



## Mr. Richard Donnell Smith

March 27, 1977 - September 25, 2020

WINGATE/UTICA - Mr. Richard Donnell "Rich" Smith, age 43, passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, September 25, 2020.

Born in Utica on March 27, 1977, Richard was the son of the late Gail (Cookie) Smith and late Cornelius McCracken. For a period of time he resided in Wingate, South Carolina, and subsequently attended Utica schools.

Currently, Rich was employed by O.W. Hubbell & Sons, Inc. in Yorkville. He held a position of forklift operator and was admired by those he worked with for his strong work ethic. By nature, he was a quiet guy, but when he was around family and friends, his lighthearted personality shined through and his smile lit up a room. His music had to be loud, and the lyrics were recorded to memory. At gatherings with his family, he enjoyed grilled barbecues, laughter, and talkin' junk. He knew the sense and security of family, and the love he felt was awesome. Rich had a deep love for his mom, and after her passing he lived a more private life. He kept his social circle small, but he had a host of friends with the love brotherhood.

Richard is survived by his daughters, Jyda Lekeise, Valentina Smith; son, Zymiar Smith; sisters Anne McCracken, Jessica McCracken, Sandra McCracken, brother James McCracken uncles and aunts, Charles (Jane) Smith, Howard (Patricia) Smith, Loretta Smith, Eddie Roy Smith. He was predeceased by his grandparents, Ola Mae (Anderson), and James Smith, Sr. and uncle, James Smith, Jr.

The family extends sincere thanks to Richard's employer and work family, his

friends, and the love of his family that helped everyone through this difficult and trying time.

Visitation will be held Friday from 10:00 – 12:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Richard's Home Going service and Celebration of Life will commence on Friday at 12:00 at the funeral home immediately upon the conclusion of visitation. Interment will follow in New Forest Cemetery.

Please take a moment to connect with Rich's family through the “Memories” section of his obituary.

Our prayers go out to all as a sign of our continued support.

# Cemetery Details

## New Forest Cemetery

2001 Oneida Street  
Utica, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 9. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 724-6714  
eannacefh@roadrunner.com

## Celebration of Life

OCT 9. 12:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 724-6714  
eannacefh@roadrunner.com

# Tribute Wall

RJ

“ *My deepest sympathy...*

*Always In His Grace,  
Rev. Cornelia Jackson-Brown*



---

**Rev. Cornelia Jackson-Brown** - October 24, 2020 at 12:41 AM

JH

“ *Jeremy Hayes lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Richard Donnell Smith*



---

**Jeremy Hayes** - October 22, 2020 at 04:48 PM

JP

“ *Your Family Is In Our Thoughts And Prayers RIP* 🤍🙏🤍  
*Prince, Workman & Jackson Family*

---

**Jackson, Workman & Prince** - October 07, 2020 at 11:17 AM

RD

“ *My condolences to the Smith family. Richard had a beautiful smile  
and laugh. I remembered him as a child. Rest in peace Richard and  
take your rest. We all 🤍 you but God loved you best.*

---

**Rachael Davis** - October 06, 2020 at 03:12 AM

BR

“ Sending my condolences and deepest sympathy to the Smith Family. We grew up next door to each other. Rich was a kool guy. He will definitely be missed. May our God continue to watch over his children. Benikia Robertson



Benikia Robertson - October 05, 2020 at 04:28 PM

PE

Sending my prayers and condolences to the Smith family Rich fat man i called him was a good friend of my son's i will miss seeing him in the store every day rest in peace.i pray God we look out for the kid's peggy lilley

Peggylilley - October 07, 2020 at 11:14 PM

PE

RIP Fat man

Peggylilley - October 07, 2020 at 11:24 PM

AB

My prayers and thoughts are with the family during such a difficult time. Rich and I attended several schools together growing up. The school that stands out the most to me was Sunset Elementary; 5th grade with Mr. Wrinko and 6th grade with Ms. Darling. If my memory serves me correctly we were the only two African American students in the class. He picked on me soooo bad; only later in life learning this meant he had a huge crush on me. LOL...I am saddened to learn of his passing. I pray for comfort for the family and may he rest peacefully. 🙏

Amanda Bennett - October 08, 2020 at 12:02 PM

TH

“ Still in disbelief of his passing. Condolences to the family. May God comfort all those close to him and his children. You'll truly be missed and never forgotten.

Tina Hill - October 05, 2020 at 11:34 AM

RO

“ I have known Richard since he was a little boy. He was a sweet person quiet true. But if he knew you he would definitely chop it with you. Richard will be missed I'll miss his smile. You'll be resting with Gail and Ms. Olamae  
Prayers to the family.. Rosie

---

**rosie** - October 05, 2020 at 11:27 AM