

A *Celebration*
Of The *Life* Of...

Rommel
K E I T H
SMITH, SR.

FEBRUARY 14, 1955 — APRIL 24, 2025

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2025
VISITATION: 1:00PM SERVICE: 2:00PM
THE CHAPEL OF PEACE, EAST
5456 E. LIVINGSTON AVE.,
COLUMBUS, OH 43232

Pallbearers
Family and Friends

Flowerbearers
Family and Friends

Requiem

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

Acknowledgements

The family of Rommel K. Smith, Sr. wishes to extend our deepest appreciation for the many acts of love, kindness, and support shown during this time of bereavement. Your thoughtfulness has been a great comfort to us, and we are truly grateful.



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Obituary

“PaPa”

February 14, 1955 – April 24, 2025

Rommel K. Smith, Sr., affectionately known as “PaPa,” was born on February 14, 1955, in Toledo, Ohio, to Robert Williams Smith, Sr., and Marie Knox Smith Sanders. He graduated with the Class of 1974 from Emmerich Manual High School in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Rommel later relocated to Columbus, Ohio, where he attended DeVry University, majoring in Electrical Design Studies. He enjoyed a long and successful career as an electrical designer, retiring from Ametek Solid State Controls after more than 40 years of dedicated service.

In addition to his work in engineering, Rommel had a thriving career in real estate. He was a proud member of the Board of Realtors for over 25 years, leaving a mark of professionalism and service in that field.

Rommel was a devoted member of the Seventh-day Adventist faith. He was baptized on December 31, 2019, and worshipped at Advent Hope International SDA Church in Mount Vernon, Ohio.

Rommel was the life of every gathering. He deeply cherished time with family and friends. An avid traveler and passionate cook, he loved sharing good food and laughter. He also possessed a special talent for woodworking—a skill passed down from his father.

On Thursday, April 24, 2025, Rommel peacefully departed this life at the age of 70. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert W. Smith, Sr., and Marie Knox Smith Sanders; his beloved son, Rommel Keith Bush; and his siblings Junie, Trina, and Eric.

He leaves to cherish his memory and celebrate his life: his devoted wife, Dyanne L. Smith; grandsons Rommel III and Romeo; sisters Wonda Smith, Chyerle Leach, and Cathy Newell; brother Dean Smith (Jodi); stepmother Diana Burke Smith; step sons Steven Durand Stewart Jr, Aaron Michael Stewart and a host of loving family and friends.



Miss Me, But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room.
Miss me a little—but not for long—
And not with your head bowed low.

Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me, but let me go.
For this is a journey we all must take
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the Master's plan.

When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know.
Bury your sorrows in doing good deeds.
Miss me, but let me go.



Order Of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE
“What a friend we have in Jesus”
Ezra Bufford

SCRIPTURE READING
Minister/Elder
Old Testament – PS 23; Is 41:10
New Testament- Thess 4:13-18

PRAYER
Clergy

SELECTION
“His eye is on the sparrow”

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
CONDOLENCES
friends & family

REMARKS
Please limit 1-2 minutes

READING OBITUARY
Silently
“What a friend we have in Jesus”
Ezra Bufford

SELECTION
Yes: by Shekinlah

THE EULOGY
Steven D. Stewart Jr.

COMMITTAL
Steven D. Stewart Jr.