

Ralph Lamont Smith

March 19, 1958 - November 17, 2013

SMITH, Mr. Ralph Lamont - Age 55, passed away Sunday November 17, 2013 at his residence. Family hour 10:30AM Monday, November 25, 2013 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 268 N. Perry St., with funeral service commencing immediately at 11:00AM. Pastor Earl O. Crump, officiating. Interment Perry Mount Park Cemetery, 878 N. Perry St., Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the funeral home 10:30AM Monday. Mr. Smith will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, from 10:00AM-5:00PM Sunday.

Ralph Lamont Smith was born March 19, 1958 in Pontiac, Michigan to L.C. and Ruth (McDonald) Smith. He departed this life November 17, 2013.

Ralph graduated from Pontiac Northern in 1976. In high school he was a star track and field athlete. He competed in the high jump and set a school record. Later he attended Oakland University studying law. After high school graduation, he was employed by the city of Pontiac where he worked on the maintenance and grounds crew for 20 years. He retired from the City of Pontiac in 1995. Ralph was an avid sports and jazz fan and he loved dogs. He inherited his father's gift for repairing machinery and electronics. In the prime of his life he accepted Christ and attended church regularly

Ralph leaves to cherish his memory two children, Deondre Lamont Jernagin

of Columbia, Tennessee and Andrea LaSha (Quentin) Pye of Nashville, Tennessee; four grandchildren: Devonte and Nastaja Jernagin and Quentin Jr. and Demario Pye; two brothers, L.C. Smith Jr. (Detroit) and Gregory (Marikit) Smith (Gaithersburg, Maryland); three sisters, Veta Smith Tucker (Grand Rapids, MI), Vivian Smith Cantrell (Stanley) (Bloomfield Hills) and Sonja Smith (Drew) (Dearborn Heights, MI); two stepbrothers, Christopher and Dezrick Smith, one stepsister, Sherlonda Stevens and one stepdaughter, Jasmine Jernagin all of Pontiac. Ralph's greatest passion was his love for his children and grandchildren. We will never forget his cheerful heart and winning smile.

Ralph will be missed by a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and cousins; his lifelong friends, Derrick Thompson and Eugene Mason, special brother-in-law, Kim White, and special friend Pat Haynie.

Mr. Smith was preceded in death by his parents, Ruth and L. C. Smith, Sr. and two sisters, Jo Ruth Tarpley and Karen Faye White, preceded him in death.

Cemetery Details

Perry Mount Park Cemetery

878 N. Perry St.
Pontiac, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **24**. 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Service

NOV **25**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RC

“ *My heart is very heavy now. Ralph you will truly be missed by my family! You were like a dad to my children for years. We cherish all the memories of you! May God keep you and take care of you forever! Love You Still, Renee*

Renee Cazeno - December 03, 2013 at 10:15 AM

SH

“ *Today I spent some quality time with Binky and Deondre. What wise, loving and beautiful adults they have grown to be. We reminisced about all the fun times we had back in the day with their father. It was special that we all felt his presence as well. Binky and Deondre thank you for remembering and comforting me. A special thanks Sylvia for including me unselfishly. May God continue to bless and comfort you all. Love you much and Ralph too! Stephanie Hanspard*

Stephanie Hanspard - November 27, 2013 at 09:39 PM

DJ

“ *There are those which—for varied reasons—leave indelible impressions; I'm forever impressed. To God belongs the Glory!*

*#TGBTG
Friend*

Dorothy R. Jones - November 25, 2013 at 06:42 PM

SH

“ A charming man with gentlemanly qualities who loved his children so very much. Binky and Deondre I pray that God gives you comfort, peace and understanding. Know that it's all in HIS plan. Ralph although it's been some time, I thank you for the many years we shared and for always being a respectful, loving and kind man. Until we meet again, rest in peace. With love, Stephanie Hanspard

Stephanie Hanspard - November 24, 2013 at 06:42 PM

TS

“ Ralph...your passing has really hit me hard, so much so that I have remained quiet and to myself wondering why. At a time when we had been communicating more than ever before and I finally felt that I knew you. I know that God picks his flowers and he picks them well making no mistakes. I will remember you as my charming, good looking and always smiling "favorite uncle". Gone too soon. Rest in paradise.

