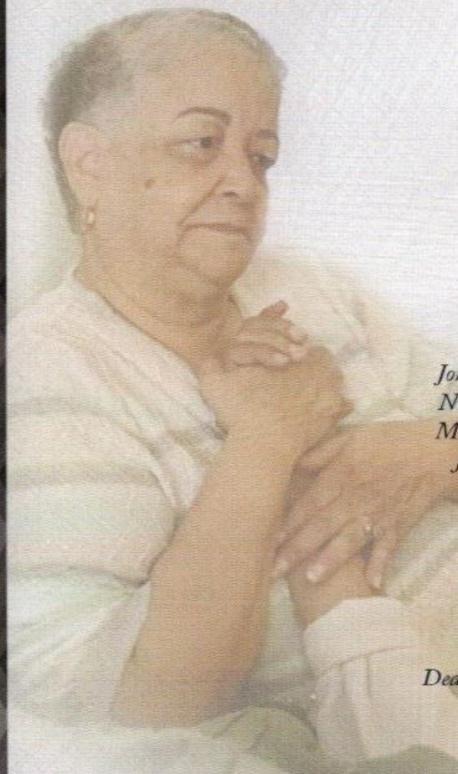


A LOVING TRIBUTE TO

James T. "Scoogie" Smith

SUNRISE
DECEMBER 18, 1945

SUNSET
JULY 10, 2024



HOMEGOING SERVICE

Friday, July 19, 2024
8:00 AM Viewing
11:00 AM Service

SERVICE LOCATION

Coatesville Intermediate High School
8/9 Center Gymnasium
1445 East Lincoln Highway
Coatesville, Pennsylvania

PALLBEARERS

John Blup Ben	Mark Bailey
Nick Andrews	Aaron Andrews
Matt Andrews	David Brickhouse
Joe Mohley	Lance Mobley

Pastor Roland "Duff" Holmes, Jr.

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Thomas D. Lambert, Sr.
Rev. Steve Crutchfield
Hon. Harry Lewis, Jr.
Deacons of the First Baptist Church of Passtown
Men's Bible Study Group
Men's Fellowship Choir
Men's Final Four Group

FLOWER GIRLS

Step Granddaughters	Nieces	Cousins
DaVida Fields	Ethel Johnson Dickerson and friends	Jiana Crutchfield

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of James T. "Scoogie" Smith are grateful and express our deepest appreciation for the many prayers, telephone calls, comforting messages, written condolences, and all other acts of kindness during our time of bereavement. We thank you for your love, friendship, and support. We want to send a special thanks to JaNaya Jackson-Butler and CheyAnne Costello for their special care given to Poppie. May God bless each of you.

