



Dennis Smith

May 11, 1942 - April 23, 2020

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Dennis F. Smith was born in Newark, NJ on May 11, 1942 to the late Morris Smith and Arlene Sapp (Timmons). Dennis was ushered to heaven by the heavenly host on Thursday, April 23, 2020. His transition occurred at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Camden, NJ at 11:00 pm.

Dennis was educated by the Newark Public School System until he graduated from Central High School. Prior to enlisting in the Navy, Dennis married Mary whom he loved. They had 8 children. Their marriage lasted for 58 years. He served in the United States Navy from 1962 until 1968. He was stationed aboard the USS Roosevelt CVA 42 aircraft carrier with an honorable discharge. While in the Navy stationed in Mayport Florida; he was on the boxing team as a welter weight boxer. His most outstanding match came when he sustained a shoulder injury during the fight but to his prevail, he knocked out his opponent with a one-hand punch and won the fight. While in the Navy, he had a chance to see the world. Upon reentering as a civilian, he got a job at Alcan Metal Powers, Inc. In Union, NJ and was employed there for 18 years. While still employed with Alcan, he pursued a career in law enforcement. His law enforcement career began as a Newark, NJ auxiliary

officer. He advanced himself to become a Newark special police officer. Further pursuing a law enforcement career as an Essex County Deputy Sheriff Officer. After winning an age discrimination case, he successfully became a Newark police officer. Later in life he oversees Smith & Williams medical transportation. Dennis was an extraordinary man who loved and enjoyed life. He was a people's person. "He believed that a man's word was his bond." He loved fishing. He spent many hours fishing at eagle rock reservation in West Orange, NJ, etc.

Additionally, he loved going to the movies. He had a host of movies he enjoyed throughout his life. Westerns, war movies, drama, action movies, comedies and karate. He also enjoyed biblical movies, as well. The Ten Commandments, Samson and the King of Kings. Some of his favorite actors are: John Wayne, Denzel Washington, Richard Pryor, Kirk Douglas and Audie Murray. The list is endless. As time evolved, cable arrived; "the talking remote made his day". He also loved repairing cars. He and his friend were always under the hood of a car. As a father, he loved to tell silly jokes and played silly tricks on them. He especially loved to take them to the drive end and amusement parks. Dennis was a hardworking man and a good provider to his family.

Dennis Was Preceded In Death By His Parents, Father, Morris Smith; Mother, Arlene Sapp (Timmons).

Brother Norman Smith, Sister Madeline Mapps, Brother Robert Dwight, Nephew, Jerome Smith, Nephew, Paul Mapps, Nephew, Kevin Mapps, Granddaughter Andrea Josey.

Dennis leaves to cherish his memory, a devoted wife of 58 years, Mary J Smith (Taylor), His Son, Abdul Hafiz (Dennis, Jr.) Smith, Daughter, Denise L. Jackson, Son-In-Law Earle Jackson, Son, Dwayne Smith, Son, David W. Smith, Daughter-In-Law, Dawn Smith, Daughter, Deborah A.

Smith-Spikes, Son-In- Law, Donnell Spikes, Son, Donald L. Smith, Son, Donnell Smith, Son, Douglas S. Smith, Son, Dyshaun Smith Son, Damill Khaliya, Daughter, Devoria Casilla. Step Mother Wilma Smith. Siblings: Brother, Maurice Dwight, Sister-Law Karon Dwight, Brother, Morris Smith Jr., Raymond Smith, Sis-In-Law Crystie Smith, Brother, Anthony Smith Sr., Sister-In-Law Malissa Smith, Sister Alicia Mustin, Brother-In-Law Jerry Mustin, Sister Nevada Smith. A host of grandchildren, great great grandchildren, nephews, nieces, family and friends.

Acknowledgements

The family of Dennis F. Smith profoundly appreciates all of the prayers and words of comfort that you have extended to us. Your love has been thunderously poured into our hearts and spirit like a giant waterfall. The mist of it will overshadow us every time we think of your love and never ending kindness.

May the blessing of the lord be with you daily.

Let god's word be a light unto your path and a lamp unto your feet.

A special thank you (big brother) Rev. Florian Jenkins for visiting Dennis.

Much gratitude and love.

Thank you Pastor Anthony Dicillio for your special visits as his pastor and friend. You, Pastor Tina and Friendship World Outreach showered him with

great love

Thank you Dwayne for helping me bring closure and taking the lead to help me & us through this difficult time. You are honored highly as a son. I could have not done it without you! Love mom

The names are endless. I cannot list them all. You are all treasures of golden love.

