



Mr. Wallace Lathan Smith

January 24, 1967 - May 16, 2019

Condolences are being expressed to the family of Mr. Wallace L. Smith, who passed away on Thursday, May 16, 2019, at his home.

Wallace Lathan Smith (Lil Wallace), age 52, son of Carolyn Smith and Wallace Smith began his life's journey on January 24, 1967.

Wallace was born at Duke Hospital in Durham, North Carolina into the loving care provided by his parents. He was known for his love of life, having a passion for dancing and his ability to out talk anyone. Wallace was a lifelong and proud resident of Durham. He spent his childhood in the "Bluefield" community, where he made countless lifelong friends.

Wallace attended and received his formal education in Durham Public Schools and graduated from Northern High School. He was always a hard worker. He began working at a very young age while in high school. He was employed at Durham Regional Hospital and Duke Medical Center for many years.

Wallace accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal savior and attended Grey Stone Baptist Church in Durham, North Carolina. Wallace was an active member of his church and looked forward to attending the services and Sunday School.

Wallace was preceded in death by his sister, Susan Davis and his step-father, Frank Cannady.

Wallace's memories will always be cherished by his mother, Carolyn Smith of Durham, North Carolina; his father, Wallace Smith (Sylvia) of Durham, North Carolina; four brothers, William Davis, Patrick Davis, Darnell Smith (Stephanie) all of Durham, Timothy Smith (Laici) of Topeka, Kansas; sisters, Charletta Parker and Tara Smith both of Durham, North Carolina and Ecolia Smith of Greensboro, North Carolina; and a host of aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, cousins, numerous cherished friends and extended family.

A celebration of life service will take place at Grey Stone Church, 2601 Hillsborough Road, Durham, North Carolina 27705, at 2:00 p.m.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 23. 2:00 PM (ET)

Grey Stone Church
2601 Hillsborough Rd.
Durham, NC 27705

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Wallace Lathan Smith*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *I'm truly going to miss your inspiring thoughts you always put on facebook, even in the midst of your pain and sickness you still had the power to inspire others. I know you're in heaven keeping them laughing and inspiring others. Rest on my brother...Love you!*

Gloria Snipes-Washington - May 23, 2019 at 01:12 PM



“ *Gloria Snipes-Washington lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wallace Lathan Smith*



Gloria Snipes-Washington - May 23, 2019 at 01:10 PM



“ *My condolences to the Smith Family. My prayers are for you all. Wallace was a beautiful person always have u laughing .It was a pleasure to have known him .He will be missed by many people but not forgotten R.I.H.MY FRIEND.*



Dede Williams - May 23, 2019 at 03:40 AM

LM

“ *Lisa E Melvin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wallace Lathan Smith*



Lisa E Melvin - May 22, 2019 at 04:26 PM



“ *Blessed Heart was purchased for the family of Mr. Wallace Lathan Smith.*



May 22, 2019 at 12:37 AM

JA

“ *To the Smith and Davis family,*

In this tough time in your life, may our friendship, sympathy and heartfelt condolences bring you'll comfort. Those who are asleep will awaken on the day the Lord comes for us all. We are deeply saddened by your loss, our hearts go out to you and your loved ones and may our prayers guide Lil Wallace soul to our Heavenly Father. We are saddened by your loss however, we celebrate the life of Wallace (Lil Wallace) Smith. Our thoughts and prayers are with you'll. We pray that God will give you strength and courage in your time of bereavement. Take comfort in friendship, prayer, and peace in love.

Scoop and family

James - May 21, 2019 at 11:26 AM

TB

“ *Lil Wallace your work down here is complete so God said its time to take your rest. You fought a good fight and you were full of spirit the last time I saw you. So take your rest and keep a watch over us that's still here.*

Tracey Walker Bridges - May 21, 2019 at 10:00 AM

TB

“ *Tracey Walker Bridges sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Wallace Lathan Smith*



Tracey Walker Bridges - May 21, 2019 at 09:59 AM

TB

“ *Tracey Walker Bridges lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wallace Lathan Smith*



Tracey Walker Bridges - May 21, 2019 at 09:53 AM

LH

“ *Linda Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wallace Lathan Smith*



Linda Harris - May 21, 2019 at 08:49 AM

LI

“ Linda lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wallace Lathan Smith



Linda - May 21, 2019 at 08:37 AM

LB

“ I AM TRULY AT A LOST...YOU WERE/ARE ONE OF THE SWEETEST PEOPLE ON GODS GREEN EARTH. WE MET AS FRIENDS..BUT BECAME FAMILY OVER THE YEARS. I'M REALLY GONNA MISS OUR LONG TALKS OVER THE PHONE REMINISCING AND CATCHING UP ON EACH OTHERS LIVES.... TALKN JUNK TO EACH OTHER ON FB AND JUST BIENG MY BROTHER FROM ANOTHER..I DON'T KNOW WHAT IMMA DO WITHOUT YOU...BUT I KNOW GOD KNEW BEST WHEN HE WRAPPED IS ARMS AROUND YOU AND TOOK YOU HOME..NO MORE PAIN AND SUFFERING..I LOVE YOU " MY BOONK BOONK"..FLY HIGH MY ANGEL AND WATCH OVER ME UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN...🙏🙏❤️❤️💕💕😭😭😭

LISA BAY - May 20, 2019 at 02:38 PM

DP

“ Donna And Clarence Price lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wallace Lathan Smith



Donna and Clarence Price - May 19, 2019 at 08:31 PM

JA

“ Little Wallace you were and will always remembered as a kin and could talk the horns of a billy goat if you were not talking something was wrong RIP MY FRIEND. THE AMOS FAMILY

james amos - May 19, 2019 at 01:36 PM

KL

“ Your flesh will be missed, but your spirit will live on forever



Kecelliea leathers - May 19, 2019 at 12:17 PM



“ I am truly going to miss you our daily texts your daily posts of the lord. You are truly loved. I will cherish all of the memories we have. Love you ALWAYS Cynthia Riddick-Taborn



Cynthia Riddick-Taborn - May 19, 2019 at 12:13 PM



“ You will be missed!



