

A Celebration of Life

Ricky Wilson Smith

Sunrise
January 5, 1959

Sunset
May 10, 2015

"Slick Ricky"

Friday, May 15, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

GRACE CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH

26 Haledon Avenue • Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Gregory C. Wilson, Pastor

Reflections of Life

Ricky Wilson Smith was born on January 5, 1959 in North Hampton County, North Carolina to Helen (Coates) and Roger Smith.

He later moved with his parents to New Jersey where he resided most of his life.

Ricky received his education through the Paterson Public School system. Graduating from John F. Kennedy High School, Paterson, NJ. Ricky loved his family and friends. He adored music, football and fashion hence “Pretty Ricky” and “Slick Rick”.

Slick Rick as he was called was a member of the Grace Chapel Baptist Church, he was always so quick to preach to others. He was known for his good advice and his huge smile.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Thurman and Tony, one sister, Helen Ann, his grandparents and other relatives.

Ricky Wilson Smith known as “Slick Rick”, “Pretty Ricky”, “Cornbread” and “Pop-Pop” departed this life at the age of fifty-six on May 10, 2015.

Those left to cherish precious memories are: his loving parents, Roger and Helen Smith; two loving sisters, Sherry Smith of Paterson, NJ and Debbie Batten (Ralph) of Columbia, Maryland; one brother, Roger Smith (Shertel); nine nieces; eleven nephews; a devoted fiancée, Brenda Marshall; his adopted children who affectionately called him “Pop-Pop”, Kelondre and “Dre-Dre”; devoted friends, Tracy, Doug, Ricky and Marilyn and a host of aunts, uncles, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

We thank God for Ricky’s life. He is loved and will be missed.

Order of Service

Prelude

Invocation

Selection

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalms 23

New Testament - Saint John 14:1-6

Minister Glorious Shabazz

Prayer of Comfort

Rev. Robert Howell

Solo

"I Won't Complain"

Felicia Farrar

Acknowledgements & Reflections of Life

Remarks

Tracy Pearson

Minister Jason Rogers

Selection

Words of Comfort

Rev. Anthony Cureton

Recessional

Interment

Saturday May 16, 2015 - 9:00 a.m.

St. Peter's Cemetery

Garfield, New Jersey

The family will receive friends at the
Integrity Masonic Temple 226 Broad Paterson, NJ.

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

*The family of the late **Ricky W. Smith** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!*

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