To God in heaven be all the praise and glory.

Thank you God for saving my husband. He is at rest with you. No more sickness; no more pain. I thank you for hearing and answering our prayers. The sadness is here. The tears keep coming but how can I not be glad oh, God, when I know he is not sad. He is with you in heaven and wow, I have to be glad!!!

Tribute Wall



“ *Givnish Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dennis Smith*



Givnish Funeral Home - April 30, 2020 at 02:16 PM

DO

COOL MODEE...,RIDE ON

DOROTHY OLIVER - April 30, 2020 at 03:37 PM

NA

That was beautiful,

Nakimah Anderson - May 01, 2020 at 11:03 AM

MO

I agree the memories was awesome! Good job Smitty

Mookie - May 01, 2020 at 11:16 AM

KJ

I didn't know Dennis very long. I met him one day as a neighbor on the same street. He told me he was a retired police officer. I responded that I was too. There was a connect ion there that made conversation and friendship very easy. I will miss seeing him and hearing about all the western tv shows he liked to talk about.

What a gentleman he was and a wonderful family he and Mary raised. There is no doubt that he is with God now.

Ken Johnson - May 01, 2020 at 04:36 PM



“ Givnish Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Dennis Smith



Givnish Funeral Home - April 27, 2020 at 02:07 PM

TF

God bless the family

The Tidwell family - May 01, 2020 at 10:49 AM

KH

God Bless, prayers for family!

Kimberly Holley - May 01, 2020 at 11:04 AM

AJ

 going up! ❤️ ❤️

Angie james - May 01, 2020 at 11:06 AM

MO

I cannot view! Says an unknown error has occurred & cannot play video😞. Nevertheless my mind & ❤️ is with you in celebrating the life of cousin Dennis Smith. May God's mercy & grace be upon your soul late gr8 Dennis & may peace & comfort be with us all . Love you family🙏!

Mookie - May 01, 2020 at 11:07 AM

RH

Nothing is coming through.

Roxann Hill - May 01, 2020 at 11:11 AM

AL

Family from Oklahoma sending condolences. Video not playing.

alicia - May 01, 2020 at 11:13 AM

AJ

It won't let me view. Says video cannot play, unknown error.

Angie james - May 01, 2020 at 11:13 AM

NA

Nadine May God be with you and your family

Nadine - May 01, 2020 at 11:18 AM



Despite the video not playing, My thoughts and prays are with the whole Smith family. I pray that God sends comfort and peace at your hour of need.

Jessica Walker - May 01, 2020 at 11:20 AM

IS

Give it a few minutes guys sorry for the inconvenience but they are working on it

Ibn smith - May 01, 2020 at 11:20 AM

KS

Blessings to all. There is a problem with the stream. They will post a video as soon as the service is finished.

Kirby Smith - May 01, 2020 at 11:24 AM

BM

RIH pops 🙏

Bmbdubi89 - May 01, 2020 at 11:32 AM



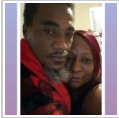
The funeral home said that the service is being recorded and once the internet has restored service, the video will be posted.

Jessica Walker - May 01, 2020 at 11:39 AM



May the God of all comfort be with you all. May he give you peace in the days ahead. Love from the Davis family.

Fred Davis - May 03, 2020 at 08:26 AM



My most sincere condolences 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Jacqueline Smith - May 04, 2020 at 04:15 PM



“ *Dennis Smith*

September 09, 2022 at 01:27 AM



“ *Love Always Patricia Holmes of Statesville, NC purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dennis Smith.*



Love Always Patricia Holmes of Statesville, NC - May 02, 2020 at 08:47 AM



“ *My Uncle Dennis always took us down town to the movies an made time for his brother Robert Dwight children aunt Mary would give us the word of the Lord if you knew his brother Robert you would know she was the only word we got until late Dayton Street days I love them for that EARLY directions love y'all hold it down*

Alisa his niece Robert and Janice daught - May 01, 2020 at 12:42 PM



“ *Jessica Walker lit a candle in memory of Dennis Smith*



Jessica Walker - May 01, 2020 at 11:24 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dennis Smith.*



April 28, 2020 at 07:15 PM



“ *My condolences to the smith family. My prayers are with you. Love Richard and Roxann*

Roxann hill - April 28, 2020 at 05:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dennis Smith.*



April 28, 2020 at 05:06 PM