

SUNRISE: October 18, 1991 SUNSET: March 15, 2022

Saturday, April 2, 2022 - 1pm

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2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027 Rev. Kevin Quarles, Officiating

OBITUARY

Processional

Prayer of Comfort

Reading of Scripture: Old Testament - Psalm 23	Brenda Carter
New Testament - John 14:1	Lavelle McLaughlin
Musical Selection: "Precious Lord"	Lyndrick Symone
Reflections	(2 Minutes Please)
Reading of the Obituary	Brenda Stewart
Musical Selection: "I Won't Complain"	Lyndrick Symone
Eulogy	



OBITUARY

Thomas Anthony Edward Smith was born on October 18, 1991 at 7:11 pm to parents, Juanita Smith and Tyrone Stewart.

In his early childhood, Thomas attended public schools in the Bronx. He later went on to Plaza College where he received an Associate Degree in Occupational Studies. Thomas began a career as a para-professional for the Department of Education.

In August 2020, Thomas began a career at Cardinal McCloskey Community Charter School as a teacher's assistant. This was Thomas home away from home. He developed a loving relationship with staff, family and students.

Thomas was an outgoing and outspoken person. He loved people. Thomas was a very bright individual. He loved being the center of attention. He also had a very sarcastic and silly personality. But in all, he was a gentle giant, especially with kids.

Sports was a big love of his. He would travel to different events, whether it was at Yankee Stadium, Barclays or wherever WrestleMania was. He also enjoyed watching the television show, Law & Order. Thomas was a big foodie, who bounced to the beat of his own drum. It was his way and on his time.

Thomas was called to glory on March 15, 2022 where he was reunited with his grandmother Lorraine Smith who preceded him in death.

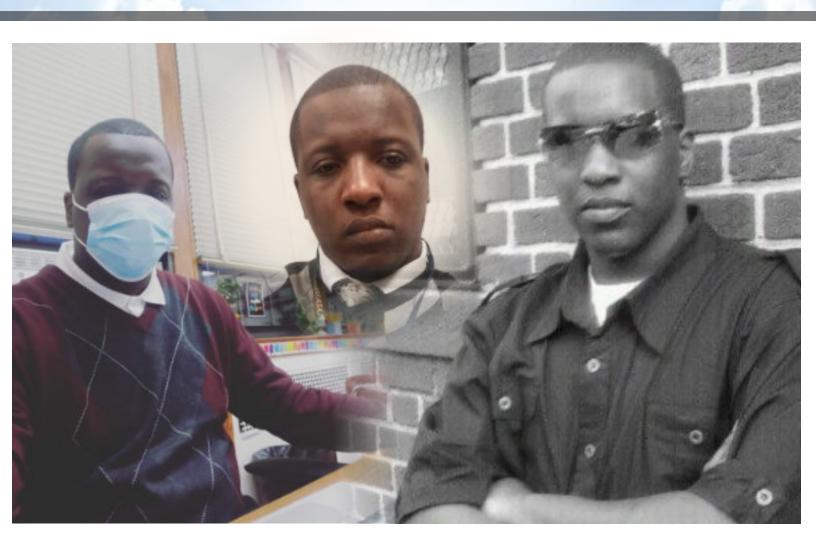
He leaves to cherish his memories of love: his mother, Juanita Smith; father, Tyrone Stewart (Cheryl); one stepfather, Shaun Gill; five brothers, Da-Shaun, Brandon, Darryl, Tyrone Jr. and Christopher; one sister, Natasha; one grandmother, Brenda Stewart; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

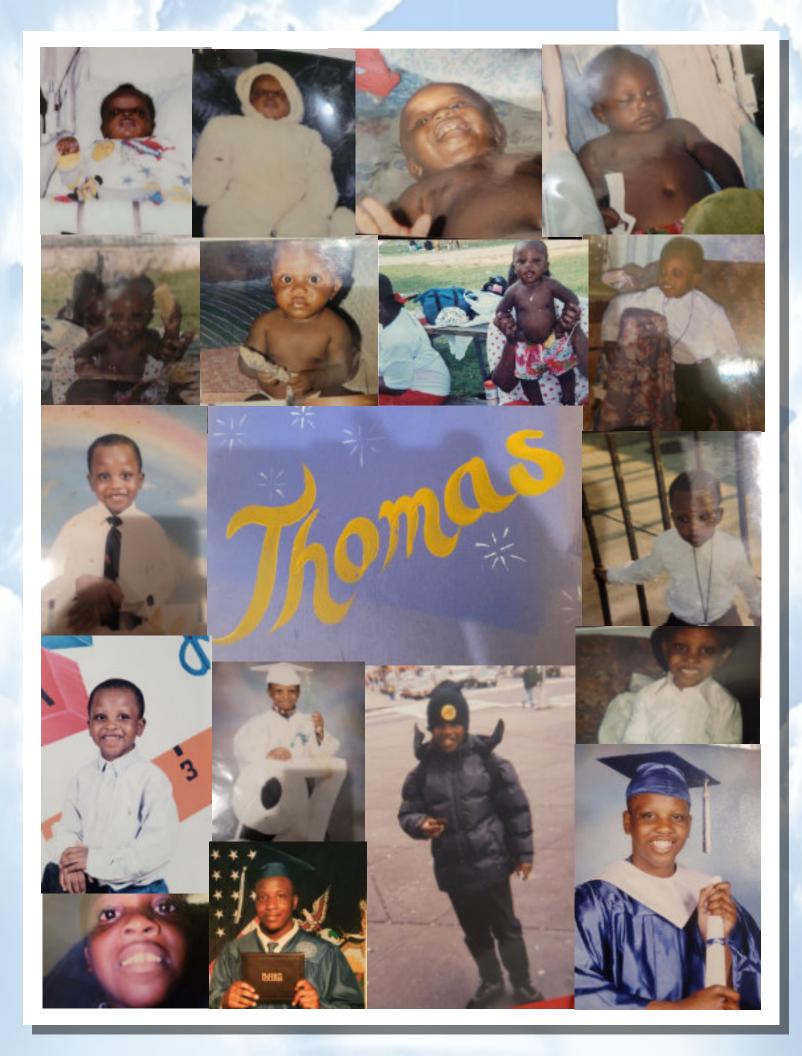
NOTE FROM THE CARDINAL MCCLOSKEY COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL:

