



*Basket Bearers*

Kristopher Smith  
Tommy Smith  
Kynna Riley  
Geordan Riley

Curtis Smith  
Charles Smith  
Stephanie Henderson  
Zekiah Smith

*Honorary Basket Bearers*

Gerald Riley  
Connor Henderson  
Shawn Smith  
Reginald Abrams  
Gregory Jackson

William Henderson  
Shia Smith  
Andy Abrams  
Randy Abrams  
Ricky Canada

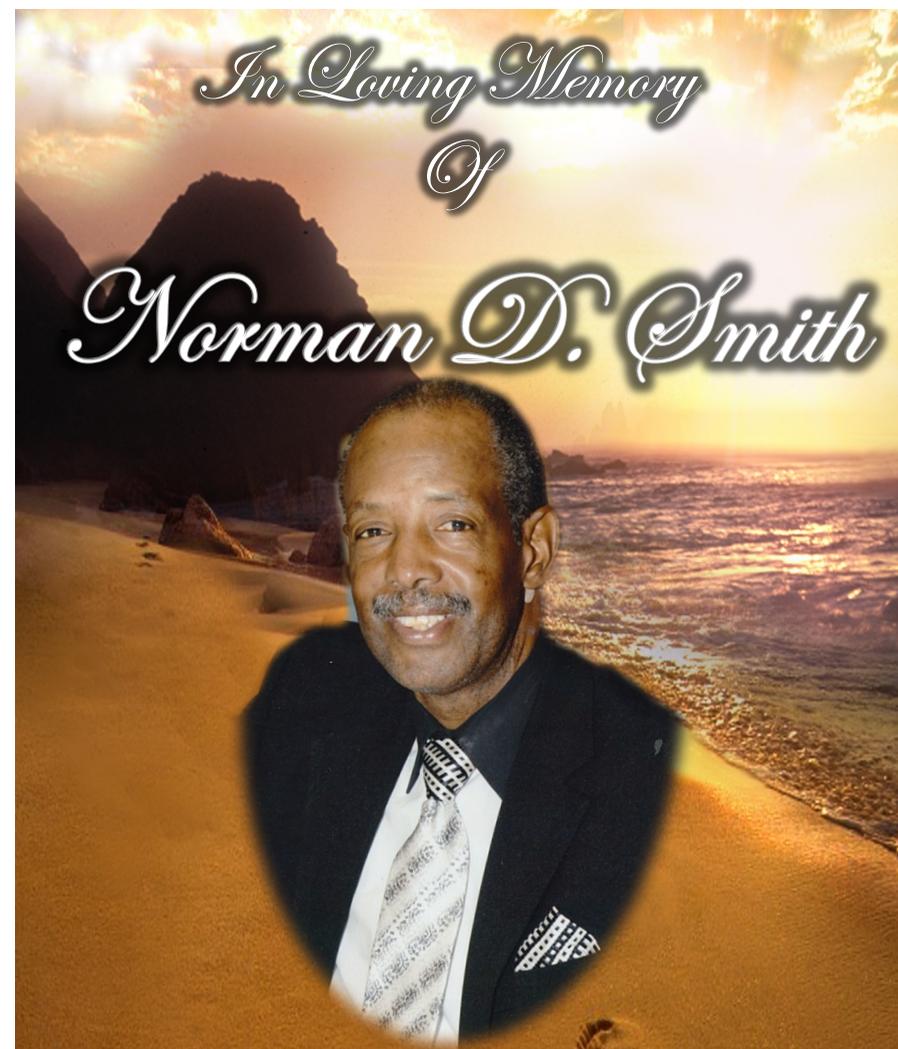
Robert Canada

*Acknowledgements*

We, the family of Norman, would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for the many expressions of love and sympathy. Your cards, phone calls, and prayers mean so much to us during this time of bereavement. We are deeply grateful. May God richly bless each of you.



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*In Loving Memory  
Of  
Norman D. Smith*

*Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you.*

John 14:1-2

*Sunrise:*  
**March 4, 1953**

*Sunset:*  
**February 9, 2023**

**Friday, February 24, 2023  
11:00 a.m.**

*William C. Harris Funeral Directors*  
*Spanish Lake Chapel*  
**1645 Redman Avenue  
St. Louis, Missouri 63138**

# Life's Reflections

The Magnificent Journey of Mr. Norman Douglas Smith

Norman was born in Cabot, Arkansas, on March 4, 1953, and 8th child to the union of Nathaniel & Cynthia Smith.

