

When My Savior Brings Me Home

As my days on earth have ended
and my time has finally come
Don't think I've left you,
just rejoice that my battle's finally won.

It was in those quiet hours
when I seemed so far away
That my Savior sat beside me
to prepare me for this day.

He settled all my doubts and fears
and took away the pain.
Please know there was no suffering
when at last my Savior came.

To you it may have seemed too hard
and lasted much too long,
But for me it was a peaceful wait
for God to bring me home.

I know that you did all you could
and yes, He heard your cries,
For God Himself reached out His hand
and gently closed my eyes.

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Floral Bearers

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Acknowledgements

The family of the late Mr. Craig Sinclair Smith would like to thank each of you for the tremendous love, kindness and support you have given us during this difficult time. We pray God blesses you with favor and grace for years to come. Thank you to Refuge Temple Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ and Gethers Funeral Home.

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



SUNRISE
Sep. 28, 1951

SUNSET
Jul. 21, 2024

Craig S. Smith

Saturday, July 27, 2024
11:00 A.M.

Refuge Temple Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ
3674 North Highway 52
St. Stephen, SC 29479
Apostle Walter Lee Jackson, Sr., Pastor
Elder John McFadden, Eulogist

Life Reflections

Craig Sinclair Smith passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 21, 2024, at Lowcountry Community Hospice House in Summerville, South Carolina.

Craig was born in Brooklyn, New York on September 28, 1951, to Thurston Smith, Sr. and Alethia Stewart Smith. In his early years, he was employed in construction and helped in building the Mark Clark Expressway in Charleston, South Carolina. Craig furthered his education at Trident Technical College and later earned degrees in Business Administration and Education from Charleston Southern University. His passion for education led him to work as a Special Education Assistant and Chair of the "Gentlemen Warrior" Club, where he inspired and mentored numerous young men. Craig was widely praised for his dedication to going above and beyond what was required to support and meet the needs of the youth.

Craig was married to his loving wife, Edith M. Smith for 27 years. Together they grew as a couple and shared a love for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at Refuge Temple Church. There he served as the Chairman of the Brotherhood, a Sunday School Teacher, and a member of the Trustee Board. Craig was also a cherished member of the Church Choir where many enjoyed his singing and often requested him to sing a number of their favorite songs. His rendition of "I Can't Give Up" was particularly loved and reflected his unwavering spirit during his final days.

Craig loved the Lord and anytime an opportunity was presented, he would eagerly share the word of God, as he was an avid talker and debater. He was also known for his enthusiasm of James Bond movies, sweets and drinks from "Starbucks". His distinctive Starbucks order was: "a tall vanilla latte, two pumps only, no foam, double, extra whip, and mocha drizzle in a Grande cup".

Craig was preceded in death by his parents, Thurston and Alethia Smith, Sr.; brother, Bruce and son, Omar.

Craig leaves to cherish his memory: his beloved wife, Mrs. Edith M. Smith; his daughter, Chandra Muhammad (Starkim); brothers, Daryl Smith and Reverend Thurston S. Smith, Jr. (Cheryl); three aunts, Regina Atkins, Harriet S. Corprew, and Vicky Smith; two uncles, Coleridge Smith and Gerard Sims, Sr.; his grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends who will miss him dearly. Craig's legacy of love, faith, and soulful singing will forever inspire those who knew him.



The Order of Service

Pastor Alvin Aiken, Presiding

Processional/Final Viewing - Clergy and Family

Opening Hymn - "The Lord is My Light"

Scripture Reading

Old Testament, Psalm 91 - Elder Dan Jackson

New Testament, 2 Timothy 4:6-8 - Elder Leroy Bovain

Prayer - Elder Jacob Johnson

Solo - Sister Patricia Johnson

Reflections (3 Minutes)

Deacon Rabb Greene, Friend

Deacon Sewall Price, Church

Reverend Thurston S. Smith, Jr., Family

Selection - Full Gospel Mass Choir

Words of Comfort - Elder John McFadden

Tribute

Closing Prayer - Elder John McFadden

Recessional - Deacon Sewall Price/ Full Gospel Mass Choir

Committal - Benediction - Internment

Tri-Churches Cemetery

280 Hood Street

St. Stephen, SC

Repast

Please join the Smith Family for a repast in the Fellowship Hall of Refuge Temple immediately following the Internment.