

Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL	
RECEIVING OF FRIENDS	1:00 pm –2:00 pm
CALL TO WORSHIP	
SELECTION	
SCRIPTURE READINGS	
Old Testament	
New Testament	
PRAYER OF COMFORT	
SOLO	Mary Love, Auntie
READING OF OBITUARY	
TRIBUTE/POEM	Amber Smith, Daughter
REMARKS (2 minutes)	
TRIBUTE/POEM	Rokia H. Cummings, Sister
SELECTION	
WORDS OF COMFORT	Reverend Antwon Lynch Pastor of Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, Gastonia, NC
SELECTION	
RECESSIONAL	
REPASS	St. John Missionary Baptist Church Outreach Center

I write your name in the sky
This isn't a goodbye
It's a see you later,
Close my eyes and all I see is you
May you live through our hearts and souls
You were the best
You put P in Perfection
You guided us through every direction
The tears shed will be remembering you for you
The you was the best , and the better
I see you in my world for forever and always
Never will it be the end because this story is never ending
If I were to put a period then that means the story is ending,
but for you it'll keep going

The legacy will live on through your babies and grandbabies
You were loved deeply and truly the POPS we know is what
makes us whole, the book I can write for you will be the per-
fect story , the greatest of all GOD'S STRONGEST SOLDIER

Love, Your daughter Amber

Note of Thanks

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.

On behalf of the family of Bobby De’Ron Smith

A Celebration of
THE LIFE OF
Bobby De’Ron “Pop”
Smith



Sunrise February 13, 1968 - Sunset February 22, 2025

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025
2:00 PM

ST. JOHN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
1282 BRADFORD HEIGHTS ROAD
GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA

DR. DARIAL JACKSON, PASTOR
REV. ANTWON LYNCH, WORDS OF COMFORT



Bobby De’Ron Smith

Mr. Bobby De’Ron "Pop" Smith was born in Manhattan, New York on February 13, 1968. He departed his life on February 22, 2025 at home in Gastonia, North Carolina.

He was an avid basketball player at Southwest Jr. High School and Hunter Huss High School. He attended Barber Scotia College and Livingston College. Bobby later enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He was employed by Roechling Engineering Plastics.

He was a diehard Duke basketball and Dallas Cowboys fan (Go Duke). Bobby was a hardworking man who loved his family and had a big smile and sense of humor. We loved him, but God loved him best. He was saved and baptize at Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church in 2017. Bobby was preceded in death by his father Bobby Broome, step-father, Bobby Joe Smith; grandparents, Fannie B. Hunt, Frances Smith, Macy Broome, Charlie Hunt, and Earnest Broome Sr.; one nephew, Patrick Allison, Jr.

He leaves to cherish his memories with the mother of his children: Lena Michelle, daughters, Amber Smith, Kaleigh Smith; one son, Donovan Smith all of Gastonia, NC; oldest daughter Josalyn Lindsay (Micah) (Emily) of Lincolnton, NC; mother, Bernice H. Smith; Fiancè and caretaker, Donna Hayes; sisters: Francesca Smith, Tenetha Smith, Rae'gan Smith and "baby sis" Rokia H. Cummings (Reggie) one brother, Jonathan Smith all of Gastonia, NC; grandchildren: Jo'siyah Deshawn Burris, Jah'Kying Amier Burris, Messiyah Justus Lindsay, Mi'ciyah Neasia Lindsay, Micah Deron Lindsay, Mi'Cahlyn A'dara Lindsay, Wynter Machele Smith, Kycen Deron Ingram all of Gastonia, NC; best friend:, James "Pnut" Byers of Gastonia, NC; special cousins, Sheila Broome and Clarence Sherrill, a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

