



Pallbearers

Albert Baker ~ Antwann Smith
Day'Meare Smith ~ Ricardo Boyer
Mario Smith ~ RoDrick Boyer
Michael Smith

Flowerbearers

Nieces and Cousins

Vance, my love,

Thank you for being my husband and my provider. I love that you loved me, and there is nobody like you.

Thank you for taking care of me in sickness and in health, for richer and for poorer, until death do us part.

You were the best husband, the best father, and the best grandfather. The first day we met, I knew you were my soulmate, and the memories we shared can never be erased.

I truly appreciate everything you gave me. The years with you were the best years of my life.

I will miss you every day of my life.

Your loving wife, Gloria

Honorary Pallbearers

Janice Powell ~ Richard Boyer
Vernal Baker ~ Homer Barrett
Vance Carroll

A Word Of Thanks

There are those whose lives death cannot diminish. Vance is one of them! His Love will radiate forever in the hearts of family and friends. We felt that Love in your thoughtfulness. His laughter will live on!
Thank you so much!
The Family of
Vance Donovan Stinker Fancy Smart

MARLAN GARY FUNERAL HOME
1 Funeral Home | 5 Locations

Ministry Of Comfort Entrusted To:

North Chapel
2500 Cleveland Ave.,
Columbus, OH 43211
614-267-8310

East Chapel
5456 Livingston Ave.,
Columbus, OH 43232
614-604-8774

Mansfield Chapel
753 McPherson St.,
Mansfield, OH 44903
419-524-6999

Springfield Chapel
823 South Yellow Springs St.,
Springfield, Ohio 45506
937-325-1447

Cincinnati Chapel
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Cincinnati OH 45229
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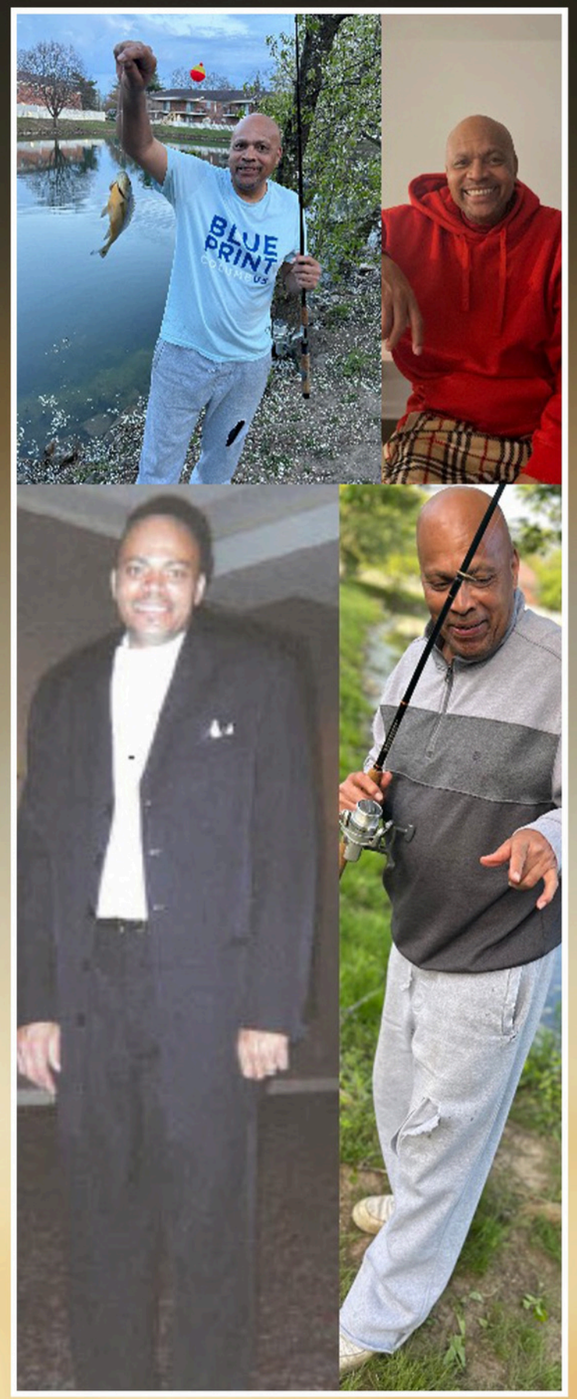
Vance Donovan Smart

