

*Homegoing Services
for*



Sunrise
August 26, 1968

Sunset
December 29, 2017

David Elliott Smith

Service

Thursday, January 11, 2018 - 10:00 a.m.

Whigham Funeral Home

580 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Newark, New Jersey

Rev. Brooks, Officiating

Obituary

Our beloved **David Elliott Smith** was born August 26, 1968 in New York City, NY, the second born of a set of identical twins (Daniel E Smith, deceased). He was the son of the late James Ewing Smith and the late Isabel Elaine Smith. He attended Monmouth Regional High School in Tinton Falls, New Jersey. He then moved to California with the family, where he graduated from Barclay Career Institute. He received a certificate for Private Investigation.

In addition to being a P.I. David was a senior manager for several security firms in Jacksonville, Florida. He has always worked hard despite his struggle with Sickle Cell Anaemia.

David's love for music was greatly demonstrated in Harvest Time Apostolic Church Choir, where he sang, composed music and performed guitar solos for church concerts.

He was an advert supporter of the Sickle Cell Anaemia community acting as a spokesman and also a motivational speaker for recent Amputees and amputation therapy. David was very passionate about learning Kung Fu, and went on to study under Master Sifu Lee, and won state and national recognition in Kung Fu competitions.

David will always be remembered for his determination, optimistic outlook, words of encouragement, loving nature, and his ability to make people smile and laugh, even through troubled times.

In 2014, David moved back to New Jersey (Newark) from Atlanta, Georgia to be close to his beloved sister Leslie Butler (deceased) and family. It was here where David met the love of his life, Chantel Adkins and was blessed to have spent quality time together in his final days.

David leaves to cherish is memories: his brothers Adrian Butler (Atlanta, GA), Christopher Butler (Perth, Australia); Sister Tania Wright and his sister-in-law Birgit Butler (Perth, Australia); Nephews Adrian Butler II (NYC, NY), Cian Butler (Perth, Australia); Nieces Aqueelah Butler and Janere Davis (Newark, NJ); Great Nephews Ali Kyree Howard, Chappell Faulcon Jr, and Munere Butler; and a host of family and friends.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional

Selection “Amazing Grace” (Acapella)
Dawn Louis

Prayer

Scripture Reading

OLD TESTAMENT - Psalms 23

NEW TESTAMENT- John 14:1-7

Selection “I Won’t Let GO” (Acapella)
Dawn Louis

Tributes

Craig Bogard

Chris Butler

Janere Davis

Family and Friends (Please Limit to 3 minutes)

Acknowledgement

Obituary Reading

Selection “Precious Lord”
Joshua Nelson

Message of Comfort

Final Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery

1137 N Broad St.

Hillside, NJ 07205

I AM 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 his call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah 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.

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude to all those who have supported us during this time of loss.

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