



Thurman "Pete" Smith Jr.

May 27, 1944 - January 18, 2024

Thurman Lee Smith, Jr. affectionately known as "Pete" was born on to the late Thurman Lee Smith Sr. and Dora Lloyd Smith in Bethel, North Carolina on May 27, 1944. He departed this life suddenly on January 18, 2024.

He received his education in the Bethel Public School System. He moved to Baltimore, Maryland in the early 1960's. He worked for Ward Machinery for 36 years now known as MarquipWardUnited. For the last 15 years, Pete worked as a contract worker at Coty (Proctor and Gamble) via Staff Management. Pete was joined in holy matrimony to the former Mary (PollyAnn) Louise Jones on April 4, 1964. From this union two sons were born, Rodney Allen Smith and Thurman Reginald (Reggie) Smith. The love did not stop there because more children were joined to this union: Phyllis Shaw-Flowers, Larry Jones, Anthony Jones, and Bernadette Jones-Boyd.

His Christian journey started in North Carolina and continued to Baltimore. He joined Calvary Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Hayward Robinson. He continued his membership under the current pastor, Dr. Stephen Russell. Pete was a member of the Senior Usher Board and loved being a doorkeeper in the house of the Lord. Also, Pete loved to worship with his wife and sons at Zion Deliverance Center formerly called Christian Temple Faith Church.

Pete loved cutting lawns in his neighborhood and built quite a demand for his services. He would work a full day, come home and “take care of a few houses” before watching the O’s, Lakers, Jeff Gordon and Jimmy Johnson, or Ravens (although he was not their biggest fan). Mowing lawns brought back childhood memories of being raised on farms and his dad’s passion with lawn mower repairs. In addition, Pete was an avid lover of his cars, always making sure his vehicles were cleaned inside and out, rain or sunshine. It was always entertainment to witness his enjoyment of watching old westerns, NASCAR, football, and baseball, as he coached and talked trash (...wooo child)!

As a child, Pete loved playing baseball and sports, which was passed down to his children and several grandchildren as well. He was proud of their athletic accomplishments.

Pete loved spending time with his family and friends, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who referred to him as Grandpa.

Pete was preceded in death by his son Thurman (Reggie) and leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Mary (PollyAnn); sons, Rodney (Boo-Boo/Bear), Larry (Darnell), Anthony (Toot); daughters, Phyllis (Maxine) and Bernadette; daughters-in-love, Deborah and Keisha; 14 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; sister, Hilda Mae; niece, Gloria; nephews, Albert and Tyrone; two cousins who were like brothers Willie (Sonny) and James (Bo); and a host of other relatives and friends.

In addition to flowers as an expression of sympathy, the family requests donations be made to Raising Men & Women Lawn Care Service <https://wearaisingmen.com/donate/> in honor of “Pete”.

Cemetery Details

Loudon Park- Wilkins Entrance

3620 Wilkins Ave
Baltimore, MD 21229

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN 26. 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - West
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215

Wake

JAN 27. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Calvary Baptist Church
3911 Garrison Blvd.
Baltimore, MD

Funeral Service

JAN 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mataya Simon lit a candle in memory of Thurman "Pete" Smith Jr.*



Mataya Simon - February 06, 2024 at 11:39 PM

RH

“ *Ron & Michelle Howard lit a candle in memory of Thurman "Pete" Smith Jr.*



Ron & Michelle Howard - January 27, 2024 at 05:04 PM

RH

Praying for the family. We will miss you Uncle Pete ❤️

Ron & Michelle Howard - January 27, 2024 at 05:07 PM

KD

“ *Our heartfelt condolences and sympathy to the Smith family. We miss you already Pete and you will always be present in our hearts. Love you!!
Aunt Lucy Dickens, Kat, and William*

Katherine Dickens - January 27, 2024 at 11:52 AM

KD

“ Katherine Dickens lit a candle in memory of Thurman "Pete" Smith Jr.



Katherine Dickens - January 27, 2024 at 11:44 AM

LM

“ Rodney,

From my family to yours, you have our deepest condolences. Mom and Pop sends love and prayers.

Verne and the entire Mack crew!



LaVerne Mack - January 26, 2024 at 10:14 PM

LN

“ Dear Rodney,

On behalf of your colleagues and coworkers at SUNY, we have planted a grove of 5 Memorial Trees in honor of your Dad. Sending our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to you and your family at this time.

Lori Nunziato - January 26, 2024 at 11:15 AM

LN

“ Lori N. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thurman "Pete" Smith Jr..

Lori N. - January 26, 2024 at 11:10 AM

CO

“ Co-Worker lit a candle in memory of Thurman "Pete" Smith Jr.



Co-Worker - January 26, 2024 at 08:13 AM

CO

“ You will be Missed Uncle Pete. Rest Easy

Co-Worker - January 26, 2024 at 08:13 AM



Uncle Pete, was always kind to me. Rest easy. Tommy Jones

Tommy Jones - January 27, 2024 at 10:58 AM

VA

“ Valerie Arrington purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Thurman "Pete" Smith Jr..



Valerie Arrington - January 25, 2024 at 03:35 PM

VA

“ Valerie Arrington planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thurman "Pete" Smith Jr..

Valerie Arrington - January 25, 2024 at 03:35 PM

GP

“ Gp purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Thurman "Pete" Smith Jr..



Gp - January 24, 2024 at 04:37 PM

AN

“ I will surely miss the sounds of Mr. Pete rolling down the street on his lawn mower in the summer. I will also miss our long NASCAR conversations. Rest in Peace

Anita and Antonio

Anita - January 24, 2024 at 11:32 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Thurman "Pete" Smith Jr..



January 23, 2024 at 07:32 PM



“ Sleep in Peace Grandpa Pete. ❤️👍



Olivia Anne - January 23, 2024 at 06:01 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Thurman "Pete" Smith Jr..*



January 23, 2024 at 12:18 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 - January 23, 2024 at 08:12 AM