

## Expressions of Gratitude

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so, we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could  
Say, perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us.

## Honorary Pallbearers

Grafton Ambrose - Herbert Ambrose - Gregory Johnson  
Darius Manning - Lorin Rivers - Mark Smith  
Joseph Steward - Charles Wilson - Corydon Wilson

## To Those Whom I Love & Those Who Love Me

When I am gone, release me, let me go.  
I have so many things to see and do,  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with too many tears,  
But be thankful we had so many good years.

I gave you my love, and you can only guess  
How much you've given me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love that you have shown,  
But now it is time I travelled on alone.

So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must,  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It is only for a while that we must part,  
So treasure the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away for life goes on.  
And if you need me, call and I will come.  
Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near.  
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear,  
All my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you come this way alone,  
I'll greet you with a smile and a 'Welcome Home'.

To offer condolences to The Smith Family,  
visit [www.TheChapelofPeace.com](http://www.TheChapelofPeace.com)

## Marlan J. Gary Funeral Home A Celebration of the Life of



# Carl L. Smith

November 12, 1933 - June 29, 2023

Saturday July 15, 2023

Christ The King Catholic Church  
2777 East Livingston Ave., Cols, OH 43209

Visitation: 9:00am - Service: 10:00am

We Entrusted Our Loved One to the Caring Professionals At

 MARLAN GARY FUNERAL HOME  
CHAPEL OF PEACE

NORTH: 2500 CLEVELAND AVENUE 5456 E. LIVINGSTON AVE  
614-267-8310

EAST:



# Obituary

Carl Leo Smith was born November 12, 1933, to Herbert and Christine Smith Miami, FL and took flight June 29, 2023. Carl grew up in a Christ centered home and was baptized and received the sacrament of the First Holy Communion at St. Phillip Xavier Catholic Church, Miami, FL, where he also served as an altar boy.

Carl attended the public schools in Miami, FL and graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in 1951. After high school, Carl enlisted in the United States Air Force, where he was awarded many medals, commendations and played on the base basketball team, during his tour in Japan. Carl's skill on the basketball court garnered him many basketballs scholarship offers upon discharge. Carl was honorably discharged from the United States Air Force in 1955 and enrolled in Central State College, Wilberforce, OH under the GI Bill.

During his matriculation at Central State College, Carl was a member of the Veterans Club, Florida Club, and the Neuman Club. He was also initiated into Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. It was also at Central State where he met his wife of 60 years, the late Mary Frances (Perry) Smith, whom he married in 1961. Carl and Mary were both members of the Central State College class of 1959. After Carl completed his undergraduate studies, he enrolled in Ohio State University, where he pursued a Master degree of Social Work.

The couple moved to Columbus, OH, where their daughter, Joy Carol was born. Carl had a long and illustrious career with the Department of Defense, beginning as a Purchasing Agent and retiring as a Marketing Consultant/Executive with the Defense Reutilization and Marketing division.

Carl's motto was "lend a helping hand, when you can" and he lived by those words. He was a mentor with Black Men with A Future; a little league football and softball coach; and a friendship worker with the City of Columbus. In addition, he volunteered with the Holy Family Soup Kitchen; served as president of the St. Vincent DePaul Society of Christ the King Catholic Church; was co-founder of the Bishop Griffin Center; and was nominated for Catholic Man of the Year.

Carl was a staunch supporter of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and encouraged his daughter, nieces, nephews, family friends and Godchildren to attend HBCUs. He loved his alma mater, Central State and was a regular attendee at homecoming well into his 80s.

All who knew Carl, knew he met no stranger, and many people became part of his extended family. He loved to travel, play golf, attend Ohio State Buckeye football games, and share stories with family friends and neighbors.

Carl is preceded in death by his parents, Herbert and Christine Smith; siblings, Ervin, Lenora, Percy, and Lillian Ambrose; and wife, Mary Smith.

He leaves to cherish his memory his daughter Joy (Gregory) Johnson, Atlanta, GA and a host of nieces, nephews, and other family and friends.

# Order of Service

- ORGAN PRELUDE.....Music Ministry
- SCRIPTURE READING.....
  - Old Testament..... Reading from the book of Isaiah
  - New Testament...Reading from the book Corinthians/Matthew
- PRAYER..... Clergy
- SELECTION.....Music Ministry
- ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS .....
- REMARKS ..... Family & Friends
- READING OF OBITUARY..... Read Silently
- THE EULOGY..... Father Anthony Essien, OFM, Cap.
- BENEDICTION ..... Father Anthony Essien, OFM, Cap.
- RECESSIONAL.....Clergy, Family, and Friends

