



## Robert Leslie Smith Jr.

July 28, 1948 - April 21, 2022

Robert “Rock” Leslie Smith, Jr. transitioned from labor to reward on April 21, 2022. He was born July 28, 1948, to Robert Leslie Smith, Sr. and Lucy C. Smith who preceded him in death. He accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior, and was baptized at Saint James Baptist Church in Beaverdam, Virginia, at an early age.

Robert attended Hanover County and Richmond Public schools. He graduated from Armstrong High School in 1966. On August 1, 1963, he met the love of his life, Sandra L. Shaw. Soon after graduating high school, Robert and Sandra were joined in holy matrimony. This union was blessed with the birth of one daughter, Deonna Michelle.

Robert was a City of Richmond firefighter for over 30 years. After his initial retirement from the City of Richmond, he was the sole proprietor of SNS Trucking. He later worked for Henrico County School Transportation.

Robert loved motorcycles, particularly Harley Davidsons. He was a loyal and faithful member of the Wheels United Motorcycle Club, where he served as Business Manager and Treasurer. The Wheels have a brotherhood that Rock cherished.

Robert is survived by his wife of over 55 years, Sandra Shaw Smith;

daughter, Deacon Deonna Michelle Smith Peyton (Rev. Darrell); twin grandchildren, Technical Sergeant Christopher Micah Peyton and Christina Michelle Peyton; brother, Gregory E. Smith (Linda, deceased); sister, Donna Smith Davis; aunt (Godmother) Peola L. Gaines and aunt Inell Reatha Smith; sister-in-law, Debra Harris; nephews, Raymond Davis, III and Kayim Smith; nieces, LaShan Robinson, Robyn Smith and LaChae Broaddus (Wayne); “sister,” Joan D. Hopkins (Robert, Sr.); “daughters,” Tammy D. Hopkins (Robert, Jr.) and Rev. Dr. Kimberly Crump-Robinson (Daniel); and a host of other cousins, family members and friends too numerous to name.

# Cemetery Details

## Roselawn Memory Gardens

13389 Mountain Road  
Glen Allen, VA 23059

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

APR **29**. 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM (ET)

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

## Celebration of Life with live streaming

APR **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Robert Leslie Smith Jr., Please Click the Link below.*



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**March Funeral Homes** - April 29, 2022 at 03:58 PM



“ *Robert Leslie Smith Jr.*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *To Cousin Penny and family, my heartfelt prayers and condolences to you during this difficult time. May the Lord bless you. To Rock, may you Rest In eternal Peace.* 🙏🙏🙏

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**Ellwood** - April 30, 2022 at 02:03 PM



“ *My sincerest condolences to (Aunt) Penny and (Cousin) Shelly. I know that this time can be difficult for you and may your prayers keep you closer to (Uncle) Robert. God Bless you from Wayne and the Broaddus family.*

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**Wayne Broaddus** - April 29, 2022 at 11:40 PM

CS

“ To Penny and Shelly, may God give you all comfort at this time. Robert was a kind and loving person. He always knew what to say to make you laugh and smile. My memories of him will never fade. You have our deepest sympathy. Love you always, Carolyn, Carlotta and kids.



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**Carolyn shaw** - April 29, 2022 at 01:43 PM

BC

“ The peace of resurrection for another journey. Blessings of comfort to you Sandra and the family.

*1966 Classmate*

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**Barbara Cousar** - April 29, 2022 at 11:19 AM

CJ

“ Cousin Eunice, Regina, & Charlie Clark Jr. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert Leslie Smith Jr..



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**Cousin Eunice, Regina, & Charlie Clark Jr.** - April 29, 2022 at 10:29 AM

CG

“ Robert Leslie (DOUCHIE) spent much of his youth in the St James community surrounded by the grandchildren of Lillie B. and Robert E. Smith in what I call the second generation of cousins. The first generation of eight was born either in the 30s or early 40s. Then along came the Baby Boomers as three of my mom's brothers and two brothers-in-law returned from the war. The yard of our grandparent's farmhouse sounded like the playground of an elementary school during recess. Following their moving to Richmond, the city cousins made the weekly pilgrimage to Coatesville. On a personal note, I became somewhat of an older brother during the six months I lived with Uncle Leslie and Aunt Lucy. Prior to leaving the cemetery following services for Greg's wife, Leslie, Eddie and I had a conversation about our cousins, Leslie commented that we should plan a family reunion given that a growing number of us are in our 70s and 80s. We ended our conversation by agreeing to continue planning such an event.

*On behalf of the descendants of Robert and Lillie Smith, rest in peace our dear cousin.*

*Dr. Clem Gilpin for the Smith, Gilpin, Williams, Gaines/Taylor, Artis, and Jackson Families,*

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**CLEMMIE GILPIN** - April 29, 2022 at 10:17 AM

JR

“ A man I will always admire and whose words will ring in my mind forever. My thoughts and prayers to the entire family. - "Cousin Jay"



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**Jay Richardson** - April 29, 2022 at 08:53 AM

MH

“ *Matilda Houchens lit a candle in memory of Robert Leslie Smith Jr.*



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**Matilda Houchens** - April 28, 2022 at 02:10 PM

MM

“ *Smith Family  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of grief. May your memories bring you comfort.  
Cloyd & Margaret Moore & Family*



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**Margaret Porter Moore** - April 28, 2022 at 11:49 AM

LK

“ *Love, Aunt Peola and Kris purchased the Rose Impression Casket Spray for the family of Robert Leslie Smith Jr..*



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**Love, Aunt Peola and Kris** - April 27, 2022 at 06:46 PM

CS

“ *We will meet again, Curtis Smith, class of 1966. My condolences to you and yours.*

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**Curtis Smith** - April 27, 2022 at 06:39 PM

AB

“ Aunt Reatha, Brenda, Blanche & Bryan purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Robert Leslie Smith Jr..



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**Aunt Reatha, Brenda, Blanche & Bryan** - April 27, 2022 at 06:26 PM

EL

“ Dear Sandra,

*May our Heavenly Father grant you and your family HIS Grace and Peace with your loss.*

*I remember you so clearly from our a High School days and always treasured your friendship.*

*I remember both you and Robert.*

*Lifting your family and you up in prayer!*

*Edwin Lewis*

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**Ed Lewis** - April 27, 2022 at 03:45 PM

RP

“ Sandra so sorry to hear about Robert my condolences to you and yours. Apostle R I se Rustin Purdie your classmate .

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**Rose Rustin Purdie** - April 27, 2022 at 03:37 PM

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“ *The Armstrong High School Class of 1966, send our love and care to Classmate Sandra and the family of Classmate Robert Leslie Smith Jr. We love you!*



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**Armstrong High School Class of 1966** - April 26, 2022 at 08:22 AM

MY

“ *Mary S Young purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert Leslie Smith Jr..*



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**Mary S Young** - April 25, 2022 at 05:02 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.*

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**March Funeral Homes** - April 25, 2022 at 08:49 AM