In Memory of

Carlos Ricardo Smith

Sunrise: April 16, 1944 - Sunset: May 23, 2021
Reverend James Frazier, Officiating

Tuesday, June 1, 2021
11:00 a.m.

Austerlitz Street Baptist Church ● 819 Austerlitz Street ● New Orleans, Louisiana 70115
THE OBITUARY OF

Carlos Ricardo Smith

Carlos Ricardo Smith, “Coach”, was born April 16, 1944, to Lionel Howard Smith and Sedonia Manuel in New Orleans, Louisiana. He transitioned on Sunday, May 23 at 4:33 p.m. surrounded by family.

He grew up in uptown New Orleans where he attended public school at McDonough #6 Elementary, Samuel J. Green Jr. High, and Walter L. Cohen Sr. High School. He received his G.E.D. from Cohen High School.

Raised in a faith-filled family, Carlos was baptized at the age of 13 at Macedonia Baptist Church. As he grew his faith was forged and after the dissolution of Macedonia Church Carlos joined Mt. Moriah Baptist Church where he remained a dedicated member for more than 40 years. His favorite bible verse was Psalm 100, which says in part, “Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.” And that is what he did as a faithful member of the choir, always willing to sing on special programs. His favorite song was “This Little Light of Mine.”

On January 29, 1977, he began his employment as a custodian for First Baptist Church, where he worked for more than 28 years until his retirement in 2007. Carlos’ employer said he always demonstrated a tireless devotion to his work and was always aware of the special needs of others.

As Chaplain and Chair of the community service committee for his family’s organization Together in Prayer (TIP), he was diligent about ensuring that family showed up to volunteer at Ozanam Inn and the New Orleans Homeless Shelter. That work did not go unnoticed. In 2004, he received the Martin Luther King, Jr. Award for Community Service.

He had a special fondness for all types of sports and his beloved Saints, which is how he became affectionately known as “coach” to his family. A devoted son, brother, and uncle, Carlos served as the sentinel of the family. He was the special protector of his mother making sure that she was always safe whenever she traveled to church, to the doctor’s, or to family activities. He was her constant companion.

Carlos was a gentle caring soul who lived his faith and demonstrated it through his kindness and generosity. Not that he had material riches, but the richness of his life made him an ‘earth angel’ who never failed to let his light shine.

He is preceded in death by his father Lionel H. Smith and stepfather Whelmon L. Duffel. He leaves to mourn his passing his mother Sedonia M. Duffel; three brothers, Anthony Duffel (Myrtle), Joseph Duffel and Tyrone Duffel (Joann); four sisters Ronnie S. LaCabe, Amanda S. Boutte, Mona D. Jones (Alonzo), and Valencia Q. Duffel; 13 nieces and nephews, a host of great nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends.
Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE

SELECTION
Congregation
“Just Over in Glory Land”

DEVOTIONAL PERIOD
Rev. James Frazier, Officiating
Mt. Moriah Baptist Church

SCRIPTURES
John 14: 1-6
New Testament
Psalms 90:1-6
Old Testament

METER
Amazing Grace

PRAYER

CHANT
“What A Friend We Have in Jesus”

SOLO
David Gaspard
“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

CONDOLENCES
Betty Boyd
Mt. Moriah Baptist Church
REFLECTIONS
Wilbert Johnson
Valencia Duffel
Troy LaCabe

SELECTION
“By and By When the Morning Comes”

OBITUARY
Mona Duffel Jones

SOLO
Rev. Willie Breaux
“He’s Eye is on the Sparrow”

EULOGY
Rev. James Frazier

SOLO
Phillip Manuel
“This Little Light of Mine”

WORDS OF COMFORT/REMARKS
Visiting Ministers

DISMISSAL
Parting View
“I’ll Fly Away
The family of Carlos R. Smith extends their heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all who offered prayers and acts of kindness during this difficult time. We thank the staff of Ochsner Baptist Hospital for their attentiveness to our loved one. Our sincere appreciation also goes out to nephews and nieces who helped care for their uncle during his illness.

Repast at Austerlitz Street Fellowship Hall immediately following interment.
A Special Place

By Valencia Q. Duffel

God prepared a special place for me
Where I could live with Him throughout Eternity
So, when my work on earth is done
And when my race for heaven is won
He will embrace me in His loving arms
And say to me
“My Child Welcome Home”
This crown of life I give to you
Because of your Faithfulness to me
Then I will reside in the Kingdom of light
Where I’ll bask in His Presence
Every day and every night!!!