

A portrait of James Robinson Smith Sr., a middle-aged Black man with a beard and mustache, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and patterned tie. He is smiling slightly. The background is a soft, white, cloud-like glow against a dark red background with white starburst patterns.

James
ROBINSON SMITH SR.

MARCH 28, 1945 - NOVEMBER 16, 2024

Monday, December 2, 2024

Viewing 10:00 A.M.

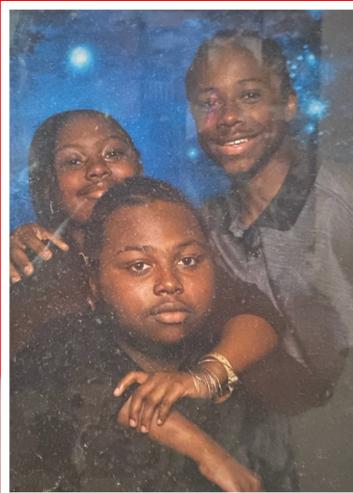
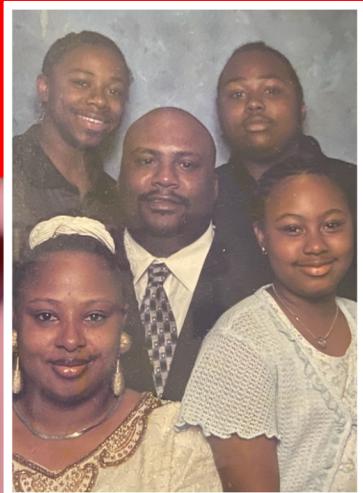
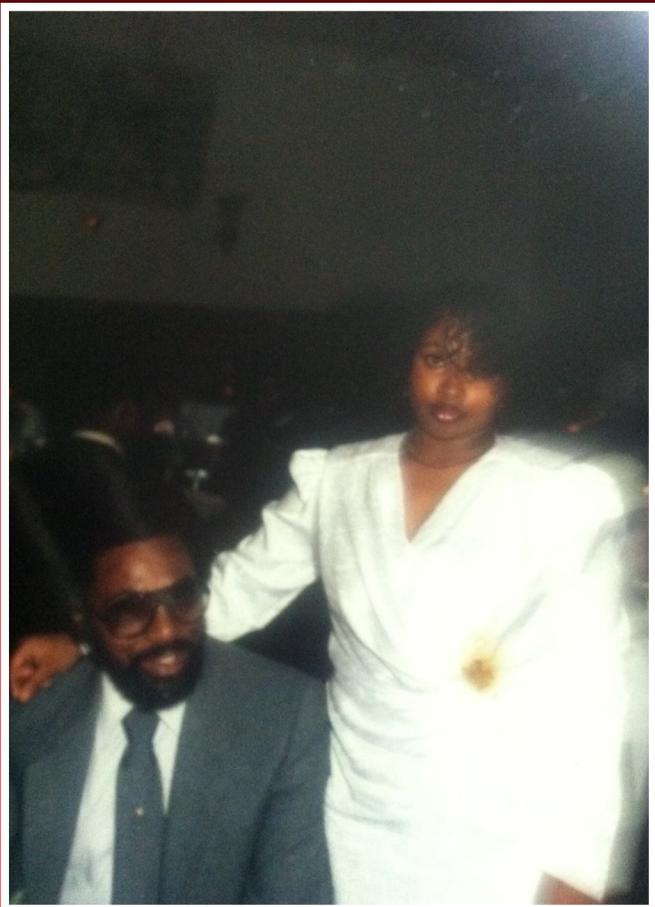
Funeral: 11:00 A.M.

Second Baptist Church

500 W Madison Avenue

Las Vegas, NV 89106

Rev. Clayton D. Moore, Senior Pastor



OBITUARY

Life Story of James Smith Sr.

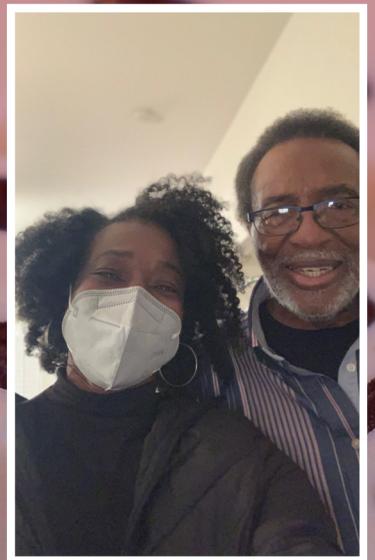
James Robinson Smith, Sr. was born in Bolton Mississippi on March 28, 1945 to the late Pinkie & Ozzie Ella Smith. He was the 5th of 7 children. James, who was known to many as "JR" accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized by his Uncle Lemar Robinson in Bolton Mississippi. His family later came to California in 1959 where he attended schools in the San Francisco Unified School District.

