

# A Tribute To My Husband

I loved you from the moment I saw you. Cero you were my light, my heart, and my best friend. You kept me grounded. I will always cherish the time we shared together. Some were good and some were bad, but we made it through together. Thank you for my four wonderful sons. Your love and protection were unmatched. Our 43-year union was proof that our love was eternal. My life will be incomplete without you in it, but I know you would want me to go on and live a happy life. I love you Cero F. Smith, Jr. forever!



## Active Pallbearers

Gordon Scott                      Devren "DJ" Byerly  
Joe Smith, Sr.                      Scott Horton  
DeAngelo Horton                      Dino Grant

## Honorary Pallbearers

Russell Horton, Jr.                      Richard Horton III  
Joel Scott

## Private Cremation

## Reception

Dayton Street Opportunity Center  
1445 Dayton Street | Aurora, Colorado 80010

## Acknowledgment

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, If so we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, That anyone could say. Perhaps you were not there at all, Just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, We thank you so much.  
— The Family of Cero Floyd Smith

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"When Someone You Love Becomes A Memory; The Memory Becomes A Treasure."

ONE OF A KIND



**Cero Floyd**  
SMITH, JR.

**Sunrise**  
April 19, 1958

**Sunset**  
March 25, 2024

# Life Story

Cero Floyd Smith, Jr. was born April 19, 1958, in Aurora, Colorado to Cero F. Smith, Sr. and Juanita A. Smith. Cero was the eldest son born to this union. His siblings Keith Smith, Rodney Smith, Eric Smith, Terrence Smith, Kojack Jackson and sister, Valarie Nealey remember Cero as being a great brother.

Being part of a military family, Cero and his siblings had the opportunity to attend many schools. He went to Harrington and Smith Elementary, attended Merrill Jr. High School and George Washington High School in Denver, Colorado. He also attended elementary school in San Antonio, San Angelo, Texas and Taipei, Taiwan.

Cero met Ranetta Joyce Scott in 1975 in Denver, Colorado, and married April 3, 1981, they remained together until his passing. Cero worked for Scott's Liquid Gold, Ankmar Garage Door and retired from the City and County of Denver in 2023, after eighteen years of service. Cero also had his own garage door company. He loved to spend time with his family and friends. Family and friends visited the "Cul-de-sac" nearly every weekend. Cero had a generous heart and would open his home to those he loved.

Cero loved to celebrate life, he did so by going to the Winter Park Jazz Festival annually, playing horseshoes at the City Park and having barbecues at his home. Family and friends enjoyed Cero's food; they would ask him to cook for them on special occasions. They really liked his dirty rice, Yumm! Cero was a kindhearted person who would do anything for anybody. Cero loved being a grandpa even if he didn't show it.

Cero is proceeded in death, by his father, Cero Smith, Sr.; his mother, Juanita Smith; brothers, Jimmy Winston, Rodney and Jason Smith; grandson, Issac Smith, Jr.; and grandmother, Ethel Smith-Breasell.

Cero passed away peacefully, and he leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Ranetta Joyce Smith; his sons, Cero (Candice) Smith III, Isaac Smith, Ryan Smith, Jawaan "Chris" Nelson; his brothers, Keith (Jacqueline) Smith, Eric Smith; his sister, Valerie (Myron) Nealey, all of Denver. Terrence Smith and Kojak Jackson of San Antonio; grandsons, Isaiah M. Smith, Tay'Vlone, Sincere Nelson; granddaughters, Ma'Leah Smith, Laniyah Nelson, all of Denver, Colorado; and a host of relatives and many friends.



# Order of Service

Tuesday, April 9, 2024 | 11:00 A.M.  
 Pipkin Braswell Funerals and Cremation  
 6601 E. Colfax Avenue | Denver, Colorado 80220  
 Superintendent Patrick Demmer Officiant & Eulogist

- Processional ..... Mark Maxwell Recording  
 "Dreams Of You"
- Parting Memories ..... Pipkin Braswell Director
- Selection ..... Earth Wind & Fire Recording  
 "Reasons"
- Scripture - Old Testament / New Testament ..... Minister
- Prayer ..... Minister
- Selection ..... Simply Red Recording  
 "Holding Back the Years"
- Acknowledgments & Condolences ..... Pipkin Braswell  
 Director
- Obituary ..... Tosha Harris
- Video .....
- Family Tributes .....
- Remembering Cero ..... 2 Minutes Please
- Selection ..... Rick James & Tina Marie Recording  
 "Fire and Desire"
- Eulogy ..... Superintendent Patrick Demmer
- Pipkin Braswell Staff ..... "My Latest, My Greatest Inspiration"
- Committal/Prayer/Benediction .....
- Recessional ..... The O'Jay's Recording  
 "Stairway To Heaven"