

Sup Tall Guy can't believe I'm talking to you like this. I just wanna teil you for the last time,, thanks for being there for me & my Brother every step of the way growing up, you definitely was more than a Big Cousin, more like an Uncle. That's why I introduced you as MY UNCLE TALL GUY. I wanted to text you so bad the other day to talk BENGALS, I stopped & just cried, until I heard you say, "come on Bunch I'm fine, man my body is not hurting anymore". Tall Guy, you slammed me with this one, I'm not supposed to be doing this for you. I Will MISS our talks, laughter, watching & traveling to games together. Rest well Tall Guy, you deserve rest, not gonna say goodbye, I'm not ready, it's hard. But I will leave you with this .. WHO DEY Yo Cousin/Nephew Bunch I love, I'm out.

Hello Sports Fans, speaking on behalf of Eric Lee Smith ... Eric meant a lot to people, he loved his Wife, Cousins & treated everybody the same & saw the good in everyone, brightening your day instilling wisdom. Eric. loved sports, playing guitar, gardening & being a Farmer. Eric believed in Unity in the Family. I'm gonna miss him dearly, being a big inspiration to me especially & others. GONNA MISS YOU OL FRIEND. LOVE Cousin Tony

True Friends are those who love you conditionally. You were my 4-leafclover, HARD TO FIND, LUCKY TO HAVE! For we believe that he died & rose again & so we believe that God will bring with JESUS those who have fallen asleep in him. Rest In PARADISE My Brother ... Much Love, your Brother Barry Hare

Farewel my Dear Cousin, you are more than Family. You were a piece of my childhood & made life brighter. I'll never forget how you, always came to see me on Elm St, your visit brought joy & laughter like sunshine through the trees, these moments are etched in my heart forever, simple & unforgettable. Though you're gone the love you gave remains quiet, steady & strong. Rest well, you will always be with me. Love Cousin, Tish

I am my brother's keeper Big E you got your ticket, Eric L. Smith to Paradise of Jehovah's Heavenly Kingdom. We love you Big E & I miss you. Love Brother' Ramsey

Big E ... Cousin E. The Tall Guy was more like a father figure to me w/the encouragement, love & support I received on a daily, helped make me the man I am today. The Fearless Hustler, Outspoken but respectful. Our Gentle Giant, I LOVE YOU FOREVER, Cousin kinfolk Boogie.

Ricky Tick as my dad called you, so many great memories you leave with me. Every time we were together all we did was laugh. At the sight of each other, we'd snicker before a word was spoken. All the childhood memories we shared, Ohio State Fair where you HUSTLED, PONY PICTURES for Uncle Walt. Not to mention you not wanting to share your popcorn w/hot sauce or making one beg to ride your skateboard, letting me drive your car w/o a license, the birth of my Sons, going to Kings Island with me on my Senior Class Trip, our apartment we shared, You & Devin playing with CBC Choir, watchnight stands out to me (It's not over, God is in control) & many more memories. I'm so happy you kept the faith, now you've won the race. Thank you for all the LOVE, CHATS, ENCOURAGEMENT, REDIRECTING & LAUGHTER. Laugh with you later. See you in the morning, Gentle Giant Looking Mug Stanky. Love Forever Markia

Pallbearers

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| Wallac T. Guigsby III | Terence Swann |
| Marcus Swann | La'Darian Blankon II |
| Tyrone Fields | Shane Byrd |
| Nathan Mays | Nathaniel Mays |

Honorary Pallbearers

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| Charles Ramsey | Charles Williams |
| Demetrius Hines | Barry Hare |
| Robert Swann III | Devin Swann |
| Robert Neil | Anthony Harris |

Flower Bearers

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| Dash | Asayleus |
| Ivory Byrd | Dasha |

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern, prayers, and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement.
 May God Bless and Keep You!
 - The family of Eric L. Smith



