



*In Loving Memory Of  
Archie Adam Smith Jr  
"Hear Me Well"*

*November 20th, 1949 - July 17th, 2017*

# Obituary

**Archie A. Smith, Jr.** who was also known as "Artie" was born on November 20, 1949 to the late Willie and Archie A. Smith, Sr. in New York, New York. He was one of seven children. Artie attended Our Lady Queen of Angel, IS 117 and Benjamin Franklin High School.

He played football with the "East Harlem Chargers" and sang with the "Voices of East Harlem" while attending high school. He auditioned with the Whispers and the Temptations and was unable to pursue a singing career at the time as a result of him being drafted into the United States Air Force. He was a nurse during his time in the Vietnam War from December 1968 until June 1972.

Artie married Laurie Smith (Deal) on February 5, 1989. They were together for 28 years. He worked as a concierge at Fashion Towers. He enjoyed singing and dancing. He enjoyed fight nights with his friends and his sons. He loved playing the scratch offs and "Take 5". He enjoyed watching nature shows, the history channel, old westerns and old cartoons.

Artie was predeceased by his mother, Willie; father, Art; stepmother, Joan; brothers, Eric and Steven. Archie A. Smith, Jr., 67, of Harlem, New York, passed away on July 17, 2017 peacefully in his sleep.

Artie leaves behind: his beloved, Laurie; children, Nicole, Damon, Ronald, Nikeita "Kiki", Deshawn and Bryant; daughters-in-law, Julie Smith and Shakeema Smith; grandchildren, Ashley, George, Jr., Isaiah, Sky, Damon, Jr., Sean, Aaron and Aaliyah; siblings, Michelle "Missy", Karen, Celeste and Tracey; god sisters, Cecilia and Bernadette; and a host of brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Service

*Thursday, July 27, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.*

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*Rev. Dr. J. G. McCann, Sr., Officiating*

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*Order of Service*

*Processional*

*Selection*

*Scripture Readings*

*Prayer*

*Selection*

*Acknowledgements*

*Remarks*

*Obituary*

*Selection*

*Eulogy*

*Committal*

*Viewing*

*Recessional*

*Interment*

*Ferncliff Cemetery*

*Hartsdale, New York*

# 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!*

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## Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of  
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.  
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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