

## *Expressions of Gratitude*

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, kindness and support during this of bereavement.  
May God continue to bless each of you.

### *Pallbearers*

Family and Friends

**DO NOT STAND  
AT MY GRAVE AND WEEP  
I AM NOT THERE. I DO NOT SLEEP  
I AM A THOUSAND WINDS THAT BLOW  
I AM THE DIAMOND GLINTS ON SNOW  
I AM THE SUNLIGHT  
ON RIPENED GRAIN  
I AM THE GENTLE AUTUMN RAIN  
WHEN YOU AWAKEN IN THE MORNING'S HUSH  
I AM THE SWIFT UPLIFTING RUSH OF QUIET BIRDS IN CIRCLED FLIGHT  
I AM THE SOFT STARS  
THAT SHINE AT NIGHT  
DO NOT STAND AT MY GRAVE AND CRY  
I AM NOT THERE. I DID NOT DIE**

To offer condolences to The Smith Family,  
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## *A Celebration of the Life of*



# *Monica T. Smith*

June 18, 1963 - May 3, 2023

**The Chapel of Peace North**

**Friday, May 19, 2023**

Visitation: 1:00pm Service: 2:00pm

# Obituary

Monica Tara Smith was born on June 18, 1963, to Mattie L. Smith and Morris W. Smith in Columbus, Ohio.

Monica grew up in the Linden area of Columbus and graduated from Linden McKinley High School. She met and married Ronald Hager.

Monica later continued her education at Columbus State Community College where she received her licensure as a certified phlebotomist. She worked with American Red Cross for a period of time before turning to her true passion in childcare. In addition to raising her own children, Monica was led to become a foster parent to four additional children.

Monica was a God-fearing woman with a big heart. She was ordained as a minister and dedicated her time to prison ministry in several institutions across Ohio. In 2009, Monica founded The Light Haven Project where she provided housing and counseling services to numerous men and women over a 10-year span.

On May 3, 2023, Monica went home to be with her Lord and Savior. Preceded in death by her parents; Mattie L. Smith and Morris W. Smith.

She leaves to cherish her memory, sister; Sheila (Lawrence) Stevens, daughters; Sinay (Dimitri) Simba-Kai and Alana Lyons, sons; Antonio (Jasmine) Smith and Amon Smith, grandchildren; Ka'Leah Miller, Zayla & Zen Smith, Souline & Kairo Simba-Kai, and a host of other relatives, family and friends who loved Monica dearly.

# Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE.....Chapel of Peace Music Ministry

PARTING VIEW.....Immediate Family

Prayer..... Antonio Smith

New Testament.....Torya Stillwell-Ross

MUSICAL SELECTION .....  
"Lord Do It For Me"

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS ..... Rhonda Williams-Greggs

REMARKS .....Family and Friends

READING OF OBITUARY ..... Read Silently

MUSICAL SELECTION.....I Can Only Imagine  
LaShae Boone-McCray

## *The Eulogy*

Antonio Smith

BENEDICTION ..... Antonio Smith

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