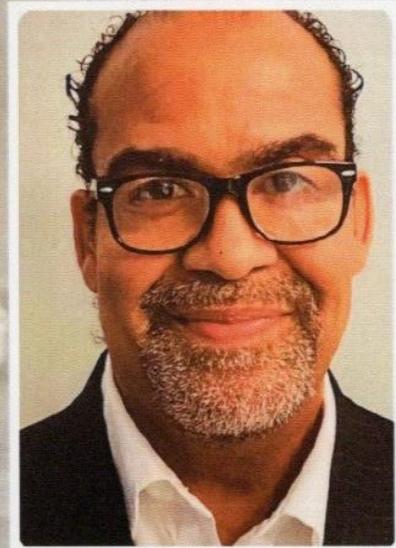
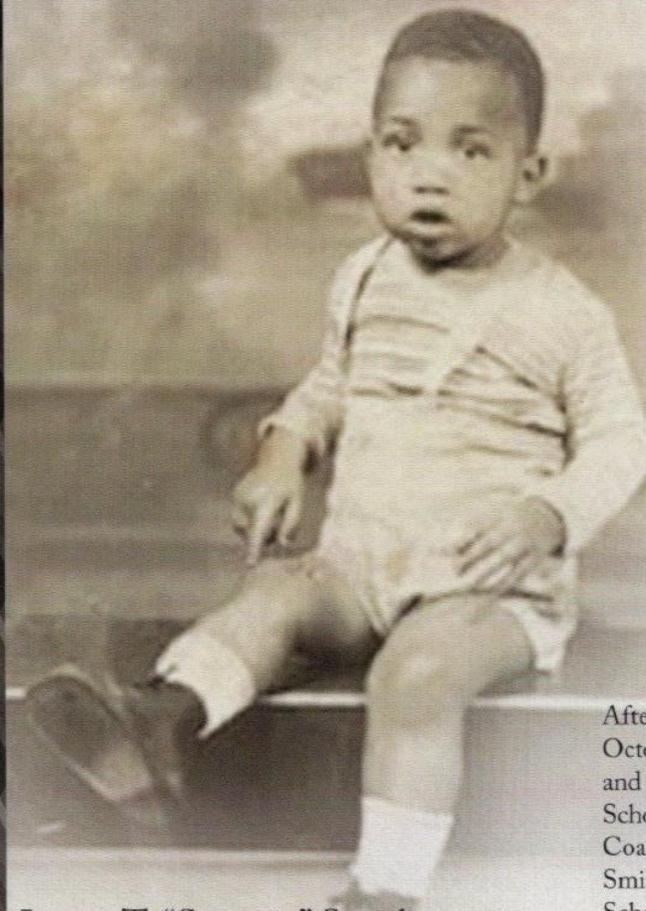
In lieu of flowers, please send donations to:

Alzheimer's/Dementia Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave, Fl 17, Chicago, IL 60601 (www.alz.org)
and

Kidney Foundation, 30 East 33rd St, New York, NY 10016 (www.kidney.org)

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James T. "Scoogie" Smith, 78 years young, of Coatesville, Pennsylvania passed from this earthly life into his eternal life on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at Pocopson Nursing Home, West Chester, Pennsylvania. Scoogie was born on December 18, 1945, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to the proud parents Mr. James C. Smith and Mrs. Blanche O. Smith, fondly known as "Mrs. Marvelous", both of whom preceded him in death as well as one son, Dwayne A. Smith, and 2 step great-grandchildren, Morgan Mitchell and London Mitchell.

A graduate of S. Horace Scott Sr. High School (1964), Smith earned his Bachelor of Science Degree from Maryland State College in 1968, majoring in Health, Physical Education, and Recreation with a minor in Biology. He furthered his education with a Master of Science Education Degree from Neumann College in 2005.

After graduation, he became an educator in the Octorara School District. He coached 9th grade JV and Varsity basketball teams at Devon Preparatory School from 1975 to 1982. In 1982, he returned to Coatesville as the head girls basketball coach. Coach Smith then assisted with the Coatesville High School's boys team from 1985 to 1993 and became the interim head coach for the 1989-1990 season. His team won a Ches-Mont championship with an 18-8 record. Coach Smith also was an assistant to head coach Ross Kershey from 1993-1995 seasons. After he was named the head coach in 1995, he led his Coatesville teams to eight consecutive league championships, two district crowns in 2000 and 2001, and one eastern regional championship. Coach James T. "Scoogie" Smith's Coatesville High team went on to win the PIAA quarterfinals a state basketball championship in 2001, the first in the school's history. Coach mentored and had many successful athletes during his tenure at Coatesville, coaching two All-Americans, Richard "Rip" Hamilton (Detroit Pistons) and John "Tootie" Allen, also Darrell Lewis and Mark Sweet, who all played professionally overseas and Jake Royal who played and toured with the Washington Generals (Harlem Globetrotters).



During his coaching career, he was named the Daily Local News Coach of Year 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003 and 2012. His overall coaching record was 294 - 148. "Scoogie" recorded his 300th win and guided the Raiders to the semi-final playoffs for the first time since 2003. "Scoogie" retired June 9, 2010 from teaching and coaching, then returned to substitute teaching.

