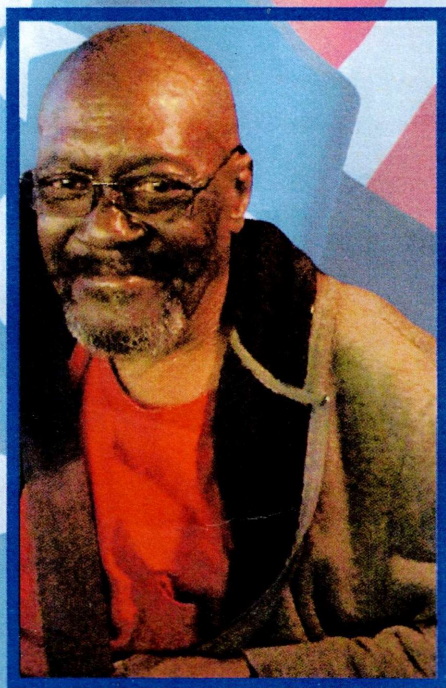


Celebrating THE LIFE OF



Richard Smith, Sr.

SUNRISE
June 12, 1947



SUNSET
January 13, 2025

1:00 PM | Saturday, January 18, 2025
HOUSE OF PEOPLES FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL
446 MONTICELLO ST. | HAZLEHURST, MS 39083
MINISTER MALCOLM MAY, OFFICIATING

Life Reflections

Richard Smith, Sr. was born June 12, 1947 to Mr. Jack Smith, Sr. and Mrs. Delois Rhodes Smith in Hazlehurst, MS. He was the seventh child of thirteen children. He was a member of Damascus Church of Christ (Holiness) U.S.A. during his childhood and young adult life.

Richard graduated from Parrish High School in 1966. Following graduation, Richard joined the United States Army where he served his country, and was honorably discharged. He was the father of two sons, Clifton Yates and Richard Smith, Jr.

Richard (Uncle Richard), as he was affectionately called, loved his family and friends. He always had a smile on his face. If you needed him to get a job done, he could do it.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents; Mr. Jack, Sr. and Mrs. Delois R. Smith; his siblings: Eddie Taylor, Jr., Brenda Smith, Betty Hartfield, and Willie Charles Smith

Richard departed this life on Monday, January 13, 2025. He is survived by his sons; Clifton Yates, Richard Smith, Jr., his grandchildren: Tikyle Yates, Nikolas Yates, Logan Yates, Ginetty Smith; Sisters, Evelyn McGee of Chicago, IL, Mary Alice Johnson, Pearl Fatheree, Jimmie West (Larry), Joyce Richardson of Hazlehurst, MS, and Julia Pinkston of Jackson, MS; Brothers, Jack Smith, Jr. and Frank Smith of Hazlehurst, MS; cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Processional..... Ministers and Family
Scripture and Prayer..Deacon Maurice Richardson, Sr.
Musical Selection.....The Family
Reflections and Expressions.....(2 minutes)....Anyone

Acknowledgements

Obituary

(Read Silently)

Musical Selection..... The Family

Words of Encouragement

Minister Malcolm May

“LET ME GO”

Miss me a little, but not for long
And not with your head bowed low
Remember the love that we once shared

Miss me, but let me go.

For this is a journey we all must take

And each must go alone

It's all a part of the Master's plan

A step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick at heart

Go to the friends we know

Laugh at all the things we used to go

Miss me, but let me go.

Acknowledgements

The family of the late Richard Smith, Sr. would like to thank you for your prayers and any acts of kindness that you have shown during this time. Your words have comforted us. Your support has strengthened us. Special thanks to the House of Peoples Funeral Home Staff.

The Family

"WE DIDN'T KNOW TIME WAS RUNNING OUT"

**IF WE COULD CLICK OUR HEELS TOGETHER
AND MAKE JUST ONE LAST WISH
WE'D WISH YOU BACK HERE WITH US
WE WEREN'T PREPARED FOR THIS.**

**BUT IF WE COULD MAKE ONE LAST WISH
AND IF IT WOULD COME TRUE
WE WOULD PRAY WITH ALL OUR HEART
FOR A LITTLE MORE TIME WITH YOU.**

**LOVE YOU ALWAYS
THE FAMILY**

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