



Mr. George Smith

March 3, 1953 - January 11, 2010

Mr. George Smith was born on March 3, 1953 in Ripley, TN to Sam and Lurlene Smith. He was the third of ten siblings. He confessed Christ at an early age. In 1961, the Smith family moved from Ripley, TN to Chicago, IL. While in Chicago, George attended Crane High School. In 1971, George and his family moved from Chicago, IL to Kalamazoo, MI. On October 2, 1993 George married Johnnie Blue. He was employed at Merchants Publishing. George touched many lives. He was considered the life of the party. He enjoyed automobiles, fishing, bowling and race track events. George was preceded in death by 1 brother, Freddy Smith; 2 sisters, Shirley White and Mary Jo Smith. He leaves to cherish his memories: his loving wife, Johnnie Smith; his loving mother and father: Sam and Lurlene Smith; 3 children: Darlene Maddox, Jackie Stewart and George Smith Jr. all of Kalamazoo, MI; 2 step-sons, Derek (Alisha) Reed of Stone Mountain, GA; and Ervin (Lisa) Reed of Indianapolis, IN; 5 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; surviving siblings: Sammie, Robert (Genell), Jerry, Michael, Randy and Ricky Smith all of Kalamazoo, MI; and Geraldine Hugh of Pennsylvania; four uncles, Freddy Jackson of Kalamazoo, MI, Albert (Grace) Jackson of Chicago, IL, Johnny Johnson of Dixmoor, IL and Joe Eddie Jackson of TX; four aunts, Dorothy Whitten of Kalamazoo, MI, Gerline Standberry of Chicago, IL, Evalene (Sydney) Jenkins, TX, and Fannie (James) King of Kalamazoo, MI; two brother-in-laws: L.C. Blue Jr. (Terri) of Kalamazoo, MI; Timmy (Kelly) Blue of Bloomington, MN; One sister-in-law, Bobby Spells of Greenwood, MS; special nephew, "Choo";

special great-niece, Kiana; special cousin, Rayfred Smith; a special godbrother, Bob, and a host of nieces, nephes, relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **15**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home Inc.
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Service

JAN **16**. 1:00 PM (ET)

The Galilee Baptist Church
1216 N. Westnedge Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. George Smith*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Mr. George Smith*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *i will miss him so much i been knowing george all my life and my prayers are with the smith family##imported-begin##KIMBERLY JONES##imported-end##*

January 28, 2010 at 09:07 AM



“ *RIP loVE YOU MUCH CUZ.##imported-begin##wanda murray##imported-end##*

January 24, 2010 at 04:28 PM



“ Hello, Lurlene and Mr. Smith. The Woodard family extends our deepest sympathy for your precious loss. George was such a special person. My daughter Radeese will always remember him as the man that always called her "Sugar". George's nephew Ricquan will miss him sooo much. He enjoyed going to George's house and visiting him and Johnnie, he is so grateful for getting to spend time and know his Uncle George. Yes, George did touch the lives of so many. When I see Mr. Smith, I always think of George. He loved working on cars. That's how my mom met him. He came across the street to see if she needed help with her car. George will never be forgotten by my family. Even if you were a stranger meeting George for the 1st time, he made you feel comfortable. May God be with the Smith family in your time of grieving. God has picked another beautiful flower from his Garden.##imported-begin##Deborah Woodard and Family##imported-end##

January 14, 2010 at 05:31 PM