In recognition of his remarkable contributions to sports and education, Coach Smith was inducted into the Coatesville Area High School Sports Hall of Fame in 2006 and the Chester County Sports Hall of Fame in 2017.

A pillar of his community, Coach Smith was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church of Passtown, serving as a Deacon and participating in various church groups, including the Men's Fellowship Choir, the Male Ushers, attended Sunday School, and Bible study.



Coach Scoogie Smith's impact on the lives he touched, both on and off the court, will be remembered and cherished by all who knew him. His legacy of excellence, compassion, generosity, and unwavering commitment to his wife, family, students, and players will continue to inspire future generations.

He was a devoted family man. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife of 30 years (July 9, 1994), Louise Lambert Smith, Dr. Judith Lee Smith, daughter-in-law of Atlanta, GA, stepsons: Robert J. Jackson of Fort Worth, TX and Jarrett A. Jackson of Coatesville, PA; five step-grandchildren: Ebonie Jackson of Fort Worth, TX; Tarren Flowers of Fayetteville, NC; Tierra Flowers of Raeford, NC; Robert Jackson, II (Kimberly) of Fort Worth, TX, and Ja'Nya Jackson-Butler of Coatesville, PA, and seven step-great-grandchildren: Jonathan Mitchell, Tailor Mitchell, Victoria Banks and Madison Banks all of Fort Worth, TX, CheyAnne Costello of Fayetteville, NC, Journi Flowers of Raeford, NC, and Melani-Reign Jackson of Fort Worth, TX. God-Child: ReSha' Lynn Washington of Coatesville, PA. Terre Smith-Lewis of Leola, PA, a special cousin/sister; David Brickhouse of San Bernardino, CA; a special friend/brother, sister-in-law, Joyce Taylor (Richard), of Matawan, NJ; brother-in-law, Thomas D. Lambert, Sr. (Lillian), of West Chester, PA, and a host of other cousins and other friends.

His family mourns his passing and celebrates his life of faith, family, service, and love.

Sorrowfully Submitted,
The Family

Order of Service

Rev. Steve Crutchfield, Officiant
 Rev. Dr. Michael C. Harris, Eulogist
 First Baptist Church of Passtown

- Music Prelude *Roberta Scott*
 Processional *Clergy & Family*
 Final Viewing
 Opening Hymn *"Oh I Want To See Him"*

*As I journey through the land, singing as I go,
 Pointing souls to Calvary—to the crimson flow,
 Many arrows pierce my soul from without, within;
 But my Lord leads me on, through Him I must win.*

Chorus

*Oh, I want to see Him, look upon His face,
 There to sing forever of His saving grace;
 On the streets of glory let me lift my voice,
 Cares all past, home at last, ever to rejoice.*

*When in service for my Lord dark may be the night,
 But I'll cling more close to Him, He will give me light;
 Satan's snares may vex my soul, turn my thoughts aside;
 But my Lord goes ahead, leads whate'er betide.*

Prayer of Comfort *Rev. Steven Deveaux*
First Baptist Church of Port Deposit Maryland

Scripture Readings *Rev. Dr. Wilbur Whitehurst*
First Baptist Church of Passtown

Old Testament— Prov. 3:5-6

New Testament— John 3:16

Reading of Resolutions & Cards *Alice Lewis Eggleston*

Musical Selection

"Wings of a Dove"..... Men's Fellowship Choir
First Baptist Church of Passtown

Reflections Part 1 (3 minutes each maximum)

Representing Smith Family..... Carl Smith, Sr.
Cousins (Cruse family) Jeffery Cruse
Lewis/Brown Families Harry Lewis, Jr.
Step grandchildren/Step great-grandchildren.. Jonathan Wesley Mitchell
Friend/Coaches..... Eric Anderson
Men's Final Four Group..... Earl "Soup" Johnson



