



Mr. Duane Lou Allen Smith

December 22, 1952 - July 28, 2020

Duane Lou Allen Smith entered this world on December 22, 1952, in his parent's home in Vivian, West Virginia. He transitioned to go home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, July 28, 2020, at his family home at 3:04 pm in Newport News, Virginia.

Duane was educated in McDowell County Public Schools. He attended Tidewater Elementary, Kimball High School, and U.H Prunty Trade School where he majored in Welding. While attending U.H. Prunty, he graduated from Welch High School.

Duane met, fell in love, and married Helena Jones. To this union two children were born, Lisa and Janet. Duane and Helena moved to Newport News, VA, where he worked at the Newport News Shipyard for 39 years and retired as a teacher and foreman.

He was divorced and later married Barbara. No children were born to this union, but being a "Man's Man", he helped her rear her children and grandchildren. Duane loved to bowl. He and Barbara traveled the country to attend Bowling Tournaments and he actually won in a few of them. He loved family and High School Reunions. Most of all, he loved God.

Duane was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Ruth Parks Smith;

three brothers, Sherman J. Smith, Sr., David O. Smith, and George E. Smith; his second wife, Barbara E. Crawley Carter Smith; and his daughter, Janet Smith.

He leaves to mourn his daughter, Lisa (Terrence) Burrell of Fishers, Indiana; four stepchildren Michael Carter, Gerald (Speedy) Carter, Felecia Carter Spivey (Tony), and Melvin Carter II, all of Newport News, VA; grandchildren Tanesha Burrell, Keyshawn Burrell, Trevon Burrell, and Tyrese Burrell all of Fishers, Indiana; Shatima Johns, Melvin Carter III, Yasmen Peartree, Quadriyan Sephas, Camren Carter, Chantz Carter, Vivica Gray, Nicky Bowyer, and Dylan Bowyer; great-grandchildren Neveah Reynolds, Melvin Carter IV, and Madyson Best; brothers Robert (Jackie) Smith and Emanuel (Alma) Smith of Dolton, IL; sisters Gloria Smith of St. John, IN, and Audramae (Ellis) Williams; brothers-in-law Roy (Mary) Braxton and Charles (Deborah) Crawley, Jr. all of Newport News, VA; and sister-in-law Annette Crawley of Newport News, VA; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Previous Events

Smith Memorial Service

AUG 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

M.E. Fisher Funeral Home
2117 Madison Avenue
Newport News, VA 23607

Tribute Wall



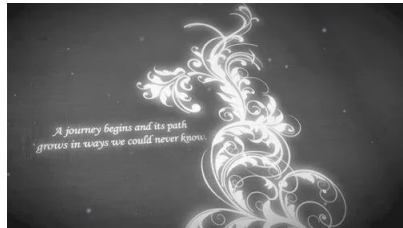
“ *M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Duane Lou Allen Smith*



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - August 05, 2020 at 10:55 AM



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M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - August 05, 2020 at 09:21 AM



“ *I met Smitty through Gerakd and Ms. Barbara. He was always nice to me. I remember before Ms. Barbara retired from NNBHC he used to drop her off and pick her up. I always thought that was very sweet. He will be missed. Teresa M. Hill Hampton VA*

Teresa Hill - August 17, 2020 at 07:57 PM



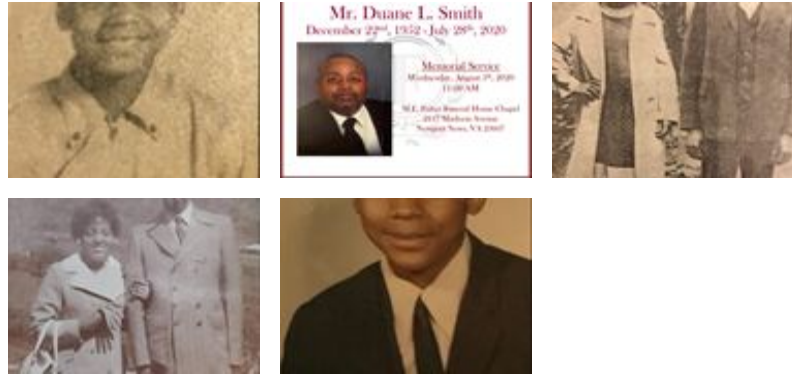
“ *The love my sister Barbara and Smitty shared was God sanctioned and unmatched. Today, they are in Paradise together forever in PEACE.*



Annette M. Crawley - August 05, 2020 at 07:44 AM



“ *57 files added to the album LifeTributes*



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - August 04, 2020 at 02:30 PM



“ *Love's Embrace Roses – White was purchased for the family of Mr. Duane Lou Allen Smith.*



August 04, 2020 at 11:07 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of Mr. Duane Lou Allen Smith.*



August 04, 2020 at 10:14 AM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Duane Lou Allen Smith.*



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“ *Duane was one of the best students in all of my teaching career. He was more than a student he was like a son. He got more than an education from me even after he finished school he still came to me for advice and I was always there for him. He was a fine young man and was the same all the time. Even when he moved away he always looked me up when he came back home for a visit. Rest In Peace dear friend.*

curtis Johnson - August 02, 2020 at 09:03 PM

SJ

“ Granddaddy, you were so much more than a grandfather to me. You were my FATHER! You took care of me, Dj, and Yasmen! I feel truly blessed and honored to have had a wonderful loving man like you as my granddad. Words can not express how much you meant to me and my family. We miss you so much, especially your Alarm Clock. That was your heart and you were hers. Knowing that you are with grandma makes this a little easier. I know you two are looking down on us. We are gonna make you proud!



Your Daughter,
Shatima

Shatima Johns - August 02, 2020 at 04:25 PM

LP

“ The AAHGS Piedmont/Triad Chapter extends to Audramae Lyles-Williams & Allen family our sincere condolences and sympathy.

Laurann Pierce - August 01, 2020 at 11:27 AM

RY

“ Mr Duane your kindness and fish frying will never be matched!!! Thank you for the gift of love that you and all of your siblings have shown to my family, especially my daughter over the years! Rest easy, I got Audramae! ❤️❤️❤️

Regina Young - July 30, 2020 at 06:47 AM

BS

Every time I think of you uncle I smile come over my face Like it is now knowing that you are at rest in Jesus loving arms until we see each other again in our heavenly eternal home may peace be with the rest of the Smith family endless love always Brian and Cheryl smith

Brian and Cheryl Smith - July 31, 2020 at 02:27 PM

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“ Rest easy Smitty, the troubles of this world are behind you. Blessings and prayers to my family .



Annette - July 29, 2020 at 06:08 AM