



Roderick Courtney Smith

March 4, 1962 - December 16, 2023

On December 16, 2023 our beloved Roderick “Rod” Courtney Smith transitioned from this life to his eternal rest. His transition marks the end of a life that radiated warmth, laughter, and an unwavering commitment to family, friends, and community. Rod's journey was defined by the connections he forged, the milestones he achieved, and the love he shared. Rod was the beloved son of the late Madie M. Smith and Sidney E. A. Smith, Sr. He was born on March 4, 1962, in Charlotte, NC. Rod exemplified qualities of kindness, determination, and an entrepreneurial spirit that would become the hallmark of his character. Rod's life of faith in God began at his family church, Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church. He later became a member of Ebenezer Baptist Church with Sherri and Avery where they attended as a family. He was an active participant of the marriage ministry and Sunday School. In 2018, during the Black History Month living museum, Rod portrayed Barack Obama. He was often referred to as “Smooth” by his church brothers. He was a Charlotte native and graduated from Garinger High School in 1980. His pursuit of knowledge led him to North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Accounting. Rod's commitment to excellence was not only evident in his academic achievements but also in the way he approached life. He carried this sense of purpose into his profession, leaving an enduring legacy of diligence and persistence. His carefree, humorous, and simple approach to life made him a valuable resource for those he encountered. “Keep it Moving”

was one of his mantras. He believed that you could always work to change life challenges and get back up again and fulfill your purpose. In 1987, he became an active member of the Pi Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in Charlotte, NC. His active involvement in his fraternity reflected a commitment to community service and brotherhood. He was a proud alumnus of NC A&T and was a member of the Queen City Aggies. He was committed to personal fitness and loved to work out daily at the YMCA. On June 15, 2013, he married Sherri McCormick-Smith, and together they created a home filled with love and laughter. His daughters, Courtney and Avery were the pride and joy of his life. Rod's devotion to his family was evident in the small, everyday moments as well as the significant milestones. As we reflect on Rod's life, we remember a man who lived with purpose, leaving an indomitable spirit that will continue to inspire those who were fortunate enough to know him. His legacy is not just in the achievements listed on paper but in the lives he touched, the relationships he built, and the love that will endure in the hearts of those who were privileged to share in his journey. Survived by wife, Sherri; daughters, Courtney and Avery; sister, Shauna "Nadine" Simmons (Donnie), brother, Sidney Smith Jr. (Gretchen), sister-in-law, Rachelle Flowers (Juan); father-in-law, Hubert McCormick, nieces and nephews; Dr. Tori Simmons-Lewis (Keon), Maya Simmons, Lauren Smith, Adam Smith, Joshua Smith, Jaden, Evan, and Ian Flowers, and great nephew Kaleb Lewis. He also leaves a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends to cherish his memory.

Cemetery Details

Sharon Memorial Park

5716 Monroe Road
Charlotte, NC

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Ebenezer Baptist Church
2020 W. Sugar Creek Road
Charlotte, NC 28262

Omega Service

DEC **23**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life Service

DEC **23**. 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *A.E. Grier & Sons Funeral and Cremation, LLC. created a Tribute Video in memory of Roderick Courtney Smith*



A.E. Grier & Sons Funeral and Cremation, LLC. - December 21, 2023 at 07:02 PM

BC

“ *We have been Roderick's and Sherri's backyard neighbor for eight years and we are so saddened to learn of his passing. Roderick was always pleasant, and helpful to me in my work on the Telfair HOA and as a neighbor. I remember Roderick too as a caring father of Courtney and Avery. He will be missed to say the least. May his memory be a blessing. -- Bishop Cheen and Regina Rosenberg in the Telfair community of Mint Hill, NC.*

Bishop Cheen - December 28, 2023 at 03:05 PM

CJ

“ *My prayers to you and your family. My heart is sadden for your lost of your friend, husband, lover, father . I know this lost will take time to wrap around your heart, but carry all the wonderful memories you all shared since he asked you to be his wife. He may be gone but his love and spirit and memories will leave forever.*
Love you,
Charlene

Charlene Jones - December 23, 2023 at 11:42 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Roderick Courtney Smith.*



December 23, 2023 at 09:22 AM



Barbara McCormick

“ *Sending prayer to Sherri and family sorrow I am not able to be with you during this time. Praying you and family. Love you Aunt Barbara.*

Barbara McCormick - December 23, 2023 at 12:51 AM



Barbara McCormick

“ *Barbara McCormick lit a candle in memory of Roderick Smith*



Barbara McCormick - December 23, 2023 at 12:44 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roderick Courtney Smith.*



December 22, 2023 at 05:17 PM

RK

“ So sorry for your loss. Sending our sincere condolences. You are in our thoughts and prayers,

*Sincere Condolences,
Reginald King & family*

Reginald King - December 22, 2023 at 01:58 PM

PH

“ Our prayers are with the Smith Family both now and the days ahead! We love you!!!



Pastor Kerby & Lady Pamela Haire - December 22, 2023 at 01:46 PM



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



December 22, 2023 at 11:31 AM



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



December 22, 2023 at 10:02 AM

JD

“ *Joan D. purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Roderick Courtney Smith.*



Joan D. - December 22, 2023 at 09:59 AM

VH

“ *Vincent and Brenda Lee Hill purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Roderick Courtney Smith.*



Vincent and Brenda Lee Hill - December 22, 2023 at 09:26 AM

FW

“ *FLORENCE WILLIAMS lit a candle in memory of Roderick Smith*



FLORENCE WILLIAMS - December 22, 2023 at 09:12 AM

MS

“ *Deeply saddened to hear of your passing! May God comfort the Smith Family-Marilyn Brown Stinson*

Marilyn Brown Stinson - December 21, 2023 at 11:40 PM