



Vernon I. Smith

October 14, 1925 - December 27, 2015

Vernon Irving Smith, son of the late John Smith and Gladys Arnette Cooper, was born on October 14, 1925 in Baltimore, Maryland. He departed this life on December 27, 2015 after a lengthy illness.

He received his education at Carver Vocational Technical High School and Douglass High School in Baltimore. At the age of eighteen, he enlisted in the United States Army. He was assigned to the 1864th Engineer Aviation Battalion (Colored) in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater (Guam) as a Diesel Mechanic. During his military service, he earned the following decorations: Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic Pacific Theater Medal, and World War II Victory Medal.

In 1946, Vernon returned home to Baltimore and soon met and married Virginia Ross. From this union one child was born, Sharynne Anne Stacey. He was affectionately known as "Uncle Vernon" to Virginia's other daughters, Lynne and Patricia, from a subsequent marriage.

Vernon married Shirlee Jean Carter (formerly Dixon) in 1966, and from this union, one child was born, Vernon Eric Rodney. He was a loving stepfather to Shirlee's son, Earl, from a previous marriage.

He began his career with the Social Security Administration in 1948, retiring in 1986 as a Lead Claims Clerk.

Vernon enjoyed playing cards, listening to soul music, and attending live shows at The Royal Theater. He treasured his time with his family, and was known for his gentle, kind spirit and warm smile. He was a loving family man

and was generous to all who knew him. A devoted member of Macedonia Baptist Church, Vernon was a Trustee and a volunteer with the church's food bank.

He is preceded in death by his wives Virginia and Shirlee, his stepson Earl Oliver Carter, Jr., his sister Joan Stokes, and his brother Melvin Smith. He leaves to mourn: his daughter, Sharynne Shelton (Dr. Charles Sylvester Shelton); two stepdaughters, Ellen Lynne Scott and Patricia Kimberly Greaves (Lt. General Samuel A. Greaves) ; one son, Eric (Donyale Erica); four granddaughters, Lauren Stacey Dubose (Robert Dubose), Kara Lillian Carter, Erikka Laurice Smith, and Laylah Erin Smith; two grandsons, Earl Oliver Carter, III and Michael Lane Carter; three great granddaughters, Tyler Ayanna Dubose, Madison Elena Dubose, and Shjan Amaya Lrae Carter; one great grandson, Earl Oliver Carter, IV, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

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1101 Sulphur Spring Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21227

Previous Events

Wake

JAN 8. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Macedonia Bapt. Church
718 W. Lafayette Ave
Baltimore, MD

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Vernon I. Smith*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss, may GOD give you comfort in your time of need.
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Carolyn - January 03, 2016 at 09:57 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 - January 02, 2016 at 12:46 PM