Through a previous marriage 3 children were born - Angela Teresa, Jana Danielle and James R. Smith, Jr. In 1975, James met the love of his life Jackie Durley and her son, Mario. They shared their lives together for 49 years. The pair went on to marry on February 24, 1996 to forever seal the deal on their love for each other. They spent 28 of their 49 years together as husband and wife.

James loved to drive and held many positions as a truck driver. He went on to learn to drive 18-wheelers and worked for A&B Garment Delivery, The Teamsters, and his last truck driving position was with the United States Postal Service until he retired.

James was a very active member in church throughout his life. He held positions in San Francisco from Sunday School Teacher, Sunday School Superintendent to being a member of the Executive Board. His hobbies were playing softball, dominoes, bowling and singing. He sang with several quartet groups in California and Las Vegas. James was very dedicated to his family and loved ones. Whenever someone needed him, he was there. He gave great advice, and he was always sincere. He may not have said what you wanted to hear, but he said what you needed to hear. He also had a keen sense of humor.

James was preceded in death by his two sisters - Laura Berry and Dorothy Grigsby, one brother Pinkie Smith, Jr. and a Godson, Charles Pettus, Jr. James "JR" Smith, Sr. leaves to cherish his life and memories, his wife Jacqueline Durley-Smith, his two daughters - Angie Smith and Jana (Warner) Buchanan; two sons - James Smith Jr. (Shirley); Mario (Jennifer) Johnson; 12 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, his sisters - Reba Bracy of CA; Retha Nash of Las Vegas and Martha Smith of CA; his brothers-in-law, Leroy Myers of CA, Willie Nash of Las Vegas and Gregory Durley of CA, 4 sisters-in-law - Toni, Patricia & Cheryl Durley of CA. He also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and special friends - Paul Barron, Charles Pettus, Sr, "TC" and two play sisters - Ruth Bates & Gwen Barabino, all who loved him deeply.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Life Celebration of James Smith Sr.

Musical Prelude

Processional.....Clergy & Family

Scripture Reading.....Clergy

 Old Testament

 New Testament

Prayer of Comfort.....Clergy

Selection.....Second Baptist Church Male Chorus

 Silent Reading of the Obituary

Acknowledgements.....Sis. Adleen Stidum

Expressions...(3 minutes Please).....Family & Friends

 Sis. Brevell Baxter

 Bro. Mac Oliver

 Ernest Johnson/Friend & Co-Worker

Selection.....Second Baptist Church Male Chorus

Eulogy.....James Smith Jr.

Closing Prayer.....Clergy

Recessional.....Clergy & Family

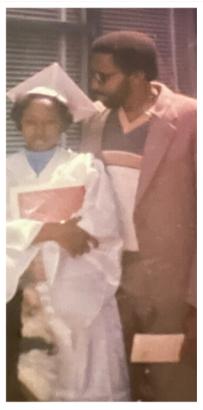
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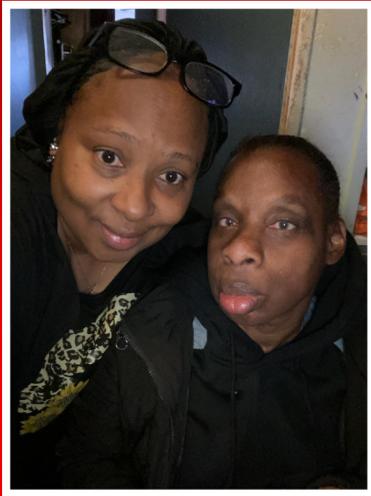
Immediately following the service

V.C.L. Coleman Fellowship Hall.

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Don't remember me with sadness. Don't remember me with tears.
Remember all the laughter, We've shared throughout the years.
Now I am contented That my life it was worthwhile,
Knowing as I passed along the way I made somebody smile.
When you are walking down the street And you've got me on your mind,
I'm walking in your footsteps Only half a step behind.
So please don't be unhappy Just because I'm out of sight.
Remember that I'm with you Each morning, noon and night.

A C K N O W L E D G E M E N T

With much gratitude, we wish to thank you for your presence, prayers, flowers, phone calls, cards, and every expression of love and sympathy you have extended toward us during our time of sorrow.

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