



Melvin Smith

July 31, 1936 - November 22, 2022

Melvin Smith was born to the late Nathan Caleb Smith, Jr., and Dorothy Dorsey Smith on July 31, 1936, at Provident Hospital in Baltimore, MD. He grew up in Cooksville (Howard County), Maryland and departed this earthly life on Tuesday, November 22, 2022, at the age of 86 on the exact same date that his beloved father Nathan Smith had departed 11 years earlier.

Melvin grew up with his seven siblings on Bushy Park Road in Cooksville, a beautiful enclave of Black families located in the bucolic farmlands of Western Howard County. He grew up in a small country house without running water or electricity but full of love. Melvin or "Bubba" as his siblings called him, attended a segregated four room schoolhouse, Cooksville School, for his elementary education and after graduating from there, moved on to be a student at all Black Harriet Tubman High School in what was then known as Simpsonville, Maryland. He was an outstanding student at both, winning awards for his oratorical and writing skills.

Melvin attended Mt. Gregory United Methodist Church in Cooksville as a child later joining as a member and accepting Christ as his Lord and Savior. At the time of his death, he was a faithful member of Strawbridge United Methodist Church located in New Windsor, Maryland.

After graduating from Harriet Tubman High School in June of 1954, Melvin

joined the Air Force selecting Dental Laboratory Technology as his specialty and was sent to the School of Aviation Medicine at Gunter Air Force Base (A.F.B.) in Montgomery, Alabama graduating with a degree in Dental Technology and was then assigned to Bolling A.F.B. in Washington, D.C. He also served at Harmon A.F.B. in Canada. In May of 1958 Melvin was discharged and moved to Washington, D.C. where he reconnected with his friends at Bolling A.F.B. who let him train with the Golden Gloves Boxing Team. He won the Golden Gloves Lightweight Championship in 1959. Melvin later took advantage of the G.I. Bill and obtained a BS from American University and then received his Law degree from Howard University. Melvin was employed as a Contract Specialist for the U.S. Government. He was also a poet and has published several poetry books still enjoyed by his family and friends.

Melvin met the love of his life, Janice Reynolds (deceased) while in the D.C. area and they married in November of 1961. Out of that union were born two wonderful sons, David and Daryl, the best sons any parent could hope for. Over the next 30 years, Melvin, a constant enterprising spirit, enjoyed coaching amateur boxers, selling Sno-Balls, boxing equipment and custom sportswear with his son Daryl and being with his Strawbridge Church family. Melvin was blessed with a good long life and many friends that he truly enjoyed. He was preceded in death by his wife Janice, his father and mother, his brother Reverend Charles Smith (Juanita), his daughter-in-law, Jacqueline, and his brother-in-law Harold Reynolds. He leaves to cherish his memory sons Daryl and David Smith, granddaughters Aza Smith, Tyra Nicole and Mary Antoinette, sisters Shirley Myers (Harvey), Rosele Stanton (Chester), Mabel Holland (Herbert), Sonja Boston, Joan Hash (Bert), Jean James (Ralph), Aunt Genevieve Cook and sister-in-law Carmen Shell, a host of cousins, nieces and nephews and many other special friends whom he cherished.

Cemetery Details

MARYLAND VETERANS CHELTENHAM

11301 CRAIN HIGHWAY
Cheltenham, MD 20623

Previous Events

Public Viewing

DEC 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Gregory United Methodist Church
2325 Route 97
Glenwood, MD 21738

Funeral Service

DEC 7. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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2325 Route 97
Glenwood, MD 21738

Tribute Wall



“ *Melvin Smith*

January 28, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Melvin Smith*

January 28, 2023 at 10:26 AM



“ *love you always...your friend Cookie..aka juanita brown*

juanita brown - December 06, 2022 at 11:14 AM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories*



joan hash - December 06, 2022 at 06:04 AM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



joan hash - December 06, 2022 at 06:00 AM

JH

“ 2 files added to the album Memories



joan hash - December 05, 2022 at 05:12 PM

VM

“ Valerie Myers lit a candle in memory of Melvin Smith



Valerie Myers - December 04, 2022 at 10:18 AM

CT

“ Christine Thompson lit a candle in memory of Melvin Smith



Christine Thompson - December 03, 2022 at 11:53 PM

CD

“ Credella Duvall lit a candle in memory of Melvin Smith



Credella Duvall - December 03, 2022 at 12:36 PM

IB

“ *Isaac Barnes lit a candle in memory of Melvin Smith*



Isaac Barnes - December 02, 2022 at 06:01 PM

IB

“ *To the Family I'm so sorry for your lost Just know he in a better place. And God has him now keep him in your heart and Always Trust God.*

Isaac Barnes - December 02, 2022 at 06:00 PM

BK

We send strength and love to the family. Melvin holds a special place in our hearts because he was a very special and caring person.

