

CELEBRATING
THE LIFE
OF
*JONATHAN
Smith*

SEPTEMBER 10, 1958 – JUNE 23, 2026

REMEMBER ME

To the living, I am gone,
To the sorrowful, I will never return,
To the angry, I was cheated,
But to the happy, I am at peace,
And to the faithful, I have never left.

I cannot speak, but I can listen.
I cannot be seen, but I can be heard.
So as you stand upon a shore gazing at a beautiful sea,
As you look upon a flower and admire its simplicity,
Remember me.

Remember me in your heart:
Your thoughts, and your memories,
Of the times we loved,
The times we cried,
The times we fought,
The times we laughed.
For if you always think of me, I will never have gone.

REPAST

Burton Park
1177 Sunset Blvd Mansfield Ohio 44907
Following Service: 4pm-9pm

PALLBEARERS

Alonzo Jackson, Ron Pounds, Chondus Langford
Victory Pounds Sr, Wallace Windham Jr
Zemmia Spears, Cornelius Smith, Rafael Leek

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of JONATHAN SMITH wishes to express our
heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has
supported us during this difficult time. Your kind words, thoughtful
gestures, and presence have been a
comfort to us all.



*M*ARLAN GARY
FUNERAL HOME

1 FUNERAL HOME | 5 LOCATIONS

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Saturday, July 11, 2026 | 2:00pm
Marlan Gary Funeral Home
The Chapel Of Peace, Mansfield
753 McPherson St., Mansfield, OH 44903



OBITUARY

Jonathan Smith
September 10, 1958 – June 23, 2026

Today, we gather not only to mourn the passing of Jonathan Smith, but more importantly, to celebrate a life beautifully lived — a life filled with love, laughter, service, and devotion to family. Jonathan Smith, affectionately known to family and friends as “Punchie/ Dice” was born on September 10, 1958, in Birmingham, Alabama, to his loving parents Obelia and Luther Smith. At an early age, the Smith family relocated to Bronx, New York, where Jonathan spent his formative years growing up alongside his brothers, Baron and Cornelius Smith, building the strong family bonds that would remain central to his life forever.

From the very beginning, Punchie possessed a spirit that naturally drew people to him. He was known for his kind heart, welcoming nature, infectious smile, and fun-loving personality. Jonathan truly never met a stranger. Whether family, friend, or someone he had just met, he had a special gift for making people feel seen, comfortable, and embraced with genuine warmth. His presence brought joy, laughter, and unforgettable energy everywhere he went.

As a young man, Jonathan proudly answered the call to serve his country by enlisting in the United States Army. Through dedication and courage, he honorably served two terms, carrying himself with the strength, discipline, and commitment that defined so much of his character throughout his life.

Love and family were among Jonathan’s greatest blessings. From marriage, he was blessed with two beloved children, Shondus Smith and Shawana Smith, who remained a treasured part of his life and legacy.

After completing his military service, Jonathan began a long and honorable career with the United States Postal Service, where he worked diligently for many years before retiring. Retirement simply opened another chapter for Jonathan — one that brought him to Mansfield, Ohio, where he chose to be close to family, something that always meant the world to him.

Jonathan understood what mattered most in life: family, connection, laughter, and love. He had a beautiful way of bringing people together, creating memories filled with joy, storytelling, humor, and fellowship. His love was genuine, his heart was generous, and his spirit was unforgettable.

On June 23, 2026, after courageously facing a lengthy health battle, Jonathan peacefully transitioned from labor to reward, leaving behind a lifetime of cherished memories and a legacy that will continue through generations.

Jonathan leaves to celebrate his life and carry his memory forward: his loving mother, Obelia Smith; his devoted brothers, Baron Smith and Cornelius Smith; his beloved son, Shondus Smith; his cherished daughter, Shawana Smith (Damon); and his precious grandchildren, Elijah, Sydney, Payton, and Sloan, each of whom brought him immeasurable pride and joy. Although our hearts feel the weight of his absence, we rejoice knowing that Jonathan’s legacy lives on through the love he shared, the lives he touched, and the memories that will forever remain with those blessed enough to know him.

*Well done, good and faithful servant.
Your work here is complete, but your love, your laughter, and your light will remain with us always.
Forever Loved. Forever Remembered. Forever Missed.*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude
Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Parting View
Immediate Family; “I’ll Fly Away”

Scripture Reading
Minister Tim Pounds
Old Testament ~ Ecclesiastes 3:1-4
New Testament ~ Revelations 21:4

Prayer
Minister Tim Pounds

Selection
Joetta McCruter-Polk

Acknowledgement/ Condolences
Natalie Jackson

Remarks
Friends & Family 2 mins

Reading of Obituary
Natalie Jackson

Selection
Nnenna McCruter-Jordan

The Eulogy
Minister Steve Taylor

Benediction
Minister Steve Taylor

Recessional
Minister Steve Taylor