



CELEBRATING
THE LIFE OF

Melvin
SMITH

NOVEMBER 6, 1976 - APRIL 20, 2020

SATURDAY APRIL 25, 2020 | 11AM

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OBITUARY

Melvin
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Melvin Levond Smith, affectionally and preferably as “Duke” was born November 6, 1976 in Brooklyn, New York to Glenda Smith Reed and the late Levond Artis.

Duke transitioned from this life on April 20, 2020.

Duke was educated through the New York Public School System earning his High School Equivalency Diploma August 1993. That same year, Duke entered fatherhood with the birth of his only son, Darell Levond Smith.

Duke had aspirations of being a rapper, writer and entrepreneur. His passion was music. He wrote several songs, books, and had a successful web series. Duke was a unique individual. He enjoyed looking good often coordinating his clothes from head to toe down to his underwear.

Duke met Leslie Kentish, also known as Muffin, in 1994 and they were married October 29, 1999. Duke relocated to New Jersey and joined the Mount Vernon Baptist Church in Newark New Jersey. He was baptized by the Honorable Reverend Dr. Milton Biggum March 2009.

Duke leaves to cherish his memories his wife Leslie Kentish, his daughters Kyasia and Nyleve Smith, his mother Glenda Smith Reed, his siblings Rayshon Smith, Keiona Smith, Quavon Smith, Jake, A.J., Omar Bennett, Shaquana Bennett, Navon Bennett, Levond Artis Jr, a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Duke is preceded in death by his son Darell Levond Smith, brother William Reed Jr., his maternal grandparents, Thomasina and Otis Logan, and his paternal grandparents Alease and Willie Williams.

Lovingly submitted,
The Family



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The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude to everyone for the many kind deeds and expressions of sympathy in our time of sorrow.

We will always remember and cherish your thoughtfulness.

The Smith Family



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