

In Loving Memory of



Roy Thomas Smith

Sunrise

March 30, 1937

Sunset

November 2, 2011

Tuesday, November 8, 2011 - 12:00 Noon

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, NJ

*Rev. Edward Allen, Officiating
Emory Lee, Organist*

Obituary

ROY THOMAS SMITH was born on March 30, 1937 in Newark, New Jersey to the late Marilda (aka Myrtle; aka Latifah Salaam) and James Smith.

Roy was raised in North Newark with his three siblings; George Goodwin (deceased), Ernest Smith (deceased) and Akbar Salaam (nee Donald Robinson).

Roy was educated in the Newark Public School system and was noted for his academic and athletic abilities at Barringer High School. He was an outstanding football and baseball player. He was also a promising light heavy weight fighter and had a beautiful singing voice. He particularly loved to sing Sam Cooke's music and could be seen on his porch with his cousin, James (Snookie) Harris singing the latest doo wop tunes.

He was joined in holy matrimony to Gertrude (Trudy) Holloway in October 1963. From this union they had one child, Michele Smith-Browne and one step-son, Owen Holloway. He later remarried on July 14, 1973 to Louise Liza Smith and had two step-children, Richard Lewis Clark Sr. and Doris Louise Clark.

His employment began at Seton Leather Company with his brothers. After various jobs, his Uncle Roy Harris (Uncle Buddy) brought him to his employer Bowman Distribution Company in Elizabeth, NJ where he served as a Shop Steward, until his retirement in December 1994. Roy valued his family and friends and was loved by all the children on his block, Johnson Avenue where he lived the majority of his life.

He leaves to mourn his passing: his wife, Louise; his daughters, Michele (David) Browne and Tracy Bradford; step-sons, Owen (Karen) Holloway and Richard Lewis Clark Sr. (deceased); step-daughter, Doris Louise (James) Akins; brother, Akbar Salaam (Mahasin); sisters-in-law, Phyllis Goodwin, Charlene (Cookie) Mitchell Smith-Lane, Betty Chapman and Climmie Cole; grandchildren, Joseph Owen, Bryson Owen, Brittney Turquoise, Billy, Leroy, Tasha, James, Jeremy, Richard Lewis Clark, Jr. and Anthony Lee Clark; great grands, Devonta, NaNa, JayJay, Jeremiah, Malik, Rachal, Isaiah, Zayden, Noah, Nicholas and Joseph; and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins; and a host of family and friends.

Order of Service

Processional The Family

Acknowledgements Family and Friends

Obituary Amirah Salaam, Niece

Solo /Selection Doris Atkins, Step-Daughter

Eulogy Rev. Edward Allen

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Interment</u> Rosehill Cemetery Linden, New Jersey</p> |
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Family and friends are invited to fellowship with the family as we continue to celebrate the life of Roy Thomas Smith.

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MISS ME BUT LET ME GO

When I come to the end of the road and the sun has set for me, I want no rites in a gloom filled room, Why cry for a soul set free? Miss me a little-but not too long, and not with your head bowed low. Remember the love that we once shared, Miss me-but let me go. For this is a journey that we all must take, And each must go alone. It's all part of the Master's plan a step on the road to home. When you are lonely and sick at heart, Go to the friends we know. Laugh at the things we use to do
Miss me-but let me go.



“I’m Free”

*Don't grieve for, For now I'm Free
I have followed the path God laid for me.
If my parting has left a void, Fill it up with remembered joys.
Lift up your heart and share with me.
God wanted me “HE SET ME FREE”*

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Roy Thomas Smith** would like to sincerely thank our many relatives and friends for the love and sympathy extended to us.

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