



David "Rudolph" Smith

December 25, 1947 - November 1, 2019

David Rudolph Smith was born on Thursday, December 25, 1947 in the farming community of Nakina, North Carolina. He was the youngest of nine children born to the late Mr. Johnny Smith and Mrs. Rachel Ann Piggott Smith. He was educated in Columbus County (NC) Schools.

As a young adult Rudy relocated to New Haven, Connecticut where he was employed for many years at U.S. Repeating Arms.

Being the surviving uncle in a large family Rudy was a "Patriarch" well loved by his children, grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews from ages seventy-years old to seven-months-old. "Uncle Rudy", as he was affectionately called by the family, will be remembered for his great sense of humor, his impeccable fashion and his big heart filled with love.

Rudy leaves to cherish his memory a special friend, Patricia Toons of New Haven, CT, a daughter, Gwendolyn Jones, a son David Jones Sr. (Delores) all of Hamden, CT; 3 granddaughters Courtney & Shakeita Jones of New Haven, CT and Davida Jones of Hamden, CT, 5 grandsons Miguel Lewis, David Jones, Jr , Kevin Burgess, Jr and Dylon Jones all of Hamden, CT and Trevon Lewis of New Haven, CT as well as 5 great grandchildren, Ke'Andre and Quran Copeland, Dy'moun Talbert, Skai Roberts and Ja'Vai Reddick. He is also survived by a sister, Mother Rachel Bellamy (Willie) of West Haven, CT;

Two sisters-in-law, Louise Smith of Whiteville, NC and Alice Smith of Hamden, CT; and a host nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

In addition to his parents, Brother Smith was preceded in death by two sisters, Dessie Lee Smith, and Della Jane Smith; and four brothers, Joseph Smith, Norwood Smith, Norman Smith, Otis, Smith, and Frank Smith.

Cemetery Details

Beaverdale Memorial Park

90 Pine Rock Avenue
New Haven, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hours

NOV 8. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Union Temple Baptist Church
54 Platt Street
New Haven, CT 06511

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *David "Rudolph" Smith*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *Evadale Daniels-Smith lit a candle in memory of David "Rudolph" Smith*



Evadale Daniels-Smith - November 26, 2019 at 04:58 AM



“ *My Friend Bro David I will truly miss you come church early outside we talk was Blessing to know you. We knew each other from Newhall st love you always*

Catherine Brantley - November 07, 2019 at 05:02 PM



“ *You will be missed greatly but your spirit will live on in all the lives impacted by your wonderful soul! Longlivepops*



Kayla Kelly - November 07, 2019 at 04:38 PM

PC

“Gwen and David I am so sorry for the loss of your father. He was a very nice man! Praying that God comforts you and your family. Give you all the strength to get through this difficult time!! Love you always Pat Council

Patricia Council - November 07, 2019 at 01:02 PM

DG

“We praise God for Bro. David Smith. For several years Bro. “Rudolph” faithfully sat on the fourth row at UT. Always dressed “to the 9’s”, always greeting others with a smile. You could sense his genuineness. I’m grateful to have been in his presence. My condolences to Patricia, David, Jr, Gwen, Mother Bellamy and the entire Smith family

Dorthula “Dottie” Green - November 07, 2019 at 08:07 AM

PE

Mr.David a very polite and friendly man who kept a smile on his face. I’ll miss seeing your smiley face as We often greeted one another while you and Ms.Patricia sat on your front porch enjoying the weather. I enjoyed listen to your old school music playing from your car and saving your parking spot in front of your house making sure you didn’t have to walk far. Our knowing each other was short but sweet! You’re in a better place! 🙏 Praying for the family 🙏 RIP Mr.David! Your Neighbor across the street!

Pauline Evans - November 08, 2019 at 11:19 AM

LB

Our Smith family, our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time...in the loss of our childhood neighbor, Rudolph. We know that you will miss "Rudolph", but we can stand on God's promise, "to be absent from the body, is to be present with the Lord"! Mother Rachel Bellamy and the Smith family, please know that we are here for you. Respectfully,
Lee and Evelyn Booker & Family

Lee and Evelyn Booker - November 08, 2019 at 05:49 PM

PD

“ Patricia A. DeWitt lit a candle in memory of David "Rudolph" Smith



Patricia A. DeWitt - November 06, 2019 at 10:07 PM

FE

“ Cont...
Those cheeks. Will never be forgotten.

Felecia - November 05, 2019 at 06:29 PM

FE

“ POPS YOU WILL BE MISSED!
I would like to send my heartfelt condolences to David, Gwen, and the ENTIRE family. May God continue to comfort and strengthen you ALL at this difficult time of lost. He was a very kind, loving, caring, man, who showed L❤️️🙌️ E to EVERYONE, and always had something nice and sweet to say. A smile so radiant that would brighten any room he entered. Thank you for all you've done for my family. MAY YOU R🙏️ P!!!



Felecia - November 05, 2019 at 06:25 PM