



Deacon Craig Arnold Smith

September 15, 1960 - May 11, 2022

Craig Arnold Smith was born September 15, 1960 in Rosieres-en-Haye, France to parents Odell F. Smith and Alfretta E. Smith. Following graduation from Potomac Senior High, in Oxon Hill, MD, Craig joined the Air Force, where he became an Aircraft Electronic Technician and rose to the rank of Tech Sargent. Craig loved the Lord and accepted him as his personal Savior. He was a faithful member of The Experience Christian Center until he took ill. Craig was the quintessential “people person” with a real zeal for life. He genuinely cared about others and would jump in the car at a moments notice and drive great distances to visit or help a friend in need. Craig was always quick to ask how others were doing with a truly genuine interest in hearing the answer. He always listened attentively and with a sincere concern. Craig was a thoughtful and generous person, always willing to lend a hand to anyone, including strangers. He was always quick to let others know of his love for them. He would often tell friends and family that they were his “favorite.” Craig loved Jazz music, films and the arts. He enjoyed playing the saxophone and jamming with others. But most importantly, he loved his wife Gail and he made sure she knew that she was the most important person in his world. Craig was preceded in death by his Mother, Alfretta Smith and Sister, Lovetta Smith. Left to cherish his memory are his loving Wife, Gail T. Smith of Orlando, Florida; Father, Odell F. Smith Sr. (Marva) of Alachua, Florida; Son, Craig A. “Cas” Smith, Jr. (Mandy) of San Antonio, Texas; Daughter, Cory M. Smith of Tallahassee, Florida; Stepdaughter, Maria Saulsby (Cameron) of Orlando,

Florida; Stepsons: Mark Timmons (Sheyee), Solomon Timmons (Brittany), Timothy Timmons, Tarrance Timmons (Irene), and Michael Timmons, all of Orlando, Florida; Siblings: Odell "Bubby" Smith, Jr. (Eisa) of Clinton, Maryland, Jonathan Bey (Erica), and Tracy Moring (Howard), both of Gainesville, Florida; Grandchildren: Wesley, Alaiya, Amaya, Ayva, Ryan, Aala, Jaden, Kendall, and Jaxson; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, other loving relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Cape Canaveral National Cemetery

5525 US Highway 1, North
Mims, FL 32754

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 21. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

The Experience Christian Center
3099 Orange Center Blvd.
Orlando, FL 32805

Service

MAY 21. 11:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Deacon Craig Arnold Smith*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *To Cory and Cas,so sorry for your loss but try to remember absent from the body present with the Lord,keeping you and family in prayer,may you have sweet memories*

Sylvester and Barbara Quick - May 21, 2022 at 09:08 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Deacon Craig Arnold Smith.*



May 18, 2022 at 07:12 PM



“ *I may not be there to see you, carried by 6, buried in a 6x6, and down by 6. I have 6 plus memories of how we grew up as cousins. We would joke about being each others favorite. When we all are each others favorite. I love you and will miss you. Tell everyone we love them and miss them. Until we meet again, keep blowing a tune.*



Robin Mood Jamison - May 16, 2022 at 10:47 PM

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Dearest cousin Craig you are already missed and deeply loved! I cherish how Craig would scoop me up on weekends during my Howard U. days and will never forget his support, love and down right pampering of my sister Pam! I see them sitting together now in glory "cutting up" . Sending much love and deepest of prayers to the family, Uncle Sonny, cousin Tracy, Jonathan, Bubby(Elsa), daughter and to wife Gail. I wish I could be ther but I'm hugging you all across the miles



Vanessa Bradley - May 21, 2022 at 11:52 AM