



Mr. Walter Smith

August 22, 1950 - July 4, 2021

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Walter G. Smith was born August 22, 1950, to Bishop Alex J. Smith and the Late Missionary Addie Smith in Goodwin, Arkansas.

Walter confessed a hope in Christ at an early age.

Walter attended and graduated Class of 1968 from Wheatley High School in Wheatley, AR. Later that year, he enrolled in the Southern Baptist College, now known as, Williams College in Walnut Ridge, AR. He was very active on campus and instrumental in many activities. While in attendance, Walter, his brother Alex Jr, and uncle, Henry Smith founded the Black Renaissance Organization (BRO), a fraternity, and sorority which focused on black awareness and the upward mobility of black people. Till this day this group is still in operation. Walter graduated from Southern Baptist College in 1970 with an Associates Degree.

Walter married Victory of June 1973 and to the union he gained two daughters, Yolanda "Wanda" Smith-Dawson and Veronica "Annette" Starks. As he continued in life, he later married Belinda Gentry in 1995, and later the

late Diane Moody-Smith March of 1997 gaining three bonus children. Walter showed an interest in cooking as a child and often assisted his mother in making the family meals. Until his passing he would often prepare meals for family members, and for Bishop and Missionary Smith when they return from Church meetings and on holidays. He was a really good gardener who you could always count on for some greens, tomatoes and other vegetables. He also loved working on cars and was employed over the course of many years. While residing in Little Rock, he was employed by Gene Rush Garage, J&H Body Shop, West Paint & Body Shop, and Porter's Paint & Body Shop. He later relocated to West Helena, AR where he was employed at the West Horner Motor Company for a period of time. He was also an avid hunter and fisherman, he was very skilled in many areas.

Walter departed this life for eternity, Sunday, July 4, 2021.

Walter was proceeded in death by his mother, Missionary Addie M. Smith, a brother, Alex J. Smith Jr, a wife, Diane Moody Smith.

Walter leaves to cherish his memories and carry on his legacy his father, Bishop Alex J. Smith, Sr (Missy Clinton) of Helena, AR; two daughters, Yolanda "Wanda" Smith-Dawson (Scott) of Little Rock, AR, Veronica "Annette" Starks (Darryal) of Olive Branch, MS; six grandchildren, Walter L. Smith, Rashada "Ski" Pruitt, Mariah Ferrari (Nicholas), Di'Arica "DK" Washington, Alexia Starks, Darryal Starks, Jr; two great-grandchildren, Ayden Ferrari and Xavier Ferrari; 8 brothers, Carl Smith (Doris), Clarence "CJ" Smith (Rochelle), Ricky Smith (Laura), Roger Smith (Evelyn), Ronnie Smith (Marilyn), Bennie Smith, Kim Smith (Barbara), and Kevin Maxey (Angela); 5 sisters, Larieter Payne (Curtis), Janie Thomas, Debra White, Paula Hannah (Rockridge), and Patricia Dixon (Hosea), and a host of uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Jackson Memorial Cemetery

1636 CR 241
Lexa , AR 72355

Previous Events

Service with a requirement of a face covering

JUL 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

Greater Powerhouse Church of God in Christ
501 Ladino Street
Helena- West Helena , AR 72390

Tribute Wall

WJ

“ From The Dean Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Lake Cormorant, MS. We share in your loss. Special condolences to Mrs. Veronica Starks and family. Embrace the sweet memories of your father, Mr. Walter Smith. Praying that God will give you peace and understanding to help you through this difficult time. Pastor Anthony and First Lady Tammy Bryant and the entire Dean Hill Church Family.



Wanda Jones - July 11, 2021 at 09:39 PM

TH

“ Rest in paradise Uncle Walter . You're gonna be missed..nothing but great memories

tyshal hilliard - July 08, 2021 at 09:21 PM

TC

“ Rest easy unk u will alwaysbe rememberd thanks for being a great unk to me u will always have a special place in my heart

Termika cox - July 08, 2021 at 01:05 PM

RG

“ Rest in love brother Walter



Ricky Green - July 08, 2021 at 12:31 PM

MM

“ *Walter you will truly be missed*

Mickey Mckoy - July 08, 2021 at 08:54 AM

MM

“ *Mickey Mckoy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Smith*



Mickey Mckoy - July 08, 2021 at 08:24 AM

TS

“ *Walter kept a low profile among his family, attending family gatherings but usually staying in the background. Yet, he expressed his love and care in subtle ways. Cooking, sharing vegetables from his garden, and repairing vehicles were just a few of his loving and kind deeds.*

Walter was bright, talented, and witty with a keen sense of humor that you could miss if not paying close attention to his quiet manner of speaking.

I will truly miss him. My prayer is that God will grant peace and strength to the family, and that we are all comforted by the fond memories we have of him.

*Walter's Uncle,
Taylor Smith*

Taylor Smith - July 08, 2021 at 02:05 AM

YD

“ Yolanda Smith Dawson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Walter Smith



Yolanda Smith Dawson - July 07, 2021 at 08:31 PM

YD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Yolanda Smith Dawson - July 07, 2021 at 08:12 PM

RS

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Ron Smith - July 07, 2021 at 08:08 PM

YD

“ Dad you will truly be missed if you only knew what I'm going through right now.. I will forever love you.. Rest easy.. Love always your baby girl Yolanda “Wanda” Smith - Dawson



Yolanda Smith Dawson - July 07, 2021 at 03:44 PM