

## Expressions of Gratitude

The family of Eric Brian Smith Sr. would like to express our sincere gratitude and deep appreciation for all of your expressions of love, kindness and support during our time of bereavement. Please remember us in your prayers.

Humbly submitted  
The family of Eric Brian Smith Sr.

## *Words from my Dad's Spirit*

Don't cry for me, I'm not suffering anymore. The greatness I left, is my children and family so I will always live on. I fought for you, I loved all of you and you loved all of me. As I watched the world turn, I made sure everyone stayed laughing. It didn't matter whether I had it to give, I always made it happen. I don't want to see anymore tears, that's not what we are here for. Just remember our love & laughs. Look to the sky just so I can see you smile more. So when the next blessing comes and you wonder who pulled those strings, when you thought the next step was impossible and you made it, that was God and me. When you see me again, we are going to party just like we did back in the day. The address may be a little different. It's now 821 Gods Way. It's not goodbye, our memories will live forever. Hold on to our laughs, trust me, It will make you feel better. I've done all that I can here. I'll leave you with one more laugh, just in case someone ask where I'm at, tell them I'm on a boat fishing with my mom, dad, Mark, Jimmy and Maya. If they ask you again, just tell them I went to see a man about a dog.

Written by: Eric B. Smith Jr.

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



# *Eric Brian Smith Sr.*

July 24, 1963 - March 1, 2023



**The Chapel of Peace East**  
**Saturday, March 11, 2023**

Visitation: 4:00pm  
Memorial Service: 5:00pm

## Obituary

Eric Brian Smith Sr. lovingly known as "Rick or Ricky", was born in Morgantown, WV on July 24, 1963 as the 2nd son (3rd child) of Carl J. Smith Sr. and Patricia L. Isom. On March 1, 2023, he passed away at the age of 59, peacefully at home, following Congestive Heart Failure.

Rick grew up in Morgantown West Virginia and he also grew up in Detroit Michigan. He graduated from Morgantown High School in 1981. He later moved to Columbus, Ohio and was employed at Discover Card Services for 18 years as a Collections Specialist, Collections Team Lead and as a Trainer. He also spent 10 years coaching basketball at Barnett Recreational Center and various Columbus Nike Basketball Leagues and as a Champion Coach for the Eastland Vikings.

He was a Computer Specialist, a die-hard Dallas Cowboy fan and a man of the people.

Rick is preceded in death by his parents; Carl Smith and Patricia Isom, brothers; Carl Smith Jr., Mark Peterson, and sister; Maya Bledsoe.

Rick leaves behind to cherish his memory, his wife; Billi Smith, sons; William Darnell (Jonathan) Fryer, Eric Smith Jr., Dallas Smith, daughter; D'Erica Smith, granddaughter; Melody Smith, sisters; Demetria (Ernest) Summers, Alicia Smith, Sharmille Smith, Jamie Scott and Shallon Johnson, brothers; Rodney Smith and Michael Cranford and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

## Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE.....Chapel of Peace Music Ministry  
SCRIPTURE READING..... Rochelle Brown  
Old Testament .....  
New Testament .....  
PRAYER.....Pastor Beverly Locke  
SELECTION.....Chapel of Peace Music Ministry  
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS ..... Chapel of Peace Staff  
REMARKS .....Family and Friends  
READING OF OBITUARY..... Shawn Summers  
READING OF POEM ..... Eric B. Smith Jr.  
SELECTION.....Chapel of Peace Music Ministry

### *The Eulogy*

Pastor Beverly Locke

BENEDICTION.....Pastor Beverly Locke  
RECESSIONAL.....Clergy, Family, and Friends

### *Repast*

*The Hub*  
1336 E. Main St.  
Columbus, Ohio 43205

*I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me on that Day and not to me only, but unto all those also who love His appearing.*

*2 Timothy 4:7-8*