

Love

God made mankind in His image and His likeness (Genesis). God has always and will always love us. God showed how much He loved us by sending His one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life (1John 4:9). "This is real love- not that we love God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins" (1John 4:10).

God tells us that if we are to be like Him, we need to love each other. I thank each of you for displaying God's love by loving our father, brother, cousin, nephew, friend or co-worker.

Repast

The Colbert Depot
601st 1st Avenue
Colbert GA, 30628



Words of Thanks

The family thanks you for your calls, cards, expression of love and prayers during this time of our lives. May the Lord bless each of you for all that you have done for us.

The Family of Ricky Smith

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Celebration of Life for



Ricky Smith

April 5, 1956 - December 15, 2024

Monday, December 30, 2024 |
2:00 PM

The Chapel of
Jackson-McWhorter Funeral Home
1253 West Broad Street, Athens, GA
Evangelist Karen Hitchcock, Eulogist

Obituary

Ricky Smith was born on April 5, 1956 and transitioned to heaven early on the morning of December 15, 2024. He was born to Julie S. Howard, a single parent who later married Lamar Howard. He treated all of his step children as his own.

Ricky joined Waggoner Grove Baptist Church at a young age and re-dedicated at World Changers Church International when he moved to Hampton, Georgia.

Ricky attended Madison County High School. He worked in a variety of jobs but focused on construction and masonry later in life. He was admired by his employers for his strong work ethics.

Ricky was a funny, fun loving, charming soul who never met a stranger. He knew everyone in his community and frequently lived with his aunts who treated him like a son. Ricky was strong-willed and once he had made up his mind, it could not be changed.

He was preceded in death by Julie S. Howard, Lamar Howard, Douglass Howard, Nelson Smith (infant brother) and Dot Wertz.

He is survived by four beautiful daughters: Shay Williams, Felisha Riden, Kisa Williams and Tanya Williams; six grandchildren: Kentavious Middleton, Christiano William, Kenya Hunter, Ambreka Presley, Indiya Brightwell, Chrishyon Pope and Christiana Pope; a caring brother, Wilbert (Shirley) Smith of Augusta; and two devoted sisters: Barbara Smith of Hampton and Tammy Ketterer (Ian) of Grovetown and our bonus Johnson Family's brothers (Garland, Jay, Gene) and sisters (Evelyn, Lillian, Karen), aunt (Shirley) and uncle (Larry). As well as a host of cousins, nephews, nieces, special friends and former co-workers.

Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL
"Lover of My Soul"
Jonathan McReynolds

SELECTION
"Be Still and Know"
CeCe Winans

WELCOME & PRAYER
Dr. Barbara A. Smith, DPT

OLD TESTAMENT
Psalms 23
Minister Barry Smith

NEW TESTAMENT
John 14: 1-3
Mr. Carl Smith

SELECTION
"A Heart Like Yours"
CeCe Winans

REMARKS
(3 minutes)
Mrs. Nellie B. Gibbs
Ms. Katrina Hayes
Mr. Larry Hitchcock

SILENT READING OF OBITUARY
"There is Room"
Ernstly Etienne

EULOGY
Minister Karen Hitchcock

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