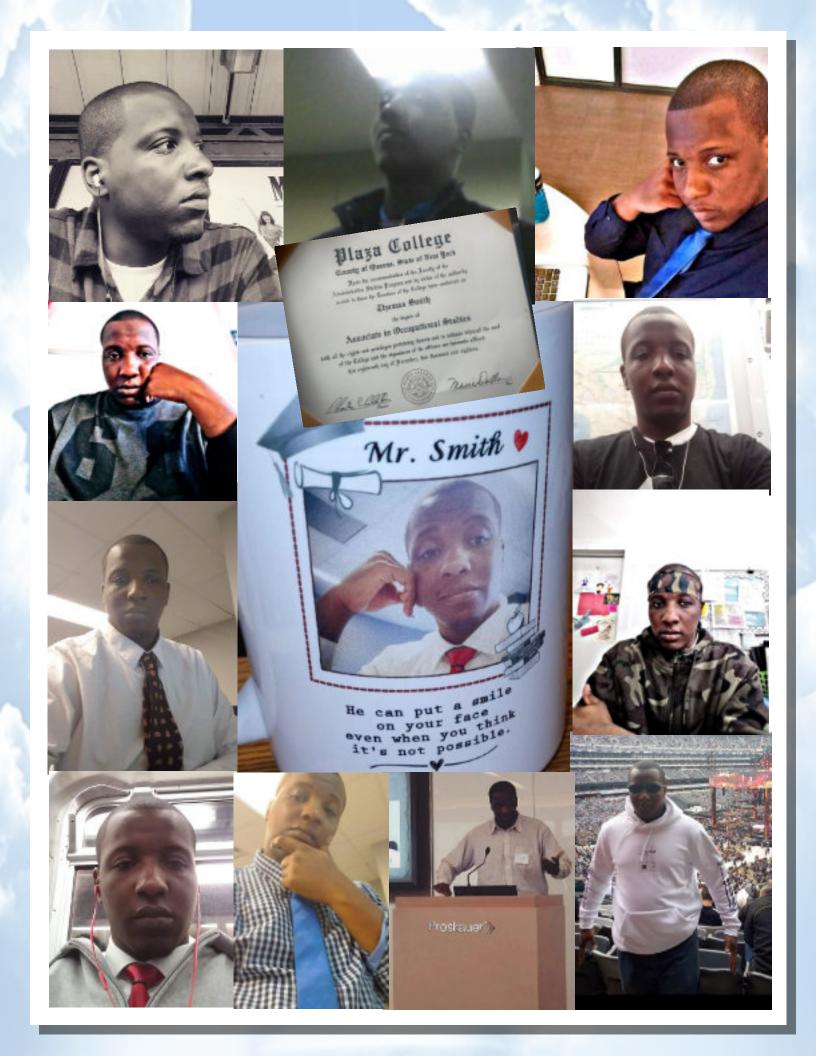
Mr. Thomas Smith was a very active member of our school community. All of our students knew and loved Thomas. He was a friendly face that greeted them when they arrived in the morning and when they went home at the end of the day. Thomas had the opportunity to support teachers in many different grades in the school. No matter what class he was working with the teachers always found him knowledgeable and supportive. Thomas was also able to develop strong and meaningful relationships with the families of our students. They often looked to him for support and reassurance. Our entire school community is saddened by this great loss. Thomas will be remembered as a guiding force in our students' lives. We all miss him. We will keep him and his family in our thoughts and prayers in the days, weeks, months and years to come.

With deepest sympathy,

The Cardinal McCloskey Community Charter School









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 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 savoured 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 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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