

*Nathan*  
EDWARD SMITH

MAY 11, 1980 - APRIL 4, 2026

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2026  
11:00 A.M.

GIDDENS MEMORIAL CHAPEL – FAMILY LIFE CENTER  
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# REMEMBERING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF *Nathan* EDWARD SMITH

Nathan was born on May 11, 1980, in Las Vegas, Nevada, to Sally Smith and Brandon Smith. He attended Mabel Hoggard Elementary, Paul Culley Elementary, Garside Junior High, and Western High School. He later went on to earn his bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Phoenix.

Nathan had a deep love for sports and was a devoted fan of the Dallas Cowboys. During his younger years, he played offensive line on the junior varsity team for two years. His passion for sports carried into fatherhood, where he proudly introduced his sons to football and even coached their teams.

Family meant everything to Nathan. As the oldest son, he naturally took on the role of protector and guide to his siblings, Darnell ("Poppa") and Chrissina ("Pooh") Taylor—always looking out for others and, as many would say, "parenting someone" with love and humor. He was the best father he knew how to be, and as his six children grew older, their bond evolved into true friendship. He cherished the time spent with them, often enjoying their company and creating lasting memories.

Nathan later met the love of his life, Tanya Smith. The two were married in Las Vegas, Nevada, before relocating to El Paso, Texas, where they continued building their life together.

Nathan leaves behind a lasting legacy through his loving wife, Tanya Smith; his children Alicia Montez, Aaliyah Montez (who precedes him in death), Andrew Zamar, Aaron Montez, Antonio Montez, and Ashanti Morris-Smith; and his cherished grandchildren Zayna Salazar, Jayce Mecham, Zariyah Salazar, Eliana Montez, and Andrew Zamar II.

He is also survived by his parents, Sally Smith and Brandon Smith; his siblings: Darnell Smith, Chrissina Smith, and Taylor Smith; his niece and nephew Tareielle and Trystyn; his grandparents Barbara Butler, Marion Butler (who precedes him in death) Cecil Howard, and Tomiko Howard; his aunts and uncles Yoko and Jean Gatineau, Roderick and Sheila Baston, and James and Marta Colbath; along with a host of relatives and dear friends.



A portrait of Nathan Edward Smith, a man with a goatee and a black baseball cap featuring a red bull logo. He is wearing a black t-shirt and a gold chain, and is holding a black mobile phone to his ear. The background is a blurred indoor setting with warm lighting.

CELEBRATING  
THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF

*Nathan*  
EDWARD SMITH

OPENING

Pastor TraShawn Brown

SCRIPTURE READING

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PRAYER OF COMFORT

Alicia Montez

MUSIC SELECTION

“Forever Young”

Jay Z ft. Mr. Hudson

OBITUARY READING

Antonio Montez

MEMORIAL VIDEO

Giddens Memorial Chapel

EXPRESSIONS

(Two Minutes Please)

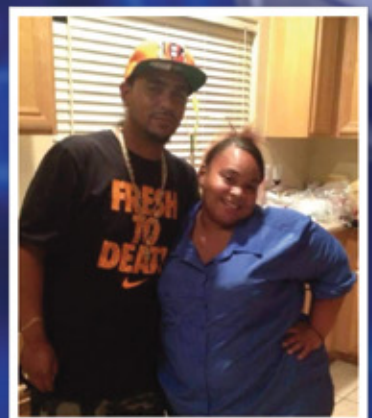
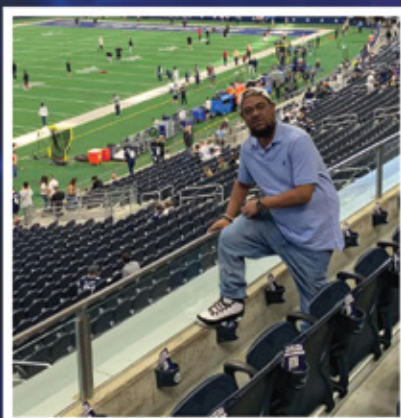
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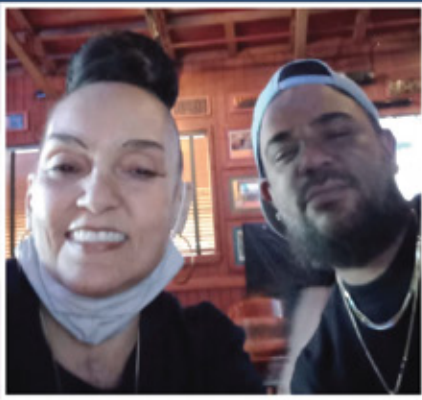
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Pastor TraShawn Brown