Barbara Kelliebrew - December 06, 2022 at 04:21 PM

TB

“ *Tracie Boney lit a candle in memory of Melvin Smith*



Tracie Magruder Boney - December 02, 2022 at 05:25 PM

VM

“ Valerie Myers lit a candle in memory of Melvin Smith



Valerie Myers - December 02, 2022 at 12:41 PM

GH

“ george hackett lit a candle in memory of Melvin Smith



george hackett - December 02, 2022 at 11:27 AM

SB

“ Sonja Boston lit a candle in memory of Melvin Smith



Sonja Boston - December 02, 2022 at 08:53 AM

CJ

“ Carolyn Jones lit a candle in memory of Melvin Smith



Carolyn Jones - December 01, 2022 at 05:31 PM

LS

“ You have left our lives, but you will never leave our hearts. R.I.P Uncle Melvin!



Lisa Sawyer - December 01, 2022 at 01:21 PM

SM

“ Dear Brother - Your precious memories are a gift that I will treasure always! Love, Shirley

Shirley S Myers - December 01, 2022 at 11:02 AM

SM

“ Shirley Myers lit a candle in memory of Melvin Smith



Shirley S Myers - December 01, 2022 at 11:00 AM

SB

“ Sonja Boston lit a candle in memory of Melvin Smith



Sonja Boston - December 01, 2022 at 10:32 AM

SB

“ RIP MY BROTHER

Sonja Boston - December 01, 2022 at 10:31 AM

SB

“ *Sonja Boston lit a candle in memory of Melvin Smith*



Sonja Boston - December 01, 2022 at 10:04 AM

MC

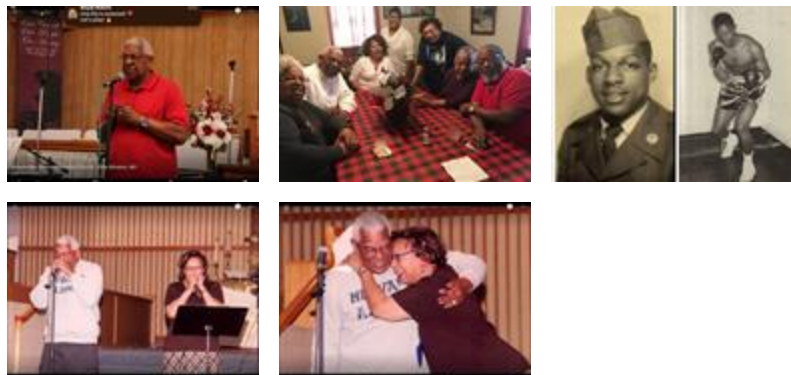
“ *My condolences and love to the family. 🙏❤️
I will miss seeing Melvin on those special occasions at church . Melvin May now Rest with no more pain . Lovingly Buttons*



Marilyn Cook - December 01, 2022 at 09:29 AM

JJ

“ *9 files added to the album Memories*



Jean James - December 01, 2022 at 09:21 AM

AH

“ *Annette Holland lit a candle in memory of Melvin Smith*



Annette Holland - November 30, 2022 at 10:51 PM

JH

“ *Rest In Peace my beloved big brother. I will miss you so much.* 🙏

joan hash - November 30, 2022 at 11:58 AM

JJ

“ *Rest in peace big brother...when we meet again we can play our heavenly harmonicas...I am really going to miss you but I know you are enjoying so many family members who welcomed you home and there is no more suffering.* ❤️❤️



Jean James - November 29, 2022 at 09:47 PM

LR

“ *Condolences 🌸 to family. Sorry for your loss. Mr Melvin was a nice friend. My little grandson will miss his visits seeing him. RIP ☐. You will missed truly. No more pain or sorrow.*



Limda Kelly and family POV resident - November 29, 2022 at 02:44 AM

JH

“ *joan hash lit a candle in memory of Melvin Smith*



joan hash - November 28, 2022 at 08:32 PM

JH

Rest In Peace my beloved big brother. I will miss you so much. 🙏🙏

joan hash - November 30, 2022 at 11:57 AM

AH

Rest in peace Uncle Melvin. I'll miss your smile already.

Annette Holland - November 30, 2022 at 10:51 PM

MH

My brother, my best friend, you will always hold a special place in my heart. Miss you more than words can say. I thank God you are now free from pain, with family and at peace in your heavenly home.

Mabel Holland - December 01, 2022 at 09:16 AM



Rest in peace Cousin Melvin. Your life was a blessing and your memory a treasure.

Carolyn Jones - December 01, 2022 at 05:38 PM

CD

Condolences to the family. Rest in peace my dear Cousin. He was my go to when I needed a poem written and I have them as precious memories of how talented and generous he was.

Credella Duvall - December 03, 2022 at 12:35 PM

RM

To the Smith family we the Mt Gregory church family extends our deepest sympathy to you and your family during your loss ,and we are praying for your strength knowing that God will see thru every situation please know that God is with you and will be with you always The scripture said to be absent from the body is present with the Lord.2Corinthians 5-8.Rev Terry.McCain

Rev Terry McCain - December 05, 2022 at 09:03 AM