

Acknowledgement

The family of Robert Lee Smith is extremely grateful for all acts of kindness displayed during this difficult time; whether you sent a card or flowers, spoke comforting words, lent a shoulder, whispered a prayer or simply kept us in your thoughts, we appreciate it, and it has not gone unnoticed.

Weep Not for Me

*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.*

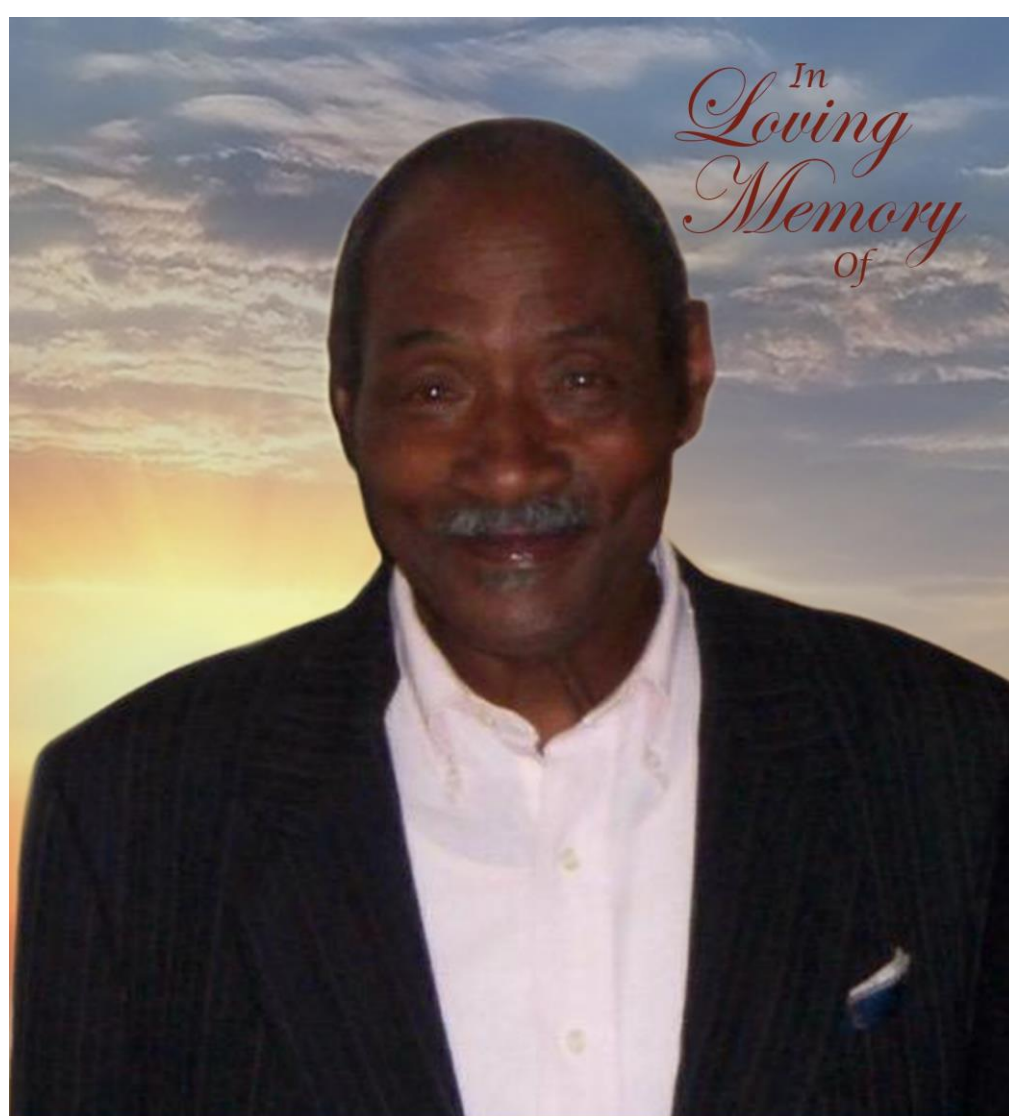
*I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.*

*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.*

To offer condolences to The Smith Family,
visit www.TheChapelofPeace.com



*In
Loving
Memory
of*

ROBERT LEE SMITH, SR.

FEBRUARY 23, 1941 ~ JANUARY 31, 2022

~Service~

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2022 ~11:00 AM

MARLAN J. GARY FUNERAL HOME

Chapel of Peace North

2500 Cleveland Avenue | Columbus, Ohio

REVEREND MARLA NUTTER

Officiating & Eulogizing Minister

The Obituary

On February 23, 194, Robert Lee Smith Sr. (80) was born in Birmingham, Alabama, the son of Emmett and Emily Smith. Robert passed away at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, on January 31, 2022.

As a child, Robert moved to West Virginia, then moved to Columbus, Ohio where he met Mary Elizabeth Byers, who then became his wife. Their children are two girls and one boy. His three children are Robert Lee Smith Jr., Ivy Smith, and Amelia Smith.

For decades Robert painted college dorms, Big Bear, and Kroger stores all over Ohio. Until his retirement, he worked for B&D Maintenance as a hauler at the Ohio State Fair. Walking was his favorite activity in Ohio, and his favorite places to go were the zoo and any park he could find. In addition to collecting coins and art, he also loved wrapping pennies. Above all else, he was a kind, loving father and his family and friends will miss him dearly.

Robert is preceded in death by his parents, Emmett Sr. and Emily Smith; sister, Geraldine Smith Williams of Long Beach, California and Helen Anderson of Cleveland, Ohio.

Robert is survived by his brothers, Emmett Smith Jr and twin Richard Smith of Columbus, Ohio; sister, Bertha Nell Armstrong of Columbus, Ohio; children, Robert Lee (Madonna) Smith, Jr. of San Diego, California, Ivy Smith of Columbus, Ohio, and Amelia Smith of Columbus, Ohio; grandchildren, Marlisha Lynn (Taylor) Gilmore, Samuel Joiner Toles, Jr., Norma Smith of Los Angeles, California, Jacques Jamal Smith, Marshaun DeWayne Smith, and Crème Devine McClarity; great grandson, Zachary Gilmore of Columbus, Ohio; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE Quartets on the Rise
PARTING VIEW Immediate Family
SCRIPTURE READING Margaret Byers
 Old Testament Psalm 23
 New Testament John 14:1-3
PRAYER Reverend Marla Nutter
SELECTION Cheryl Simmons
 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/CONDOLENCES
REMARKS Family and Friends
READING OF OBITUARY Silently
MIME DANCE JaQuala Watkins & JaQuoia Watkins

The Eulogy

REVEREND MARLA NUTTER

BENEDICTION Reverend Marla Nutter
RECESSIONAL Clergy, Family, and Friends

*I am the resurrection and the life: He that believeth in me
though he were dead yet shall he live.
And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.*

John 11:25-26