- Men's Bible Study Group *Walt Reed*
 Solo *Deacon Joseph Lewis*
 Reflections Part 2 (3 minutes each maximum):
First Baptist Church of Passtown. Deacon Butch Andrews
Pastor Roland "Duff" Holmes, Jr. First Calvary C.O.G.I.C.
Pastor G. Steven Lewis. Souls for the Kingdom Fellowship
 Words of Comfort *Rev. Steve Crutchfield*

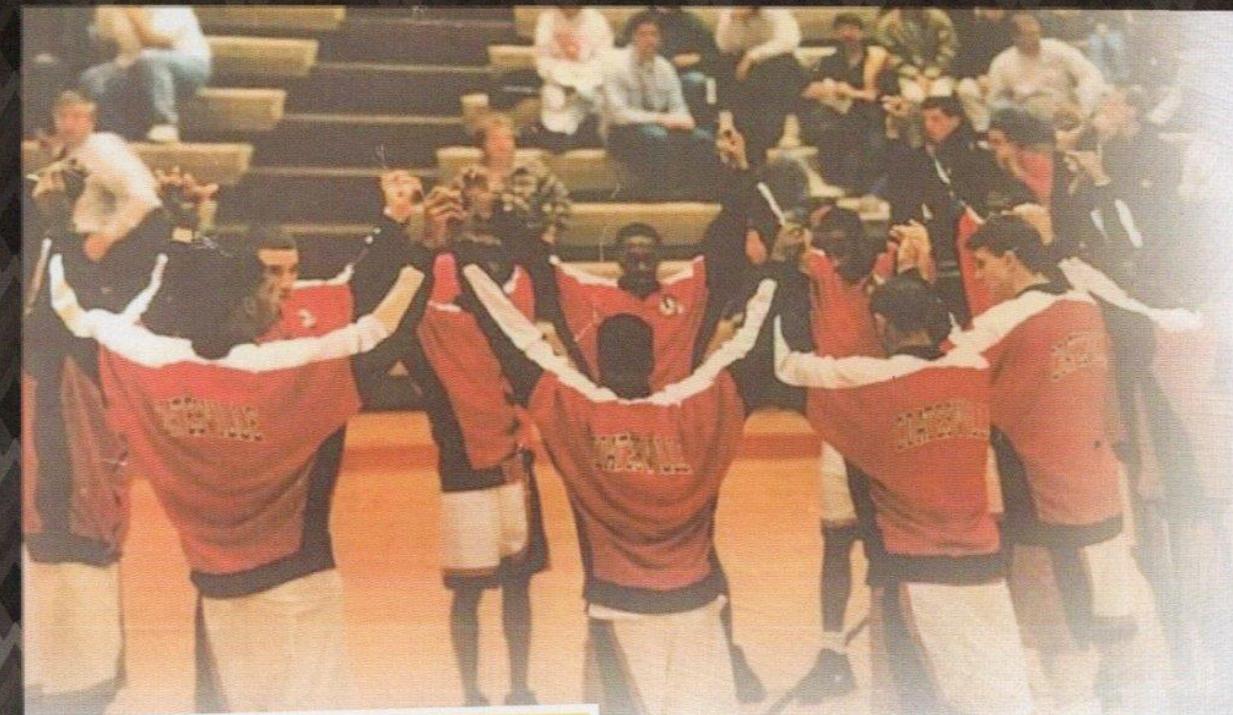
The Obituary

(Read Silently)

- Musical Selection *Mobley Family*
 Eulogy *Rev. Dr. Michael C. Harris*
Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Passtown
 Tribute *Wright Funeral Home*
 Recessional Directives *Ventnor T. Wright*
 Recessional
"My Tribute"..... Mens' Fellowship Choir
First Baptist Church of Passtown

