



*Celebration  
of  
Life  
for*

*Matthew Smith*

*December 12, 1949 - April 8, 2020*

Service

Saturday, April 18, 2020 - 1:00 p.m.

**CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME**

256 Rosa Parks Blvd. • Paterson, New Jersey

*Rev. Kenneth Clayton, Officiating*

St. Luke Baptist Church, Paterson, NJ

# Reflections of Life

Matthew Smith was born in Eutaw, Alabama. As a teenager he moved to Paterson, NJ where he received his education attending Paterson Technical Vocational School. Matthew was affectionately known as Bob, Fish and Faheem.

He was an expert electrician and skilled in carpentry and plumbing. He used his talents to solve complex construction and electrical problems in hundreds of Patersonians' homes. His willingness to lend a hand, no matter how big or small the request, endeared him to many.

He had an exceptional memory and could quote long passages from the Bible and the Quran. Despite his slim build he had a voracious sweet tooth and could out-work any man twice his size or decades younger. Matthew was a dreamer and loved small children and animals. He was a fierce competitor and played chess and rooted for his favorite NY Knicks with vigor!

He loved being around his family and the highlights of his life included visiting his sister, nieces and nephews in Asbury, NJ and Maryland. He chose a path that wasn't always easy. In spite of it he never lost his joy of family, loyalty to friends and faith in God.

Matthew was predeceased in death by his beloved mother; Martha Smith and sister; Magnolia Sheffield.

He leaves to cherish his memory sisters; Mamie Salmon and Willie Dell Davis (Paterson, NJ), Cathelma Stephenson (Asbury Park, NJ), brother; James Smith (Paterson, NJ), nephews; Rodney Stephenson and Earl Stephenson (Asbury Park, NJ), Gary Davis (Paterson, NJ), nieces; Elaine Wilson (Asbury Park), Therese Salmon and Tracy Salmon (Paterson, NJ), special cousins; Katherine Brown and Johnnie Mae Mason (Paterson, NJ), very best friend; Shadi Thomas (North Carolina), and a host of other relatives and friends. He will be greatly missed.



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