He attended Kirkwood High School in St. Louis, MO., where he was voted Best Dressed, and graduated in 1973. He confessed his belief in Christ at an early age and often joked about being in the family choir at Mount Sinai Baptist Church. He married his childhood sweetheart Christine Canada (Smith) in 1976, to that union, was born three children.

Norman had a career at Orchard's Decorative Surfaces as a machine operator. He held several roles of increasing responsibilities, culminating to Plant manager before retiring after 35 years. He later started his own successful lawn service. His favorite ways to spend his time were maintaining & manicuring his lawn, grilling, and spending time with his family.

Norman departed this life on February 9, 2023. Norman was proceeded in death by his parents Nathaniel & Cynthia Smith. Siblings: Nathaniel Smith Jr., Betty Smith, James Smith, Kenneth Smith, Jerry Smith. Brenda Smith, and Jeffery (Bruce) Matthews.

Leaving to cherish his memory is his wife of 46 years, Christine Smith, three children - Kynna Riley (Gerald), Stephanie Henderson (William), and Kristopher Smith (Barbara); honorary daughters - Qwanna Simpson (Elijah), Darra Pulliam, Kianga Byrd, Tecumseh Cooper (Marc); honorary son- Nicholas Watson; eight grandchildren - Kyla, Geordan, Nicole, Zekiah, Janeth, Connor, Shia, and Eli; honorary grandchildren - Kyiah, Aadyne, Kai, Luke, Harper, and Elijah; two great grandchildren - Nova and My'Leah; sister- Cynthia Abrams, and three brothers- Victor Charles Smith (Shirley), Tommy Lee Smith, and Curtis Smith (Joyce); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

## God Saw The Road

*God saw the road was getting rough,  
The hills were hard to climb,  
He gently closed those loving eyes  
And whispered, "Peace Be Thine"  
The weary hours, the days of pain,  
The sleepless nights are past,  
The ever patient, worn-out frame  
Has found a sweet rest at last.*

# Order of Service

Prelude	Jesse Prather
Processional	
Scripture Reading	Sheila Abrams
Prayer	Naaman & Ashuntia Canada
Musical Selection	Jason Bryant
Acknowledgements & Condolences	(5 Minutes or Less)
Life Reflections	(Read Silently with Soft Music)
Musical Selection	Jesse Prather
Eulogy	Jason Bryant
Glimpse Till Glory	William C. Harris Funeral Directors
Benediction	Jason Bryant
Recessional	

## Interment

Oak Grove Cemetery  
7800 St. Charles Rock Road  
St. Louis, Missouri 63138

# Dear Dad

*It's never the right time to say goodbye,  
We will miss you, Dad, and here's why,  
You taught us so much: to show no fear,  
To always have fun and face the day with cheer.*

*You were always so able, so fast and so strong,  
In your girls' eyes, you could do no wrong.  
You would always listen and you never pried,  
You were the arms around us whenever we cried.*

*You worked so hard and those strong working hands,  
Led us through life and helped us understand.  
That life can be hard, tough and sad,  
But through it all we had our Dad.*

*We hope you can hear us so we can let you know,  
That you were and will forever be our superhero.  
So yes, today we are full of sorrow,  
But we will smile a little more with each tomorrow.*

*So please, Dad, go and be at rest,  
And know that to us you were ALWAYS the best!*

# A Letter From Heaven

*"The Lord sensed that I was in pain  
Therefore, He called me home.  
Part of me never wanted to leave  
Because I knew you all would feel alone.  
You must know that I'm no longer hurting  
All of my pain has now ceased.  
I'm happily safe in Heaven  
My spirit is finally at peace.  
I know this is a tough time  
You must stick together as a family to make it through.  
I'm gazing down from Heaven  
Smiling at each of you.  
It is most certainly okay to cry  
Think of the good times we shared  
And those tears will soon dry  
It is not the end, nor a final good-bye  
Hold your head up and smile  
Do know that troubles only last for a little while.  
Hold on to the memories  
They'll ease the pain of me being gone.  
PLEASE do not be sad.  
I'm safe with my God, in His heavenly home."*