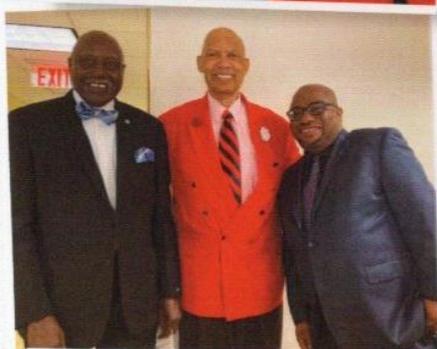
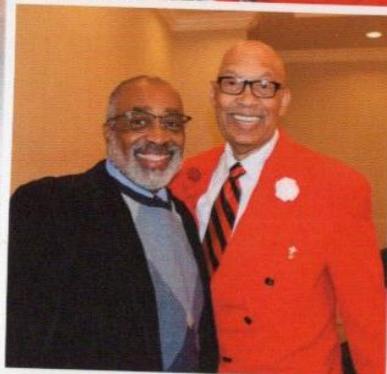
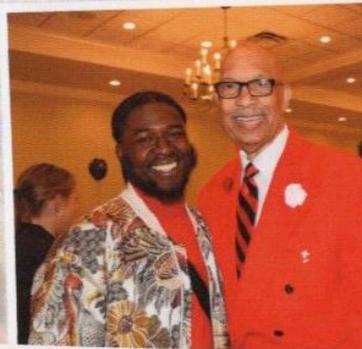
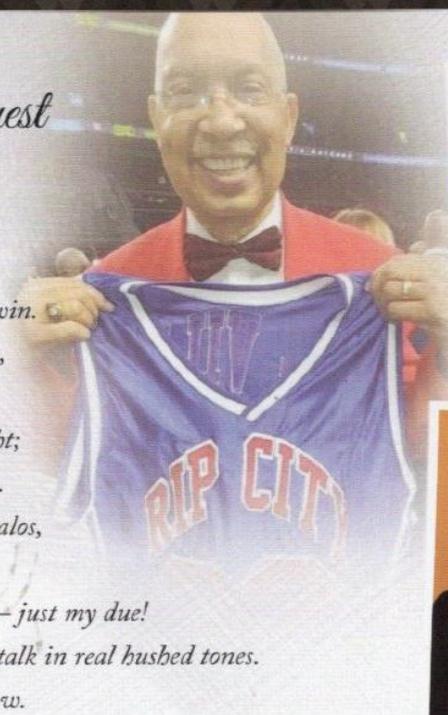
Committal Service & Interment

New Evergreen Cemetery
208 Cemetery Lane
Coatesville, Pennsylvania



My Last Request

*Please don't say that I gave up.
 Just say that I gave in.
 Don't say that I lost the battle,
 for it was God's war to lose or win.
 Please don't say how good I was,
 but say I did my best.
 Just say I tried to do what's right;
 to give the most I could, not less.
 Please don't give me wings or halos,
 that's for God to do.
 I want no more than I deserve – just my due!
 Please don't give me flowers or talk in real hushed tones.
 Don't be concerned about me now.
 I'm well with God, I've made it home.
 Don't talk about my illness, it's over and it's done.
 Just see to all my family's need, especially the little ones.
 When you draw a picture of me, don't draw me as a saint.
 I've done some good, I've done some wrong so use all your paint.
 Not just the bright and light tones, use some gray and dark.
 In fact, don't put me down on canvas, paint me in your heart.
 Don't just remember the good times,
 but also remember the bad, for life is full of many things,
 some happy and some sad...
 But if you must do something, then I have on request.
 Forgive me for the wrong I've done,
 and with the love that's left.
 Thank God for my soul's resting.
 Thank God for I've been blessed.
 Thank God for all who love me.
 Praise God who loves me BEST!*



S Stature and smile are the first things you notice about this godly man
C Courageous caring and kind at all time
O Outstanding and openly friendly to everyone and anyone that crossed his path throughout his life
O Outrageously funny and happy go lucky man
G Godly way of befriending everyone that came into his life
I Important for him to share the word of God with anyone and everyone
E Excellent friend always

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