

### *A Loving Tribute*

Your life was a blessing - Your memory a treasure.  
You are loved beyond words - And missed beyond measure.

### *Special Acknowledgment*

A special thank you to Michael's caregiver Caprece Henderson RN, who played a major role in Michael's life. Through the years, she was a source of encouragement, love, support, and friendship. Her presence, care, and dedication left a lasting impact, and our family is grateful for the special place she held in Michael's heart.

### *Family Acknowledgment*

The Family of Michael G. Smith wishes to express our heartfelt gratitude for every prayer, phone call, visit, card, floral tribute, and act of kindness shown during this difficult time. Your love and support have strengthened us more than words can express. May God richly bless each of you for your compassion and generosity.

With heartfelt appreciation,  
The Family of Michael G. Smith

### *Pallbearers*

Dawon Smith Sr. - David Smith Sr. - Colin Smith  
LaShon Smith - Gerald Smith - Jermaine Boone

### *Flower Bearers*

Simone Smith - Lindsey VanPelt - Myesha Barnett Smith  
LaShaye Smith - Dionne Croner - Liz Gayle Croner



**MARLAN GARY**  
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1 FUNERAL HOME | 5 LOCATIONS

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# IN LOVING Memory OF

*"Well done,  
good and  
faithful  
servant."*

MATTHEW 25:23

THURSDAY – JUNE 11, 2026  
VISITATION: 11:00 AM  
SERVICE: 12:00 PM

ST. JAMES CHRISTIAN CENTER  
1358 MT. VERNON AVENUE  
COLUMBUS, OH 43203

**MICHAEL G.**  
**SMITH**

JANUARY 5, 1955 ~ JUNE 2, 2026

LOVING FATHER • DEVOTED SON • BROTHER • FRIEND

# Obituary

Michael was born on January 5, 1955, in Columbus, Ohio. On June 2, 2026, surrounded by the love of family and cherished memories, Michael peacefully entered eternal rest at The James Cancer Hospital.

Preceded in death by his beloved parents: James Smith and Vera Smith Armstrong and grandson: D'Ante Smith.

Michael's journey began in Columbus before relocating to Los Angeles, California, in 1964 with his mother, sisters, and brothers. The family remained in California until the early 1980s, when they returned back to Columbus Ohio. During his younger years, Michael attended Champion Middle school in Columbus, Ohio and finished at Washington High School in Los Angeles, California.

Affectionately known as "Rabbit, Mike and Home Team" he was a man of many talents and passions. He had a keen eye for photography, a love for roller skating, and a natural gift for dancing and singing. He deeply admired Smokey Robinson and could recite nearly every word to his favorite songs. Michael was also skilled in mechanics and enjoyed working with his hands. Whatever he pursued, he did so with enthusiasm, determination, and pride.

Michael possessed a warm and welcoming spirit that drew people to him. He never met a stranger and had a remarkable ability to make others feel seen, valued, and loved. His kindness extended beyond family and friends to anyone fortunate enough to cross his path. Whether offering a helping hand, sharing words of encouragement, or simply making someone smile or laugh, Michael left a lasting impression on all who knew him.

Michael's legacy is one of love, laughter, strength, and compassion. He taught those around him the value of family, friendship, and perseverance. Though his physical presence is no longer with us, the countless memories he created and the love he shared will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

He leaves behind his loving Children: Dawon Smith Sr, Simone Smith of Columbus, Ohio, Colin Smith of Lancaster, California, Myesha Barnett Smith of Ontario California, LaShon (Tiana) Smith of Las Vegas, Nevada, Lindsey VanPelt of McAllister, Oklahoma, Seanron Smith of Arlington Texas, Michael Malik Smith of Seattle, Washington and fur baby "STINK".

He is also leaves behind his loving siblings Brothers: James LaVette Smith, David Smith Sr., Gerald Smith, Shawn McKarn, and James "Hollywood" Smith Jr.; Sisters: Sherrie Smith, Javina Simpson, Sheila Mitchell, Deborah "Pooh" Lewis; his cherished 19 Grandchildren, six Great-Grandchildren; and a host of Nieces, Nephews, Great-Nieces, Great-Nephews, Special Aunt: Joan Smith; Cousins, Dear Friend: Yvonne Terrell, Special Friend: Felicia George, extended family members, including loved ones in Atlanta, Georgia and beyond.

*Forever in Our Hearts*  
*"Well done, good and faithful servant."*  
MATTHEW 25:23



# Order of Service

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

OPENING PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT READING

NEW TESTAMENT READING

SELECTION

OBITUARY READING

REMARKS  
(Two Minutes Please)

SELECTION

WORDS OF COMFORT / EULOGY

COMMITTAL

RECESSIONAL