CLOSING

Clergy & Family





# HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF

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To Pops Man I don't even know where to start. You never had to be there for us growing up but you chose to. You chose to be our dad when you didn't have to. And in return you changed our lives forever. If it weren't for you, we would've grown up without a father presence in our life and I would tell you how much I appreciated you for taking us in as your own. Growing up you were the first person I ever wanted to be like. I had no older brothers to want to be like, I just wanted to be like you. Always tryna wear your shoes and your hats. The relationship we had people wouldn't understand. I'm goin to miss our calls and texts and us jus talking bout whatever. I'm going to miss coming to you about something and knowing you won't judge me. Was my guy even when things were rocky. I probably would've never got the chance to play college football or football in general if it weren't for you. You don't know how this has left me feeling. You've impacted my life forever. Im forever proud to be your son. Love you Pops, forever.

-Andrew

To my pops I don't even know where to start, from your kids being little kids to see all your kids grow, I'm so blessed to have a pops like u in my life that always guided me in the right direction, U always wanted the best for me and everyone around you, you always told me you were so proud of me and the man I became that's all I ever wanted to do was make u and mama proud, I'm really lost for words really knowing that I won't be able to make more memories or talk to you or even just watch another cowboys game together, U are the reason I am cowboys fan I was just like u when it came to sports nobody knew it like us, there's so much more things I wish I could have done in my life with u, I love you sm pops I'm not the man I am without u pops, I just wish I could have another conversation with u for hours about life because nobody gives me those talks and advices likes my pops, When it came to the jokes and just having people smiling and laughing my pops was the one that would put the smiles and laughter on faces, my pops was the funniest man I have ever been around i can tell his stories for hours and hours it's like they're all stuck in my head just hearing his laugh, my pops brought so much happiness and love into this family, pops we love you all so much you were the best father a son could ever ask for in life I just hope you know that u made us all proud pops, not only were u an amazing dad but u were also the best cool pops to your grandkids, You loved them like they were yours seeing you with them always made me smile and happy u always had a nickname for every grandkid, anytime that I had seen you pops you were just so happy to see your kids, I miss being little to where u used to take me and my brothers to practice and u would be my coach and u would get on my ass for any little thing I did wrong, but u always wanted the best for me u always believed in me I wish we had more time together, but god had other plans, you can rest in peace pops, and I just hope your son is down here making you proud, until next time pops I love you and give Aaliyah a kiss and hug for me up there ,rip my pops, my dawg, my best friend, I love you dad

-Your son, Aaron

A letter to my pops I love you pops you know you my dog a Stand up man, a real man. You taught me how to conduct myself as a man, you always instilled in us that we could do whatever or be whatever. Always telling us you want us to be better than you were, To me you were an amazing person you taught me to step and hold my people close not when times are tough but to hold them close everyday. I wish I could wake up and talk about the cowboys, our conspiracy theories, or just hear you laugh again. You are always my glue my dog my guy for real I appreciate and love you more than you could know

-Love, Your son ,Antonio

My father was a great man even when we would fight or even argue he was always there for me either when I was in my darkest moments I can call him tell him about it and he'd give me advice and just be there to listen I miss those moments more than anything.

- Ashanti

### A POEM FOR POPS

There are no words to express  
What you meant to me  
And for being the dad you did not have to be  
A beautiful person  
With a wonderful heart  
And I miss you so much  
Since we had to part  
I'll treasure the memories  
And I'll not feel sad  
Because I was so lucky  
To have a dope dad.  
Forever in my heart,  
Alicia

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Family of Nathan Edward Smith would like to express their sincere appreciation, gratitude for all prayers and acts of kindness they received during this very difficult time.

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent those beautiful flowers, that we saw sitting there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, that any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all, and just thought of us that day.

Please know no matter what you did, we hold you in our hearts.

Our family wishes to thank you all, for each and every part.



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