

I Am Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid you see.
I took His hand when I heard him call
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee
God wanted me now; He set me free.

Note of Thanks

The family of Mr. Clarence B. Smith, humbly and gratefully
acknowledgement the many kind and beautiful expressions of
sympathy, prayers, and love shown during our time of bereavement,
and a special thanks to the Robin Johnson House.

Arrangements Were Entrusted to:

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In Loving Remembrance Clarence Brooks Smith



APRIL 12, 1952 - MARCH 17, 2023

**Friday, March 31, 2023
12 PM until 6 PM**

**Gregory Funeral Service Chapel
601 North York Street
Gastonia, North Carolina**

Life Reflections

Mr. Clarence Brooks Smith, son of the late Excell Smith and Mary Alice "Teretha" Nixon Smith was born in Gaston County, North Carolina on April 12, 1952 and departed this life on Friday, March 17, 2023 at the Robin Johnson House in Dallas, North Carolina.

Clarence attended Mt. Sinai Baptist Church in Mt. Holly, North Carolina at an early age. He was educated at Rollins Elementary School and Mt. Holly High School in Mt. Holly, North Carolina.

Clarence became an employee at Gaston County Dye in Stanley, North Carolina. He served in the U. S. Army during the Vietnam War and afterwards, joined the Army Reserves. Clarence later moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He attended M.A. T. C. Technical College where he received his welding degree. He worked at A. O. Smith in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He also worked for many years for the Milwaukee Railroad Company.

Clarence enjoyed spending time with his family. He loved to barbecue and cook. He enjoyed watching movies, listening to music and sewing. Clarence had a deep interest in worldly affairs. He was very talkative and liked to converse with others.

Clarence was preceded in death by his parents: Excell and Teretha Smith; sister: Christine Smith Mobley; brothers: James, Elwood and Rosie Smith.

Those left to cherish his memories are his loving wife of forty-three years: Hazel Smith; his beloved daughter: Kenya Smith of Belmont, North Carolina; three sisters: Dorine Smith Love and Mary Ellen Smith Lowery of New Jersey and Janie Smith Sumpter (Turner) of Charlotte, North Carolina; two brothers: Robert Smith (Lillian) of Mt. Holly, North Carolina and Excell Najieb (Brenda) of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; sister-in-law: Aurellura Smith of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

YOU WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED . . .

