



Mr. Darran Dewayne Smith

March 28, 1965 - April 27, 2024

****A CELEBRATION OF LIFE GATHERING BE HELD FOR DARRAN DEWAYNE SMITH ON SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2024. AT CROSSTOWN PARKWAY APARTMENTS. ****PLEASE SEE SERVICE TIME & ADDRESS LISTED BELOW

****MASKS ARE WORN OPTIONAL AT THE SERVICE. HAND SANITIZER WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE CHURCH.

The Obituary

Darran Dewayne Smith went home to be with the Lord on April 27th, 2024 in Kalamazoo, Michigan. He was born on March 28th, 1965 to Dora Mae Coburn Smith and Morris Brown in Detroit, Michigan. He graduated from Loy Norrix High School, Class of 1984, where he showed a love for and played football, and continued his love for the game into adulthood cheering on the Detroit Lions.

Darran met and then married the love of his life Kara Kaye Smith in 1992, where they would celebrate 31 lovely years together. Darran had a son Brandon and later from their union came four children: Dreon, Kamayia, Darius, and Kaliah.

Darran was a proud husband and father. He valued and prioritized his family

every day. He was someone we could rely on, and he taught us what it meant to walk in faith. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He cherished seeing his grandchildren and always had candy to give them. He liked being in the kitchen cooking for his family, especially during the holidays. He like to take things apart and put them together again. He also enjoyed collecting speakers and listening to music. He was caring and always tried to help someone in need. He loved to talk, and he could keep a conversation with anyone. He had made many friends throughout his life. His presence will be missed dearly.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife Kara, his five children Brandon, Dreon, Kamayia, Darius, and Kaliah, his son-in-law Grant, his daughter-in-law Lariceia, his nine grandchildren SyMiah, Nasir, Ameerah, Samyr, Zaiyah, Ayden, Recheia, A'Kiyla, and LaDraya, his mother-in-law Phyllis, his stepmother Mercedes Coburn, his sister Dedrenna, his niece Dalanna, his nephew Isaiah, his cousin Sean, and his aunts and uncles, Julie Smith, Juriece (Ronald) Edinburgh, John Will (Dale) Coburn, Major (Mary) Coburn, Rickey Grier.

was preceded in death by his mother Dora Mae Coburn Smith, his stepfather Joe Coburn, his grandparents Timothy (Lurlean) Godfrey and John Will Sr. (Laura) Coburn, his step-brother Leon Brown, his aunt and uncle O'Neal and Robert Sears and his uncle Sherman Smith.

Previous Events

A Celebration of Life Gathering

JUN 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

Crosstown Parkway Apartments
550 W. Crosstown Parkway
Kalamazoo, MI 49008

A Celebration of Life Gathering begins at 2:00 p.m. with a repast dinner following services

Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Darran Dewayne Smith



Harper Funeral Home - June 05, 2024 at 11:56 PM

CB

My condolences to Cara and the kids. I remember when you two meant. We shared some good times together. My Son Quentin was your ring bearer. Rest In Heavenly Peace Darran 🙏 Fly high 🕊️ 🕊️

Crystal Bell - February 02, 2025 at 03:11 PM

CB

“ Crystal Bell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darran Dewayne Smith



Crystal Bell - February 02, 2025 at 03:13 PM

AH

“ Darran and I grew up in Second Baptist Church. I'm sorry for your loss!



Alphonso Harris - June 08, 2024 at 01:29 PM

PT

“ I watched Darran grow up from a little boy to a young man at Second Baptist Church. He was always nice and respectful, RIP. Deacon Ernest and Patricia Thomas



Patricia Thomas - June 07, 2024 at 10:28 AM

LL

“ Loretta M Lockett-Ollie lit a candle in memory of Darran Smith



Loretta M Lockett-Ollie - June 03, 2024 at 01:29 PM

KC

“ Kindra Calhoun lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darran Dewayne Smith



Kindra Calhoun - May 20, 2024 at 04:20 PM

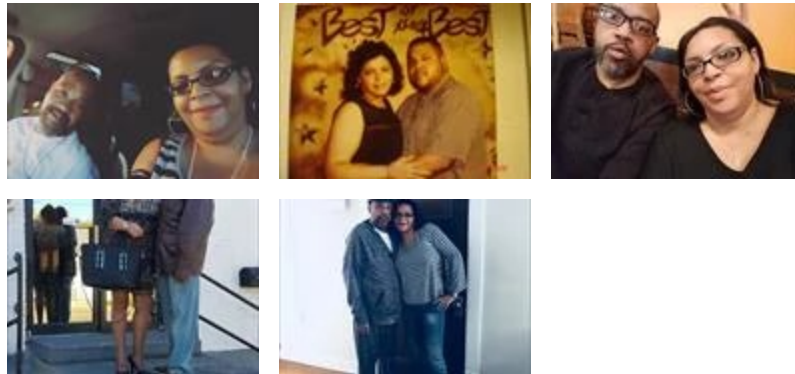
KC

“ My Condolences to his wife I called her my sister when I seen them or going to the house to get some movies and Darran was my brother and now your in that Beautiful Mansion where the streets are paved with gold so now Bro. you can Walk around Heaven All Day so you are going to be missed You fought a good fight no more nothing you are with Father now and his name is JESUS..... Love you

Kindra Calhoun - May 20, 2024 at 04:19 PM

KS

“ I love you now, I loved you then, I'll love you forever until we meet again❤️ I'm going to miss you so much Honey Bear. I still can't believe you're gone but I know you're in a better place. No more suffering, no more pain. Rest up babe I'm gonna see you again someday. My angel 😇❤️ love you



Kara Smith - May 16, 2024 at 11:02 PM

SM

So sad to hear of his passing. I will miss his text. RIP cuzn, my condolences to his family.

Steven Mendenhall - May 20, 2024 at 02:35 PM

VH

“ Spent the first part of our years in spiritual growth together. May God continue to bless and protect your family in your absence.
Victoria Herron

Victoria Herron - May 16, 2024 at 10:50 AM

LW

“ *Lisa Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darran Dewayne Smith*



Lisa Williams - May 15, 2024 at 01:48 AM

TP

“ *Theresa Prude lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darran Dewayne Smith*



Theresa Prude - May 13, 2024 at 01:10 PM

MI

“ *Mignon(Singer)Vincent lit a candle in memory of Darran Smith*



Mignon(Singer)Vincent - May 10, 2024 at 04:38 PM

MV

“ *Mignon Vincent lit a candle in memory of Darran Smith*



Mignon Vincent - May 10, 2024 at 04:22 AM

CB

“ My condolences to the Smith Family 🙏🙏 Darran was a high school friend of mines. I met his beautiful wife Kara before they were married and my Son was the ring bearer at their wedding. Darren was always one to keep it real. May you rest peacefully now Darran 🙏🙏

Crystal B - May 09, 2024 at 01:52 PM

CM

“ To my best friend and cousin who always was there for me and my family. Love and miss you



Cephia McIntosh - May 09, 2024 at 09:40 AM

DS

“ Big Fella



Dreon Smith - May 08, 2024 at 10:31 PM

DS

“ Love you POPS until we meet again in heaven with our Heavenly Father . Tell my love ones in paradise we love them too



Dreon Smith - May 08, 2024 at 10:28 PM