



Bruce Edward Smith "Hokie" a.k.a " Laka Laka"

September 1, 1958 - August 20, 2022

Bruce Edward Smith, affectionately known as “Hokie” and “Laka-Laka” to family and friends, was born September 1, 1958 in Winter Garden, Florida to Willie James Smith, Sr. and Mabel Lue Priester-Smith. He was the seventh of nine children. He attended Ocoee High School.

Bruce worked hard to provide for his family. He was known to be the life of the party as he enjoyed having a good time spending moments with family and friends. Known for being quite the family jokester, he was sure to keep a smile on his loved one’s face.

The Lord saw fit to call our beloved brother to his eternal resting place on Saturday, August 20, 2022. His departure is a deep and personal loss to his family and friends. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Bruce was preceded in death by his Parents: Willie James Smith, Sr. and Mable Lue Priester-Smith; and Brothers: Torris Smith and Bishop Smith.

Cherishing his memory for a lifetime are his Sons: Lorenzo Madison and Bruce Madison; Grandsons: Brycen Madison and Jacquavious Miller, both of Winter Garden, Florida; Granddaughter, Bre’Nariah Madison of Winter Garden, Florida; Sibings: Patricia Devose (Robert) of Orlando, Florida, Mary Birdsong of Apopka, Florida, Willie James Smith, Jr., Emma Jean Battle

(Benjamin), Brenda Anderson (Federic), all of Winter Garden, Florida, and Tara Woodard (Robert) of Orlando, Florida; Step-brothers: Lonnie Rawls, Oliver Rawls, Lorenzo Rawls and Thedies Rawls, all of Winter Garden, Florida, and Ricky Rawls of Orlando, Florida; Stepsister, Mary Walker of Cocoa, Florida; 12 Nephews: Kenneth Smith, LaGrant Birdsong, Benjamin Battle (Tabitha), Taran Thomas, Rufus Thomas (Shonda), Cordaire Battle (Melissa), and Dominique Brown, all of Winter Garden, Florida, Travis Birdsong (Leon), Chaun Devose, Corey Devose, Eric Smith, and Randy Smith, all of Orlando, Florida; 5 Nieces: Deborah Birdsong of Apopka, Florida, Tina Smith (AL), Judnetta Smith (Patrick), Markisha Tillman, Tourneshia Owens, all of Winter Garden, Florida; and a host of other loving relatives and sorrowing friends.

Cemetery Details

Oakland-Tildenville Cemetery

16667 W Colonial Drive
Oakland, FL 34760

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church
330 Center Street
Winter Garden, FL 34787

Service

SEP 3. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Bruce Edward Smith "Hokie" a.k.a " Laka Laka"

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ My condolences to the Smith family



LATROXY T FOURNETTE - September 03, 2022 at 08:31 AM



“ I would like to express my deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences to the entire Smith families. May God grant you comfort in this very difficult season by resting all of your cares and concerns on JESUS shoulders.



Marilyn Harris - September 02, 2022 at 08:42 PM



“ Shauntae Holley lit a candle in memory of Bruce Edward Smith "Hokie" a.k.a " Laka Laka"



Shauntae Holley - September 02, 2022 at 07:23 PM

RD

“ Renee Duval lit a candle in memory of Bruce Edward Smith "Hokie" a.k.a " Laka Laka"



Renee Duval - September 01, 2022 at 08:37 AM

LM

“ Lois Morss lit a candle in memory of Bruce Edward Smith "Hokie" a.k.a " Laka Laka"



Lois Morss - August 31, 2022 at 07:14 PM

SB

“ Sharron Beauford lit a candle in memory of Bruce Edward Smith "Hokie" a.k.a " Laka Laka"



Sharron Beauford - August 31, 2022 at 07:04 PM

LM

“ Lois Morss lit a candle in memory of Bruce Edward Smith "Hokie" a.k.a " Laka Laka"



Lois Morss - August 26, 2022 at 10:07 PM

JK

“ *Jacqueline Brown Kemp lit a candle in memory of Bruce Edward Smith "Hokie" a.k.a " Laka Laka"*



Jacqueline brown kemp - August 25, 2022 at 08:16 PM

TF

“ *The Woodard Family lit a candle in memory of Bruce Edward Smith "Hokie" a.k.a " Laka Laka"*



The Woodard Family - August 25, 2022 at 10:54 AM