

Celebrating the Life of



Mr. Royce
HERRIOD SMITH

APRIL 16, 1941 - APRIL 1, 2021





Obituary

Mr. Royce Herriod Smith, 79, passed on Thursday, April 1, 2021 at Ballenger Creek Center in Frederick, MD

Born April 16, 1941 in Minden, LA, Royce was one of 17 children. He was born to the late Matthew and Ruther Lee (Glover) Smith.

Humbly raised with his large family in Louisiana, Royce would later reside in Houston, TX for many years before moving to Frederick, Maryland in 2013 to a Nursing Home Facility for his Alzheimer's care.

In 1979, after 21 years of service with the U.S. Army, Royce retired from his military career as a sergeant 1st class and went on to own and operate an HVAC business in Houston, Texas from 1989 to 2010. During that time he also became an ordained Minister Church of God in Christ. Royce truly love God and I know when he saw him he did his famous Royce two step.

Royce was very proud of his military career, incredibly generous and had a great sense of humor and very charismatic. He especially loved to be social and he had a very caring heart.

Royce was Proceeded in death by his parents Matthew and Ruther Lee (Glover) Smith, seven brothers and one sister.

He is survived by four daughters, Dawn Beverly and Spouse; Lori Thompson and Spouse, Onesiana Jackson and Spouse; and Krystal Blacklock, six grandchildren; Quincy and Kahla Jackson, Justin Young and Samantha Blacklock, and Ian and Aliyah Beverly, Four Brothers and five Sisters, and a host of nieces nephews and friends

Order of Service

Musical Prelude/Processional.....Clergy & Family

Holy Scriptures

Old Testament.....Quincy Jackson, Grandson

New Testament.....Velma Hymes, Niece

Prayer.....TBA

Musical Section.....Charles A. Banks, Jr.

Obituary.....Read Silently

Soft Music

Expressions (Two Minutes Please).....

Eulogy.....Pastor

Recessional.....Clergy Family

The Final Flight

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard his call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the end of the day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah, yes, these things too I will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My Life's been full, I savoured much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's
touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.



Tribute

They say There is a reason They say time will heal.
Neither time nor reason Will change the way I feel
Gone are the days we used to share but, in Our
hearts, you are always there.
The Gates of memories will never close We miss
You more than anybody knows.
Love and Miss You every day
Till We Meet Again
Always & Forever
Love,

Neicy, Krystal, Dawn, & Lori









Family Acknowledgement:

God has touched our hearts through each of you and for this, we are thankful. To those who sent a card and visited, to those who called and prayed for us and with us, to those who sat quietly and just remembered us, we are sincerely grateful for your acts of caring and the expressions of love extended to us. Your kindness and your prayers are humbly received. Please continue to pray for us and may God continue to bless each of you.

~Smith Family~

Final resting place:

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Arlington, Virginia

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