



Sterling Joseph Smith

October 13, 1947 - February 19, 2013

For His anger is but for a moment, but His favor is for a lifetime or in His favor is life. Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

Psalm 30:5

Sterling Joseph Smith was born October 13, 1947 to the late George and Elizabeth “Lizzie” Smith in LaCrosse, Virginia. At the age of 65, he passed away quietly Tuesday, February 19, 2013. He is preceded in death by his brother William Smith and sister Peggy Smith.

Sterling received his formal education at East End High School in South Hill, Virginia. He furthered his education at John Tyler Community College in Chesterfield, Virginia.

Sterling accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age at First Baptist Church.

He was united in holy matrimony with Alfreida Talley on December 24, 1972 in Richmond, Virginia and was blessed with one child. He enlisted into the United States Army on February 13, 1968 and received an honorable discharge, February 12, 1970. Sterling received many commendations while serving his tour of duty which were a Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, a Commendation Medal Combat Infantry Badge, Vietnam Campaign

Medal, Expert M-14 with Bar, two Overseas Bars and a National Defense Service Medal.

He was formerly employed at the Defense General Supply Center as a Security Patrol Officer and retired after 30 years of dedicated service. In his leisure, he enjoyed watching the Dallas Cowboys and old western movies. He loved the fact that he was retired and could relax and do his thing. Sterling touched everyone in a unique kind of way. If you met him you would remember his special spirit. A life touched by God, always ends in touching others.

He leaves to cherish his memory, a loving and devoted wife, Alfreida Smith; caring daughter, Stephanie Smith-Gallop (George); grandson, Karl; two brothers, Herbert Smith and Clinton Smith (Mae); two sisters, Delores Smith and Hattie Smith; six sisters-in-law, Denise Calloway, Helen Green, Rosa Jones, Mattie Hendrick, Clementine Jiggetts and Margaret Winston; two brothers-in-law, William and Jerry Talley one devoted nephew, Nelson Smith of Tappahannock, VA and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

Cemetery Details

Washington Memorial Park

6217 Memorial Dr.
Sandston, VA 23150

Previous Events

Public Viewing

FEB **22**. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

FEB **22**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

FEB **23**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sterling Joseph Smith*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Please accept my deepest sympathy for your family at this time. Please remember that Jehovah God gives strength and comfort to those who are grieving. I found comfort in the words of 2 Corinthians 1:3, 4.*

M. Hodge - February 21, 2013 at 11:28 AM



“ *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 - February 19, 2013 at 12:27 PM



To the Smith Family may God comfort you during this time I had the pleasure of working with Mr. Smith for several years before he retired from DSCR Police Department. Mr. Smith or (Smitty) always had a kind word and a pleasant smile for everyone. He will be missed.

Jimmie A Uzzle Jr. (former Co Worker/Friend)

Jimmie A Uzzle Jr. - February 20, 2013 at 07:02 PM