Your Neice with love,
Tonya

Tonya Smith - November 23, 2013 at 11:23 AM

 Andrea Pye

“ My heart feels like it's n a million of pieces I am going to miss my dad i noe he is n a better place

Andrea Pye - November 22, 2013 at 07:18 PM

AG

“ The heart is never ready, the time is never right to say good-bye to someone very dear...but a world of love and peacefulness is always within reach because the Lord above is always near. Especially now, may you be touched with God's gentle peace and love.~Ann Gover~

Ann Gover - November 22, 2013 at 01:53 PM

AH

“ *May God give the Family of Ralph L. Smith ... Peace of Mind Strength of Heart and Guidance in the years to come after the their great loss. R.I.P. Ralph L. Smith*

Abel Hernandez - November 22, 2013 at 01:32 PM



“ *Words can not express my pain and sorrow. The passing of my children father and my friend is so hard to except. May he rest in sweet peace. We love you Ralph.*

Sylvia Holt - November 22, 2013 at 12:59 PM

LD

“ *Ralph was a beautiful person ,My heartfelt prayers go out to the Smith's family;
He will truly be missed. Let yourself cry knowing each tear is a note of love rising to heaven. God bless you .*

ldnj52@aol.com - November 22, 2013 at 10:54 AM

DS

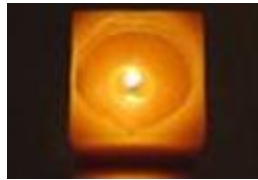
“ *Father, Please comfort The Smith family and friends during this time of bereavement. Replace their sorrow with wonderful memories, and help ease their pain. ~In Jesus' Name, Amen*



Delores Stephens - November 22, 2013 at 07:22 AM

IR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Ines Rastig - November 21, 2013 at 06:49 PM

SW

“ To the Smith family,
Ralph was a kind hearted spirit, a man... wise
well beyond his years. Always laughing, with
a smile that could light up a room. Even
though he's no longer with us, he'll live on in
our hearts. I pray that the Lord's peace & comfort be upon you all.
Enjoy the memories, because they (and he) will live on in your
hearts. R.I.P. my friend. Thanks for the laughter & your great
knowledge of jazz.



Stephanie White - November 21, 2013 at 05:12 PM

CW

“ Chet White lit a candle in memory of Ralph
Lamont Smith



Chet White - November 21, 2013 at 02:47 PM

VW

“ *To The Smith Family,
A bright and infectious smile has been
silenced but his spirit of laughter & swagger
will live in our hearts and mind forever. A kind
soul that will be greatly missed but prayerfully
now at peace.
Praying for your strength of endurance during this time.*



Veneta Willams (Friend)

Veneta Williams - November 21, 2013 at 01:30 PM



“ *My deepest and sincerest condolences to the
Smith family for your loss. Ralph was
intelligent, very kind and uplifting. I will miss
our chats and his input at our FJC
administrator table. We were blessed to have
him as part of our team. My love of jazz as I listen to it will be a
reminder of him always. R.I.P. my Jazzy Brother, you will be missed.*



Connie Vega

Connie Vega - November 21, 2013 at 11:15 AM



“ *To the Smith Family:
We pray the Lord's grace and love uphold you through this difficult
time.*

Michael Chandler - November 21, 2013 at 10:56 AM

HA

“ Dear Brotha Ralph The Native Americans and Africans Say the truly Blessed and Great ones make their Transitions during A full Moon. And my man we were also blessed with one of the most beautiful Rainbows here Sunday, Even before I heard the news your Spirit was making it's pressence felt from the other side. I hope to C U on the other Side My Friend . Peace be Upon You



Harvey - November 20, 2013 at 08:09 PM

LE

“ Dear brother,
my last words to you were; “Big “hands” for Mr. Ralph Smith, ladies & gentleman!” on your post, Gene Ammon’s Quartet 1961 ~ Exactly Like You, to FJC on 11.15.13. For I accept the Good and the Bad of this life, I’m no longer wondering missing the usual “Fist bump and firm gentlemen hand shake, brother Leo”



My heartfelt prayers to the entire Smith’s family; Hold on to your memories, and let them guide you during this difficult time.

