1951, Raymond married the love of his life, Evelyn J. Jones. To this union were born three daughters, whom he loved unconditionally and who joyously awaited his return after long hours of driving. Smitty was a family man and cherished any function that brought the family together. The reunions, special occasions, and going on vacation to Virginia Beach were so important to him. His smile and laughter were infectious and will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Raymond answered the call on Wednesday, August 20th, 2014. He was predeceased by his daughter, Deborah Smith Frazier. Those left to cherish his memories are his loving and devoted wife of 63 years, Evelyn J. Smith; two daughters, Sheron S. Otey(Mathew)and Jerilyn Smith-Lundy(Leroy);five grandchildren, Tamara F. Harris(Lamont),LaTeka Otey,Edjuan Otey(Samandria),Ashley Barnes,Sr. and Daniel Lundy,Sr.;five great grandchildren,Marcasia Frazier, Matthew Otey,Ashley Barnes,Jr.,Taylor Brown and Daniel Lundy,Jr.;two sisters, Annie Owens and Mary Jefferson(Ellis);one brother,Linhurst Smith(Lillian);two brothers-in-law, Stanley Doiley and Lawrence Dandridge; one sister-in-law, Virginia Smith;several nieces,nephews,cousin and friends.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Memorial Gardens

12609 Patterson Ave.
Richmond, VA 23238

Previous Events

viewing

AUG **24**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

AUG **24**. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

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Service

AUG **25**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Emmaus Baptist Church
2104 Sandy Hook Road
Goochland, VA 23063

Tribute Wall



“ *Raymond Thomas Smith*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Sorry For your loss, may Jehovah give you comfort in your time of need. 1 Corinthians 1:3,4*

Carolyn - August 25, 2014 at 03:41 PM



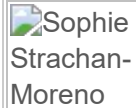
“ *My sincere condolences to your family. Death of a loved one is never easy to deal with and our heavenly Father knows this very well. That is why he made this promise in his word the Holy Bible that very soon death will be swallowed up so that we will not experience that pain anymore. This is found your in Bible at Isaiah 25:8. His wonderful son, Jesus Christ not only promised that there will be a resurrection of those that died; (John 5:28, 29) but he also demonstrated it when he resurrected his dear friend Lazarus from death; (John Chapter 11).*

I hope that during this difficult time these and other delightful promises from our heavenly Father bring some comfort to your family.

For more faith building encouragement please visit www.jw.org.

*Sincerely,
D. Wood*

D. Wood - August 25, 2014 at 05:16 AM



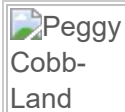
“ I'm so sorry for your loss. The Bible says that death is an enemy and that is so true. The Bible also says that there is going to be a time when we WILL see our dead loved ones again. John 5:28,29 and Rev. 21:3,4 are two of the scriptures that gives us that comfort. May these scriptures comfort you in your time of need.

Sophie Strachan-Moreno - August 23, 2014 at 09:10 AM



“ My Uncle Raymond a good man with a big heart ,the source of a lot of "first " in my life; the first ever job riding an eighteen wheeler (to an A&P store in the mountains) even trust me to pull it around the side .First person to let me hunt alone on his property.First person to teach me anything about gardening and in his own way ; how to laugh at life and find things to be happy about . I will miss him but his character, his laugh and his whiskers (family know) I will never forget! Lloyd Jones Jr

Lloyd Jones Jr - August 22, 2014 at 10:37 PM



“ To the family of Mr Raymond Thomas Smith. I am sorry to read about the loss of your loved one. Please find comfort from your Bibles at Psalms 34:18. "HE" is close to the brokenhearted and crushed in spirits.

Peggy Cobb-Land - August 22, 2014 at 05:13 PM

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“ Dear family of Raymond Thomas Smith. I am deeply sorry for your lost. I'm sure at this time you all are grieving. That is a natural feeling because God did not create the earth for us to live on then later die. Losing someone we love is a hard feeling to overcome. We wonder why did we have to loose that person. When I loose someone or hear of people losing love ones I think of the resurrection hope that God has planned for us. If you have a bible I will like for you to take the time to look at John 5:28,29. It says " Do not be amazed at this for the hour is coming, in which all those in the memorial tomb will hear his voice and come out" This scripture can reassure us that we can see our dear love ones again. When Jesus calls them they will wake up from death. Another scripture I will like for you to take the moment to look at is Rev 21:4. It says " And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." This scripture is comforting and also reassures us that there will be a time when we will no longer have to suffer on earth. We will be able to dwell together will all sorts of people right here on earth in a spiritual paradise. If you will like more information, I invite you to visit jw.org. On that website you can find the answers to many questions. Such as why do we suffer?

L.hinton - August 22, 2014 at 02:02 PM

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“ Uncle Raymond was a loving caring man who lit up the room when he walked in. I will always remember his loud "Hey Baby" followed by a big hug and kiss on the cheek. Love you forever. Love Always, Shannon

Shannon Martin - August 22, 2014 at 12:56 PM

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D. Wood - August 22, 2014 at 06:12 AM

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E. Lewis*

E Lewis - August 22, 2014 at 05:32 AM



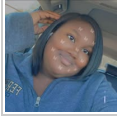
“ *Love you always uncle Raymond.*

Celeste Burnett - August 21, 2014 at 08:36 PM



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Celeste Burnett - August 21, 2014 at 08:30 PM



Oops. This is from Shannon. :-)

Celeste Burnett - August 21, 2014 at 08:33 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 21, 2014 at 05:31 PM