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In Loving
MEMORY



Eric L. Smith

June 5, 1961 - April 26, 2025

Saturday, May 3, 2025

Visitation: 2:00 PM - Funeral Service: 3:00 PM

Walker - Walnut Hills

2625 Gilbert Avenue | Cincinnati, Ohio 45206

Chris Madden, Officiating

Obituary

Eric L. Smith, Age 62. Passed on April 26, 2025 at home. Eric grew up in Walnut Hills. As a young man he traveled with his uncle Walt around the country servicing concert events. Due to his travels and his love of reading and conversing with people he became a very learned person and quite a history buff. In his adult life Eric later obtained his High School Diploma via the G.E.D program, which he was very proud of. But as many of you know, with the knowledge he had obtained through life, he should have had a PH.D. There was almost no subject that he didn't know something about. Eric was an avid Bengals fan as many of you know, even gaining the title Bengal man from some of the neighborhood kids where he lived. He could discuss any sports team's history with accuracy. Outside of his relatives, Eric was blessed to be a husband, pop's, pawpaw and brother-in-law. But one of his titles that he was most proud of was his title of Caregiver, which matched his big heart. He was such a caring and giving person. Eric had an interest in Music and loved playing his guitar, in his spare time he was always practicing or learning to play something new. With age comes reflection, contemplation and a desire to change, and with that contemplation Eric had a desire to learn more about the bible and deepen his relationship with God and engaged in a personal bible study with Jehovah's Witnesses. After completing his formal bible study he made the decision that he wanted to get baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. But an unforeseen occurrence thwarted his physical plans, but did not change his hope of a better life in the future. Eric was a very encouraging person and prayed for everyone he knew and didn't know "before we could eat dinner" says wife. 😊 In his teenage life Eric loved to skateboard, and perish the thought of asking for a turn to ride it. Nor did he like to share his popcorn with hot sauce with anyone. With age comes sharing, because he loved to share his popcorn with his chickens, but without the hot sauce.

Eric leaves behind his wife Deborah, adopted son and daughter Wallace and Anevay and granddaughter Asayleus. Sister Kathy Green and her daughters Rosiland Peters, Adrienne Green, son Montavious Green and granddaughter Annyla Green. Sister Monica Mays, her husband Nate, their sons Nathaiel and Nathan and his wife Naomi. Niece Ivory and Nephew Shane. A cousin very dear to his heart, Markia Swann, her sons Marcus and Terence and her grandkids La'Darian, Lai'la and Alayna. Along with numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and close friends.

Thank you, Big Cuz, I love you & will always appreciate the humor you brought to conversations & the amazing stories you shared - Cousin Asante'!

Big Guy, I will cherish the great memories we had growing up & will never forget the 'APPLE PIE'!! Love you always, Cousin Angela aka your childhood partner in crime.

Brother/Cuz, UR still LOVED, U W5LL BE MISSEDI! But NEVER forgotten!!! Thanks EVERYTHING you've done for me. Love Bro/Cuz Devin.

Cousin Eric & I shared many great times together. God Bless You. I love & miss you! Cousin John.

Cousin Eric, I miss you so much, You were a comedian, my confidant, a wise teacher, good listener & never judged. Always laughed & smiled, when I hugged you all the time & poked your belly, calling you RERIC. Get your rest Big E, you are truly MISSEDI & LOVED - Cousin Sonia

Hello Lil Bruh, as I'm sitting here sending my message, trying to process that you won't respond by text, but know you will in spirit, you'll never be forgotten this is not goodbye, but see you on the other side! One love Fam. Love always, your Big Brother Charles William

I will miss you Big E, thank you for all the good memories & FOR SUPPORTING ME THROUGHOUT MY WHOLE LIFE. You're the first tallest human being I EVER SEEN, LOL. When I was younger, I called you BIG SHOW. You worked at the pumpkin patch (Reading Feed Mill) me & my Grandma came every Fall, to pick out whatever Pumpkin I wanted. Words can't describe how I feel about you leaving us KIN FOLK, it's devastating we lost a good soul, I feel better knowing you're in a better place, no more pain & suffering. YOUR FREE! Love you Big Cuz, Heaven has gained a new Angel. love Lil Cuz La'Darian

Eric was my Gaudian Angel, I mean he would make sure I made it home from the Center & paid for me to attend programs at Bush Center. I loved to hear you play the GUITAR (Rock Star) He had a heart of GOLD he will truly be missed. Luv Devlin.

Eric, it was truly a great blessing to have you as my uncle, you helped me to be strong when at times I didn't think I couldn't be, & for that I THANK YOU. Love Nephew Shane

Order of Service

- Musical Prelude
- Parting View Open
- Prayer Speaker - Minister
- Scripture Speaker - Minister
- Selection Instrumental Jazz
- Acknowledgements
- Remarks After Memorial Talk by Minister
- Obituary Speaker - Minister
- Selection Instrumental Jazz
- Eulogy Minister
- Benediction Minister
- Recessional There will be a brief intermission announced by the minister before the remarks are read



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