JUNE 12, 1960 – OCTOBER 22, 2026

~ Celebrating His Life ~
Monday, November 2, 2026

Visitation: 11:00AM
Funeral Service: 12:00 PM

Marlan Gary Funeral Home,
The Chapel Of Peace East
5456 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus, OH 43232



His Obituary

Vance Donovan Smart, affectionately known as "Stinker", age 66, departed this earth on October 22, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of laughter, warmth, and cherished memories. Born on June 12, 1960, Vance lived a life full of joy and deep connection to those around him.

Vance graduated from Linden McKinley High School before continuing his education at Franklin University, where he proudly played on the Men's Basketball team. Basketball was Vance's first love; he truly couldn't play it enough. Beyond basketball, Vance was a devoted fan of the Ohio State Buckeyes. Above all else, though, nothing brought him more happiness than going fishing with his beloved granddaughter, Day'Meare, and taking his faithful furry family member Marlo (not dog), out for long walks, two of his absolute favorite things to do.

Above all, Vance loved his family and brother friends. He held those close to him dear to his heart. Known for his bright sense of humor, he loved to laugh and joke. No matter where he saw you, Vance was always willing to stop, hold a conversation, and share a few good laughs. Of course, he always had the best jokes ready to tell. His warmth, friendly spirit, and unforgettable laughter will forever be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Vance is preceded in death by grandparents: Solomon and Mazetta Gibson; Charles and Lois Smith; mother: Lillian Smith; stepfather: Murray Ford; brothers: Steven Smith and Ulric Smith; sister: Lisa Smith and nephew: Robert Smith

Vance's memory will be cherished forever by his loving wife of 37 years, Gloria Smart; Father, Vance Smith; Son, Vance Carroll; Granddaughter/Daughter, Day'Meare Smith; Mother-in-Law, Loray Baker (Beckly, WV), Grandson, Vance Carroll, Granddaughter, MiAva Johnson and his cherished furry family member, Marlo (Mr. Baby Smart).

He is also survived by: Brothers: Rickey Boyer, Antwann (Mary) Smith, Michael and Mario Smith; Brothers-in-Law: Albert Baker (Columbus, OH) and Vernal Baker (Beckley, WV); Special Friend/Brother: William Whitehead (Columbus, OH); Sisters: Tanya Barrett and Step-sister Monique (Monty); Sisters-in-Law: Octavia Smith, Tonwanda Davis (Charlotte.NC), Roxie Baker (Beckley,WV), a hosts of Aunts, Uncles, Nieces, Nephews and Cousins along with a host of extended family members, dear friends.

Final Resting Place

Glen Rest Memorial Estates
8029 E. Main St.,
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

Repast

Deb's Event Center
5508 East Livingston Ave,
Columbus, Ohio 43232

Order Of Service

Organ Prelude
Chapel of Peace Music Ministry

Parting View
Immediate Family

Scripture Reading
Pastor Aaron Mackey
Old Testament ~ Ecclesiastes 3:1–8
New Testament ~ Revelation 21:1–4

Prayer
Minister Patricia Walker

Selection
Lewis Booker – "End of the Road"

Acknowledgement/Condolences
Janice Powell

Remarks

Reading of Obituary
Silently

Selection
Lewis Booker – "It's So Hard to Say Good-Bye"

The Eulogy
Pastor Henry Mackey

Benediction
Pastor Aaron Mackey

Recessional
Clergy, Family, and Friends