



A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR
JAMES G. SMITH JR.

December 27, 1955 - March 7, 2022



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OBITUARY

On the early morning of Monday March 7th, 2022, James Garfield Smith Jr. of Linden, NJ peacefully passed unto eternal rest. He was born to the late James Garfield Sr and Ethel Lousie Crawford-Smith in Staunton VA., on December 27,1955.

Raised in Newark, NJ James graduated from Malcolm X Shabazz High School and went on to serve in the US Army Reserved from January 27, 1979, to February 8, 1985, earning the rank of Corporal E4. Soon after, he began his collegiate studies at New York University, and John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Over the course of his lifelong career in accounting, James worked for many firms in New York City. Early on in addition to working for Fed Ex part time, James was employed with The Mingo Group. Later, moving on to Culver Associates LLC, and in 2004, joining Korey, Kay & Partners. He was last hired at CMG Associates where he spent the remainder of his professional career until falling ill.

James was affectionately known as “Timmy”. Timmy loved his family and took care of both of his parents until their untimely deaths. Timmy had a love for others which fueled him to give back. He worked in Brooklyn with disabled adults and children. In honor of losing both his parents to cancer, Timmy spent his free time writing letters of encouragement to cancer patients. Also, he was a pen pal to the incarcerated.

In his free time, he loved going to the movies and out to dinner with his best friend and FAVORITE cousin Wayne. He enjoyed spending weekends playing board games. Timmy had a great ear for music, he loved R&B, Gospel, Classical, and Jazz-which he caught a few shows in person. He loved playing the lyric game with his younger cousins even though he often sang the songs to the wrong rhythm! He loved to write and read. You could always call him and chat about a book he was reading on his kindle. Due to his love of the Christmas Holiday Season, Timmy will certainly always be remembered for the amazing Christmas Village and train display at his home.

Timmy had a sarcastic yet loving and funny sense of humor. To know him was to love him. He was known to tell it like it is! And you knew to never touch his Pepsi, eat his Chinese food or Haagen Dazs Ice Cream, and don't you dare drink his coffee!

James was preceded in death by his parents, Ethel Louise and James G Smith Sr. Also going before him were his sisters Althea, and Eraina (Rainey).

Left with decades of fond and colorful memories of Timmy are his three sisters, Purvene of Sacramento CA, Rachel Pickett, and baby sister Lavon (Bonnie) of Newark, NJ. Also, to cherish his memory his God Daughter Leticia Wegman, 10 Nieces, 7 Nephews, great nieces, great nephew, a host of cousins, other relatives, co-workers, and friends. Cousins Spencer Carter, Danny Mack, Irene Mack-Smith, and Leslie Brooks. Special friends, Collen and Wayne Murray, Diana & Kenneth Sr. (mom & pop), Kenneth Jr., Thomas (Delaware), Kyle Reeves, Julio Pina, Tony Ocasio, Andre Scott, Kevin Hatchet, Ronald (Mackie) McMillan, Mr. Frank Austin, R. Ph and finally, His FAVORITE Cousin and BEST FRIEND Wayne Hendricks.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks
(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

Repast

International Long Shoreman Hall
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INTERMENT

Evergreen Cemetery
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