



Henry Smith

June 28, 1944 - January 1, 2021

Mr. Henry Smith, Sr. (Vaughn) was born on June 28, 1944 to the late Louise Sanders Smith and Reverend Leon “Boise” Davis Sr., in Gastonia, North Carolina. He gained his wings on January 1, 2021 at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte, North Carolina at the age of 76 years old. He was a cherished husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, cousin, mentor, and a beloved friend to many. Mr. Smith loved God and was a proud member of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Mr. Smith is survived by his wife Mrs. Bettye Phillips Smith; his daughters Sharon Lynnette Smith and Henrietta Smith Cunningham (Charlotte, NC); his sons Henry Arden Smith, Jr. (Tavares) and Antione Kitelo Smith (Charlotte, NC); his sisters Lillian Smith, Vanessa Brown, and Patricia Goode (Gastonia, NC); his brothers, Leon Davis, Jr., and James Davis (Gastonia, NC); his nine grandchildren and his eight great-grandchildren.

Mr. Henry Smith, Sr. received his high school education at Highland High School (Gastonia, NC) and West Charlotte High School (Charlotte, NC) and moved to Charlotte at the age of sixteen. He later married his beautiful wife of 53 years, Bettye Phillips Smith. In his earlier years, he was employed at Sealtest Dairy, Harris Teeter, Fruehauf, and Firestone, prior to being led to explore entrepreneurship.

Mr. Smith started H & H Lawn Service and Landscaping in 1985 as one of the first black landscapers in Charlotte. Throughout the years, he worked alongside his sons, son-in-laws, and grandsons to establish a lasting family business. He was a perfectionist, providing world-class customer service and creating signature yards. Mr. Smith was highly respected amongst black entrepreneurs and was viewed as a pioneer in the community. As a mentor, he inspired many people to start their own businesses, especially the black youth.

Wherever Mr. Smith went, he met no strangers. He talked to people of all walks of life and desired to learn about various cultures. He often quizzed his family on Spanish words and shared his newfound knowledge from the people he met. Mr. Henry Smith, Sr. loved

singing, dancing, modeling, fishing, but most importantly, he enjoyed spending time with his family. He found joy in bringing them together for holidays, random gatherings, and Sunday morning visits to “the best church in Charlotte,” Friendship Missionary Baptist Church.

Mr. Henry Smith, Sr. was preceded in death by his parents, his daughter, Jarrisha Mackey-Johnson (Robert Johnson); his sisters, Betty Jean Smith Woods Monroe, Doretha Smith Davidson, Reverend Gladys L. Smith Ervin, Reverend Brenda Collins Conner, and Johnettia Davis; his brothers, John Andy “Sonny” Smith, and Linwood Smith.

He is deeply cherished by his grandchildren (of Jarrisha) Jarica Mackey, Robert Jamall Johnson, Jarcia Johnson, Clifton Jarrod Johnson, and Jarvona Kelley; (of Sharon) Jaylin Farrar; (of Henrietta) Latonia Cunningham, Dr. LaCorey Cunningham, and Gregory Cunningham, Jr. He felt blessed to nurture his eight great grand-children, (of Jarica) Sequoia Bogans and Ariel Bogans; (of Jarrod) Kingston Johnson; (of Latonia) James Singletary III, Abigail Brown, and Marcel Winston; (of Jarvona) Mason Houston and Aerian Porter.

Mr. Smith was loved by his family, friends, customers, and members of his community and will sincerely be missed.

Cemetery

Sharon Memorial Park
5716 Monroe Road
Charlotte, NC,

Events

JAN 11 Visitation 10:30AM - 11:30AM

A.E. Grier & Sons Funeral and Cremation, LLC
2310 Statesville Avenue, Charlotte, NC, US, 28206

JAN 11 Graveside Service 12:30PM

Sharon Memorial Park
5716 Monroe Road, Charlotte, NC, US

Comments



“ 25 files added to the album LifeTributes



A.E. Grier & Sons Funeral and Cremation, LLC. - January 11 at 10:18 AM



“ Henry was my friend and neighbor. I could always depend on him for advice and guidance. I will truly miss him.

John - January 11 at 01:29 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Henry Smith.



