



## Vernal T. Smith

May 29, 1936 - March 1, 2017

Vernal Thomas Smith wants you to know that he is walking along the country roads of Switchback, West Virginia. Enjoying a “real” Faygo Red pop in a long-neck, glass bottle, and eating Reese’s cups in rapid succession; one after the other.

Vernal or “Tree Trunk” as he was affectionately called, received an offer he could not refuse; and after 80 years of living in this earthly world, on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 he transitioned to the most perfect Eternal Life and Heavenly Home.

Vernal was educated in the public schools of West Virginia; graduating from Elkhorn High School. Too poor to attend college; a job doing anything was his only option; so with employment in mind, he moved to Baltimore and began working as a stock clerk for Pantry Pride Supermarket. He loved the work, the people, and the uniform; a blue and white Pantry Pride apron that he wore proudly. Day or night, Vernal could be seen riding his bike to work, dressed in freshly pressed khaki pants, a heavily-starched white shirt, black tie, and black patent leather shoes.

A work related injury forced him into a retirement that jumped started his true love and legacy... Grandfather. He loved his children, and especially his grandchildren. He never wasted an opportunity to share his values with them: Right or wrong, family sticks together; you always circle the wagons so that no one is left behind or left out; always do the right

thing and you will never lose sleep. One of the last things Vernal shared with his kids was, "I sure did love raising you kids; it was a lot of fun." Vernal was preceded in death by his parents, Grover N. Smith and Rosa Lee Hairston; one brother, Luther H. Smith; three sisters, Ora Mae, Brenda, and Baby Mae; and two children, Anthony and Angela Purvis. Many are left to mourn Vernal's passing: his children: two sons, Vernon T. Smith and Nathaniel L. Smith; four daughters, Verna M. Smith, Evelyn L. Smith (Dawson), Kimberly N. Smith, Amonda D. Hurt and their mother, Mary E. Hurt; his grandchildren, Johnathan Smith, Donovan and D'Anna Dawson, Jaelah Hurt and Nyah Smith; his paternal family: his brother, Grover N. Smith of Colorado and sisters, Barbara Lee Dotson of South Carolina and Dorothy Tidwell of Ohio; and a host of many other relatives, friends and neighbors.

# Cemetery Details

## Baltimore Cemetery

Baltimore, MD

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

MAR 9. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore  
1101 East North Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21202  
(410) 727-3300  
info@marchfh.com

## Family Hour

MAR 9. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Wake

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MAR **10**. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Vernal T. Smith*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *The FDA Leidos Team purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Vernal T. Smith.*



**The FDA Leidos Team** - March 07, 2017 at 08:39 PM



“ *We are so sorry to learn of your loss. Please accept our sincere sympathy. May you find comfort in Jesus' words at John 14:27*

**Harris Family** - March 03, 2017 at 09:33 PM

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“ My family, Daddy told us that when he leaves this world, it would 'sting' a little bit. He also told us all that we would cry then laugh together as we recited stories about the things our 'ole dad' did and said. What daddy would want us to do is to take care of one another, be there for one another and love one another. Daddy loves each of us and did admitted that he did not tell us as often as he should have or could have, but he loved us and enjoyed raising us children. 'His children'.

*Take comfort in the fact that our father was proud of us and would not change our lives together.*

*I pray that the peace and comfort of God will rest in your hearts and give you courage and strength to accept the divine will of God to take our father home. Our Dad has once again been made whole. His knees don't trouble him, his back is straight and his gait is steady. Imagine, daddy smiling and singing John Denver's 'Country Road'. All while holding a pricing gun wearing his Pantry Pride apron.*

*I love you guys and God loves you too.*

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**Your Sister** - March 03, 2017 at 07:37 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.

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**March Funeral Homes** - March 02, 2017 at 03:21 PM