

Repast

House of Hope
930 Findlay Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45214

Dear Daddy in Heaven

There isn't a day that goes by where I don't feel the empty space you left behind. Some days the pain hits me out of nowhere, like a wave that knocks the breath out of my chest.....because I still can't believe you're really gone. I miss your voice, your laugh, your protection...the way you made everything feel safe just by being here, I wasn't ready to say goodbye yet, how do I even begin to live without you.

I hope you can hear me when I talk to you in the quiet moments. I hope you see me trying, even when I feel so broken. Losing you has changed me in ways I'm still trying to understand We needed more time, who's going to protect me now, who's going to walk me down the aisle the day I take that to get married? We still had so many things to do! Daddy why did you have to leave me alone in this crazy world: I'm trying so hard to be strong the way you always taught me to be, but daddy, I feel so weak I feel so broken. When I had no one else to talk to, I knew you were on call away. Rather I was right or wrong, you had my back.

I know you are watching over me, I hope your proud. I hope you know how much I love you, how much I still need you, and how deeply my heart aches for you. I will carry you in every step I take. I look for signs of you everywhere-in the sky, in the wind, in those moments when I feel a warmth that doesn't make sense. This world feels different without you, but I'm holding on to your love to make it through. Forever your baby.... I love you beyond life.

Love Big Bird

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You! Thanks to Dante Payne, Lonnell Wright and others. Your at the funeral brought us comfort when we needed it most. Thank you for standing with us in our grief.



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Celebrating the Life of



Juan Cornelius Smith

January 2, 1975 - November 7, 2025

Saturday, December 6, 2025

Visitation: 10:00 am

Funeral Service: 11:00 am

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2625 Gilbert Avenue

Cincinnati, Ohio 45206

Minister Michael Wright, Officiating

Obituary

Juan C. Smith born January 2, 1975, to the late Leroy Chico Smith and Patricia Carlena Henderson (Peoples). He was called to glory on November 7, 2025. Juan graduated from Cape High School in 1993. Juan played all sports during his time in high school, with baseball being his favorite. Preceding Juan in death was his father Leroy C. Smith and his mother Patricia C. Henderson, his grandmother Zola Mae McKinney and his brother Eugene Smith.

We are deeply saddened to share the passing of our beloved father, who left us with a lifetime of love, strength, memories, and his forever protection. He was a man who found joy in the simple things -early mornings fishing, cheering on his favorite sports teams, and spending time with his family. Nothing meant more to him than his kids and grandkids, who were truly the light of his life. This year has been especially hard, as he reunites in heave with his mother whom, he loved dearly. Knowing they are together again brings us a small measure of peace.

He will be remembered for his big heart, his love of the outdoors, and the way he always showed up for the people he loved, and his famous line "Check Dig". Juan was known to be a part of the "Peace Boys" with his best friends, well more like brother Greg (P-Body), Chris (Holyfield), and Steve (Griff) Griffin. The bond between them was never in question, and until the day or dad left they loved and cherished one another. Juan was the life of the party, and everyone around him felt the aura he gave off. Always having a smile on his face, always laughed and cracking jokes. His presence will be missed beyond words, but the spirit will live through his family and all who knew him.

He leaves to cherish his memories of his five children Sydney, Cortney, Juaneisha, Jamelle, and Jerriah. His thirteen grandchildren Daylen, Damari, Armoni, Aaliyah, Amari, Adrian, Alora, Amir, Ashanti, Aryon, Ashiyah Rilynn, and Carlie. His siblings include Montee, Alexander, Angelia, Tonya, Antonio, Meeco, and a host of others. Also, he leaves uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, and friends who will sadly miss him.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Parting View Minister Michael Wright

Prayer Dec. William Lawrence

Scripture Dec. William Lawrence

Selection Cheryl Hammond

Acknowledgements Daughters

Remarks Friends & Family

Obituary Silent Reading

Selection Cheryl Hammond

Eulogy Minister Michael Wright

Benediction Minister Michael Wright

Recessional Clergy, Family & Friends

Pallbearers

Gregory Conwell	Chris Whitfield
Antonio Stanley	Antonio Finch
Meeco Thompson	Johnathan Burger
Lonnell Wright	Steve Griffin

Honorary Pallbearers

Montee Johnson	Kevin Booker
Jamell Kelley	Phillip Moore
Dante Payne	Ronald Cason

Place of Rest

Landmark Memorial Gardens
1600 Glendale Milford Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45215