

# Thank You!

We, the family of the late Mr. Sterling Christopher Smith express our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for your prayers, words of encouragement, cards, flowers, food, calls, and other expressions of sympathy shown to us during our hours of bereavement. Each sympathetic gesture served as a source of comfort and strength. May the Lord continue to bless all of you.

THE SMITH FAMILY

## FINAL ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO

Edwards/Small Mortuary  
Fort Valley, GA

# I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God has laid you see.  
I took His hand when I heard him call

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day

To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void

Then fill it with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much  
Good friends, good times,  
a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your hearts and peace to thee  
God wanted me now; He set me free.



# CELEBRATION



*Sterling Christopher*  
**SMITH**

SUNRISE: MARCH 2, 1980

SUNSET: APRIL 18, 2023

# Hank

SATURDAY, APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>

# 2023

11:00 AM

*In the Chapel of*

Edwards Small Mortuary  
1011 Martin Luther King Dr.  
Fort Valley, GA





*Forever In Our Hearts... Until We Meet Again*



## *The Life Story*

Sterling Christopher Smith "Hank" was born to Annie Mae Smith and the late Sammy Jordan Smith on March 2, 1980 in Macon, Ga. On April 18, 2023, Sterling departed this earthly life and entered peacefully into eternal rest.

He is preceded in death by his father Sammy Jordan Smith, his grandparents Charlie Sr. and Eva Kate Gibson, Jordan, and Sarah Smith.

Hank accepted Christ at an early age. He was a member of Central Union Baptist Church in Fort Valley, Ga. He attended public schools in Fort Valley, GA. He worked at Arriscraft in Fort Valley, Ga for 5 years. He also worked at Nu-Way Wieners for 16 years up until his passing.

Hank was an easy-going well-mannered man who enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He did not need a special time or occasion to have fun. He enjoyed watching the Green Bay Packers, playing cards, and dominoes.

Hank leaves to forever cherish his memories his mother Annie Mae Smith of Fort Valley, GA; daughter, Divinity Green; two sisters, Tamiko Gibson and Josie Smith of Fort Valley, Ga; a brother, Samuel Smith of Fort Valley, GA; two nieces Shameika McGhee & Erica Ragin, two nephews Latrez Trice & Darius McGhee. A host of great nieces and nephews, many other relatives, and sorrowing friends.



## *The Celebration*

**REVEREND DR. JOHN DAVIS**  
*Officiating*

**PROCESSIONAL**  
*Led By Clergy*

**CLOSING OF CASKET**  
*Family*

**SELECTION - DEXTER DAVIS**

**PRAYER**  
*Reverend Colby McKenzie*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS -**  
**REVEREND DR. JOHN DAVIS**  
*Old Testament & New Testament*

**SELECTION - DEXTER DAVIS**

**REFLECTIONS**  
*(2 minutes please)*

**SELECTION - DEXTER DAVIS**

**EULOGY**  
*Reverend Colby McKenzie*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**  
*Edwards Small Mortuary Staff*

**RECESSIONAL**

