

Sunrise: October 19, 1978

Sunset: March 24, 2020



Celebrating the Life of

Ricardo Wardell

SMITH



Homegoing Service

April 1, 2020

Family Hour: 12:30 pm Service: 1:00 pm

Order Of Service

Musical Selection For Your Glory. Mia Sharfner
Scripture/Prayer St. John 11:25-26 . . Elder Kenneth Duren
Musical Selection Hymn Mia Sharfner
Acknowledgements Sheila Campbell
Legacy Reading Kelli Franklin
Reflections Family/Friends
Words Of Comfort Minister Russell Campbell

“I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.”

St. John 11:25-26

Love of my life

Ricky you were such a GOOD man. I don't know how I will ever recover from this sadness of losing you. Though I am afraid of going through this life without you, I will find comfort in all the wonderful memories we have shared together. I know you thought I was strong, but I really found my strength in you! Rick you were my funny bone. Even after 15 years we could still talk and laugh for hours. Our relationship was a solid friendship that was built on love and laughter. You always lovingly provided for us and there was not a day that we went without. Though I am heartbroken today, I am eternally grateful to have known you and to have loved you. So, as I lay the love of my life to rest today, I know that I am only saying to goodbye to your body because the love we have for one another will never die.

*Forever yours,
Tonya*



His Story

Ricardo Wardell Smith was born on October 19, 1978, in Detroit, Michigan to the late Randy Smith and Frances Smith. Ricky, as he was affectionately known, was the fourth child of seven children born to this union.

As a baby, Ricky was baptized in the Pentecostal Church of God. He loved attending service in the Detroit Assembly where his love for preaching and singing were nurtured. He began his education at Monnier Elementary School on the west side of Detroit. He was then enrolled in The Pentecostal Church of God Christian Academy (PCA) where he attended school from the third grade through his high school graduation. Ricky developed a strong bond with fellow students and staff including his mentor, Bishop William Duren. He was an ordained Minister and appointed President of the Young People's Department where the Lord used him to minister and mentor any young person that crossed his path.

Ricky loved sports and was very athletic. He was a huge Detroit Pistons fan and loved playing basketball and football. Ricky had a charming personality, a great sense of humor, a soulful singing voice and keen sense of style. He was known as a great storyteller and used his gift of gab to make a friend wherever he went.

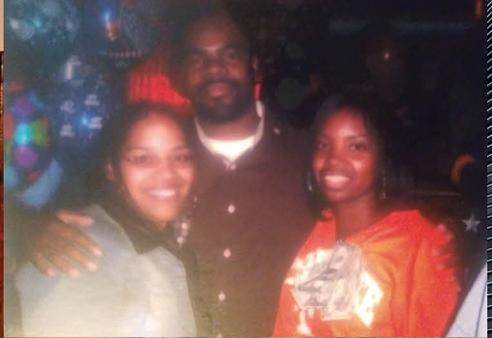
Ricky was a gifted and talented electrician that loved to enrich the lives of others. His life's mission was to mentor and educate young people. He was able to do this through many years of dedicated service in public education. Ricky began his educational career at Randolph Career Tech. He was a passionate teacher that loved to see young people develop a skill they could use for life. He went on to serve as an Electrical Instructor at Detroit Job Corps Center, ABC Trade School, and Macomb Community College. Recognizing a need for skilled labor in the manufacturing industry, Ricky formed an interest in robotics and motor controls. His interest guided him to his first manufacturing job at Integrated Manufacturing and Assembly and then on to FCA where he worked as an electrical maintenance engineer. Ricky was a dedicated worker, beloved colleague, and a successful entrepreneur.

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Mem



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He leaves to cherish his memory, his companion Tonya, stepson, Ivan and daughter, Frances; Stepdad, William Johnson; three brothers; Randy Jr., Danny Smith, and James Walker; five sisters; Keisha Dillard, Stacy (Brad) Turner, Tammy Smith, Sandy Edwards, and Melony Smith; Grandmother, Clantene Mitchell; twelve nephews; six nieces, a host of relatives, friends and brothers and sisters in the Lord.

He was preceded in death by his father, Randy Smith, Sr.; mother, Frances Smith, and brother-in-law, Kirk D. Edwards.

Sentiments

Pops

You were a great father, teacher and protector. I know no other father other than you. I remember all the electrical jobs we have done together. You taught me that I had to work hard and learn a skill. I'm sorry that I couldn't play basketball that well, I know that would have made you happy, but I could wire a room! You taught me to be generous, self-sufficient, and compassionate. You taught me that I didn't always have to get paid for doing good deeds. Please know that I will take care of Mom and Fran and work hard every day to make you proud.

Loving son,

Ivan



Dad

You were an amazing man. You taught me how to work hard for the things I want. I will miss going to the daddy daughter dances and getting pedicures with you. We had the best times when we went to breakfast together. I will always remember how good you treated me and how much you loved me. I will miss you always!

Love,

Fran



Dear Brother

Thank you for being a friend through good and bad times! You always made sure no matter what was going that I was good! You have been such an inspiration to my sons and you're definitely Lolos favorite uncle! I'm really at a loss for words and all that i can say will fill up the whole page but I thank you for all of your countless efforts of help, support and motivation!! You've been my rock since mom left and I will always hold you close to my heart!

Love always

Babygirl



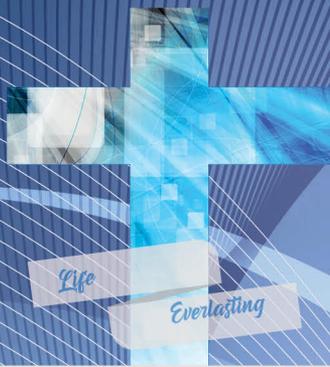
Uncle Ricky

I will miss you so much Uncle Ricky. You were always there for me, my mom and Tyree. Anything I asked for you gave. Anything anybody needed you would help them with and that is what made you so special to the family. Your kindness and non selfishness. You will always have a place in our heart. Life won't be the same without you.

I Love you so much.

Tamra





Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

Final Arrangements

James H. Cole NW Chapel
16100 Schaefer Hwy
Detroit, MI 48235

Interment

Sacred Heart of Saint Mary Cemetery
17219 Mound Rd
Detroit, MI 48212

Acknowledgement of Appreciation

The family of the late Ricardo Wardell Smith acknowledges, with deep appreciation, the many comforting messages, floral tributes, prayers and other expressions of kindness and concern at this time in thought and deeds. A more personal acknowledgement will be made at a later date.