January 11 at 09:26 AM



“ My condolences family! Henry will truly be missed, he was a family oriented and loving man that was the life of the party, he loved dancing and singing and what a beautiful voice he had, plus he had jokes. Loved him and will miss him, but to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Rest in Heaven Henry, no more worries or cares of this world, you made it over. Love you! Brenda Hayes and family

Brnda Hayes - January 10 at 12:56 PM



“ My memory of Mr Henry Smith, Senior will never be forgotten. The head of a endearing and loving family will keep him memories living in emphamy. The charismatic and entertaining head of this marvelous family will be undeniably missed. Rest in heavenly peace, King.

Timothy Little - January 12 at 04:15 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Henry Smith.



January 09 at 06:10 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Henry Smith.



January 09 at 04:58 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Henry Smith.



January 09 at 12:40 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Henry Smith.



January 09 at 11:37 AM



“ We are deeply saddened by your loss because we have known Mr. Smith for numerous years by coming into Beatties Ford Road Hardware. Mr. Smith was a very friendly person and always had a conversation for anyone he met. We will greatly miss him.

Beatties Ford Road Hardware

Beatties Ford Road Hardware - January 09 at 11:28 AM



“ My condolences to Betty and the family. Just heard of Henry's passing.and wanted the family to know you're in my thoughts and prayers. Henry and sons took care of my lawn for years. He take such pride in his work.

Connie Sims

Connie Sims - January 08 at 09:53 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Henry Smith.



January 08 at 07:30 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Henry Smith.



January 08 at 01:24 PM



“ Love you Dad. You will always live in me!!



Antoine Smith - January 08 at 12:46 PM



“ Great PIC, Toine

Timothy Little - January 12 at 04:19 AM



“ My heart is saddened by the passing of Mr Herry Smith. He was a man of much wisdom. To his wife and family you're in my prayers. I pray that God gives you peace and strength during this trying time...much

Christine Massey - January 08 at 12:34 PM



“ I am so grieved to hear of Mr. Smith's passing. I first met Mr and Mrs Smith about 20 years ago. I had purchased my first home and was working so many late hours and weekends and was often neglecting my yard. The yard had gotten so bad, I one day, found myself missing church and mowing, Lord forgive me, on a Sunday. As I was struggling with a newly purchased weed eater, a lovely couple walked down my cou de sac to look at a house down the block. They were beautifully dressed, having just been to church. They introduced themselves and we discovered that we all attended the same church and that he had a landscaping business. Mr and Mrs. Smith and family have been helping me with my yard ever since. Our meeting had to be orchestrated by our Lord in Heaven. I've always felt they were a gift from God to a tired, over worked family physician. May your sweet family memories comfort you in your loss. Carla Jones MD

Carla Jones - January 08 at 11:13 AM



“ Love you to infinity Dad!! You will always live in me!



Antoine Smith - January 08 at 06:48 AM



“ Henry was a good friend and classmate. I cannot remember a time when he was angry. He would call to say, I met a person from Cleveland Ohio, do you live close to this address, or he would say how is my friend. I miss him already!

Barbara Mobley, Cleveland, Ohio - January 07 at 10:15 PM



“ Pj & The Poston Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Henry Smith.



carroll poston, jr - January 07 at 08:25 PM



“ 12 files added to the album Memories Album



A.E. Grier & Sons Funeral and Cremation, LLC. - January 07 at 05:29 PM



“ I can remember the day I met Mr. Smith 😊 . My life changed. He was truly someone I cared for and I'll cherish the talks and hugs for ever. My sincere heartfelt prayers and condolences go out to you all! Love ya!

Sonya Evette - January 08 at 11:03 AM



“ Keeping you and the family in my thoughts and prayers. Royal



Royal Martin - January 07 at 03:14 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Henry Smith.



January 07 at 11:02 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Henry Smith.



January 07 at 10:37 AM



“ Our condolences to the family. May God comfort and strengthen you in your time of grief. You are in our prayers. Dan and Wanda Thornton

Dan Thornton - January 07 at 08:48 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Henry Smith.



January 06 at 08:51 PM



“ Sharon Smith lit a candle in memory of Henry Smith



Sharon Smith - January 06 at 06:01 PM



“ Daddy's Little Girl

Timothy Little - January 12 at 04:22 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jaylin Farrar - January 06 at 05:56 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Henry Smith.



January 05 at 05:31 PM