

*In Loving Memory of*



*Jamal D. Smith*

**Sunrise**  
**April 16, 1993**

**Sunset**  
**February 12, 2022**

**Service:**  
**Friday, February 25, 2022 - 9:30 am**

**Eastchester Presbyterian Church**  
3154 Fish Avenue • Bronx, New York 10466

# Obituary

**Jamal Smith**, 28, was born to Delisa Sewell and Wayne Smith on April 16, 1993, in Bronx, New York.

Jamal, also known as Jammy or Mal, grew up in Mount Vernon, New York. He attended Nellie A. Thornton Performing Arts Magnet School. Despite his shy, quiet, private, and reserved demeanor, he was a talented athlete who excelled in football and basketball. He took part in the arts by playing African drums and was a good dancer in choreographed productions, as well as dancing with family and friends.

Jamal met his girlfriend, Briana, at A.B. Davis Middle School when he was 14 years old. He was an honor roll student at A.B Davis Middle School, and as a result, he decided to take the General Educational Development exam instead of finishing four years of high school. He passed the exam on his first attempt. He enjoyed visiting new places. Florida was one of his favorite vacation spots, where he spent memorable moments with his immediate family and friends.

Jamal grew up in a close-knit family. He was always in the company of his brothers and cousins. He was a pillar in his family and his community. He is kind and generous, and he always encourages the youth to put forth their best effort. His infectious smile and beautiful dimples would lighten any room. When he would give a hug, it would envelop the body and soul of whomever he was hugging. He was a gentle giant.

Jamal was a good-hearted, respectful, and compassionate man. He was a classic man who was also very witty. From head to toe, he was always well-groomed and sharp. One thing about Jamal was that no matter how stylish his outfit was, he always wore a "wife-beater" underneath his shirt. "Put on a wife beater and stop showing your chest," he would always say.

He was a floor manager at BLT Steak in White Plains for ten years and desired to be a firefighter, he was two days shy of achieving this goal. He leads by example and adds value and pushes everyone to do and be their best, even when they are full of self-doubt.

Jamal valued his family above all else. Nothing was more important to him than being a father to Jailah, who was born in 2013. He would go to any length to ensure his daughter's happiness. He is always there to cheer her on. To Jamal, Briana and Jailah were "his babies" or "his girls". They shared many memorable moments like watching movies, shopping, Disney World, and eating together.

Jamal is survived by his mother-Delisa, father- Wayne, brothers - Wayne, Nathaniel, and Benjamin, sister- Angel, soulmate - Briana Murphy, and daughter - Jailah Smith. He also leaves behind his grandmother, grandfather, aunts, uncles, cousins, godchildren, mother and father-in-law, brother-in-law, and a host of family, close friends, and loved ones.

# Order of Service

Prelude

Processional Hymn ..... “Amazing Grace”

Opening Remarks ..... Reverend Lonnie H. Bryant

Prayer of Comfort ..... Reverend Lonnie H. Bryant

Old Testament Reading - Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

New Testament Reading - 2nd Timothy 4:6-8

Selection..... Winnie Patricia Tyrell & Donna McKenzie

Poem .....Antoine Fennell

Poem..... Akilah Whitley

Tributes-Reflections  
Anthony Murphy Sr.  
Brianna Murphy  
Pastor Jeffrey Wheeler

Reading of Obituary.....Donna Dececco

Selection....."One Sweet Day" Naailah O’Gilvie

Eulogy..... Reverend Lonnie H. Bryant

Final Viewing..... (No Cameras or Recording)

Recession Hymn..... “Thou great thou art”

Interment

Mt Hope Cemetery  
Hastings-on-Hudson, New York

## **Pallbearers:**

Nathaniel Sewell      Anthony Murphy Sr.  
Anthony Murphy Jr.    Antoine Fennell  
Anthonie O’Gilvie     K’avon Tucker  
Trevor Golding



# *Arms Of Angels*

*You rest in the arms of angels  
In a place of peace and love  
Watching over me always  
From heaven up above  
You guide me through my worries  
And help me through each day  
Always by my side  
You never went away  
The bond cannot be broken  
Made from love so pure  
Death does not break the bond  
It lives on forever more  
You rest in the arms of angel  
Free from illness and pain  
Waiting for the day  
We are together once again*

*BY: John F Connor*

## *Acknowledgments*

The late Jamal D. Smith's family wishes to convey their heartfelt gratitude for the compassionate kindness shown to them during their time of sorrow. Your thoughtfulness and concern have provided us with both comfort and strength. May God continue to bless each one of you.

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