With caring thoughts,
Leopoldo Alberto
Cliffton, Cape Town - South Africa

leopoldo - November 20, 2013 at 12:51 PM

PD

“ Much love Ralph...I know that Hammond B3 organ is heavenly music now. Enjoy! You will be greatly missed. Brother Paul Dooley

Paul Dooley - November 20, 2013 at 11:10 AM

KH

“ *Being human, at times we question why things unfold as they do and our paths connect with people whether long-term or brief.. The blessing comes when we appreciate those golden moments for what they were and embrace this resolve...*

"We'll Understand It Better By and By..."

Verse 1:

*We are often tossed and driv'n
On the restless sea of time,
Somber skies and howling tempests
Oft succeed a bright sunshine,
In that land of perfect day,
When the mists have rolled away,
We will understand it better by and by.*

Refrain:

*By and by when the morning comes,
All the saints of God are gathered home,
We'll tell the story how we've overcome:
For we'll understand it better by and by...*

*Love and Prayers to The Entire Smith Family....
Evangelist Kimberly Dawn Hicks, Flint, MI*



Kimberly Dawn Hicks - November 20, 2013 at 09:47 AM



“ *Ralph was a wise man, but he also had a great sense of humor. I enjoy our long talks. I will truly miss him!!*



Linda Nichols - November 19, 2013 at 06:52 PM



“ *Only when you drink from the river of silence shall you indeed sing.
And when you have reached the mountain top, then you shall begin to climb.
And when the earth shall claim your limbs, then shall you truly dance.*
Kahlil Gibran ~ The Prophet

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IQfsuiPxnqc&feature=share&list=UU8g3uXy_-wqcJFkLIgNKSwg

Kay McShane - November 19, 2013 at 05:12 PM



“ *Doris Jackson lit a candle in memory of Ralph Lamont Smith*



Doris Jackson - November 19, 2013 at 05:05 PM



“ *Ralph will be missed by so many. Cherish precious memories and keep them close to your hearts. My deepest condolence.to the family - May you all be comforted during this difficult time. ..Mslvory FunSeeker Seattle. FB Music Group Friend*

Mslvory Seattle - November 19, 2013 at 04:14 PM



“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Kay McShane - November 19, 2013 at 04:13 PM



“ *Christine Bouyère lit a candle in memory of Ralph Lamont Smith*



Christine Bouyère - November 19, 2013 at 04:00 PM



“ *I had the pleasure of meeting Ralph in the eight grade at Washington Junior High (70s), I will always remember his smile and encouraging words he and I shared then, at my place of employment when I would keep him laughing with my keen sense of humor. He will forever be in my heart...Rest in Paradise. Ralph.*

Jean Tillman

Jean Tillman - November 19, 2013 at 03:46 PM

GD

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Gwen Davis - November 19, 2013 at 03:37 PM

GD

Extending my deepest, heartfelt, sincere condolences to family and friends of Ralph L. Smith. You will be truly missed and never forgotten. Thank You for the laughs.
Gwen Davis

Gwen Davis - November 19, 2013 at 03:43 PM

ES

“ *I will always remember your infectious smile. HUB4LIFE. Rest well bruh...*

Edward Chapple Sr. - November 19, 2013 at 03:22 PM

MG

“ *To the family may god continue to bless and keep and comfort you in your time of loss.*
Mrs. Griffin



Mrs. Griffin - November 19, 2013 at 10:42 AM

KJ

“ *Kurt James lit a candle in memory of Ralph Lamont Smith*



Kurt James - November 18, 2013 at 11:09 PM