Angela Nunn - May 19, 2019 at 01:42 AM

DM

“ I can still hear your voice saying oh Dianna is a mother now got three girls beautiful I love y'all we love you too you're going to be missed you will always have a special place in my heart I'll make sure your song Bird sings gone but never forgotten my loving cousin lil Wallace kiss heavy for me i'll see you again 🙏❤️



dianna morris - May 18, 2019 at 11:47 PM

GP

“ You fought a good fight, you keep the faith, a crown is waiting for you for your not giving up on your faith, Prayers for your family as they go through this time of loss. Rest in peace your battle is over now. Geraldine Patterson



Geraldine Geraldine Patterson - May 18, 2019 at 08:57 PM

RH

Lil Wallace your work down here is complete so God said its time to take your rest. I know that you touched many with your smile, your strength and your ability to make others laugh. Now you can sleep in peace because you've inspired so many with your walk with God. You will be missed. 🥺

Renee Haughton - May 19, 2019 at 04:11 AM

LL

Oh my God, I know now that you are at peace. When I visit you on Monday I knew you was at alright with what was going on you will forever be in my heart always alive I love you Lil Wallace until we meet again 😊😊😊

Lisa Lee - May 19, 2019 at 05:50 PM

LM

Well Done thy good and faithful servant. It's hard to believe you will no longer grace us with your presence on this earth. I want to thank you for your Faith, Spirit, and Zest for Life. More importantly I want to THANK YOU for taking care of my dad(Papa O), truly God sent you into our lives not only for my dad but for Me.... Your care for him, southern cooking and the laughs you shared extended his time on this earth. I know that you both are rejoicing with Jesus and sharing laughs and yes talking about me, mom and Rina. So I say good bye and know that one day I will see you. Please forgive me for not coming to see you, I thought I had more time. Your Sis in Christ

Lisa E Melvin - May 22, 2019 at 04:43 PM

 Ruth Powell

“ *Ruth Powell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wallace Lathan Smith*



Ruth Powell - May 18, 2019 at 08:19 PM

DG

RIPARADISE 🙏😊 Wallace. He called me Aunty. Checked in during my health crisis and became a part of my life thru FB. I will miss my FB Nephew 😭. No more pain and suffering. Soul resting in the Heavenly Garden. The bright smile, caring words will live in my heart forever.

Dorothy Gentry - May 19, 2019 at 01:38 PM

RH

“ *Wallace was an expression of hope. To the family, our prayers of support and God's comfort are extended..*

Rose Mary Cole Howell - May 18, 2019 at 05:07 PM

DG

“ *Demetrius Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wallace Lathan Smith*



Demetrius Gibson - May 17, 2019 at 06:10 PM

MC

“ *Monica Haughton Cates lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wallace Lathan Smith*



Monica Haughton Cates - May 17, 2019 at 08:55 AM

MC

To the family lil Wallace was loved by his Bluefield family. He had a special relationship with each person from the field. He was the life of the reunions. He knew a lot of bluefield news from back in the day he would tell at the reunions and he was a comedian . The most beautiful smile and conversations he will save for us all when we reach the other shore with him.

Monica Haughton Cates - May 17, 2019 at 09:07 AM

MC

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Monica Haughton Cates - May 17, 2019 at 09:44 AM

DH

I will miss you. U were the glue to your family. Rest Wallace. You fought a good fight. Childhood friend for life Dawn

Dawn Haughton - May 18, 2019 at 01:28 PM

PU

Little Wallace, I will miss your smile! No matter where I saw you, you still was Little Wallace always smiling asking how was the Family. You Changed my daughters name to "Fran" told me I gave her the wrong name, I luv you for that! I will truly miss u. Spread your wings all over us until we meet again. Pam Utley!!

Pam Utley - May 21, 2019 at 12:26 PM

KM

“ *KIM DAYE MOORE lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wallace Lathan Smith*



KIM DAYE MOORE - May 17, 2019 at 06:52 AM

KM

“ *RIH MY FRIEND....FROM THE FIRST DAY TILL THE LAST IT HAS BEEN NOTHING BUT LOVE AND LAUGHTER, YOU'LL TRULY BE MISSED!!!!*

*I'M SIGNING THIS FROM(AS YOU ALWAYS SAID)
"YOUR WIFE"*

KIM DAYE MOORE - May 17, 2019 at 06:51 AM

CB

“ Carolyn B.Brodie lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Wallace Lathan Smith



Carolyn B.Brodie - May 16, 2019 at 11:23 PM

GC

Wallace and a lot of us used to eat lunch together at DRH.....We laughed and had a good time at the table.....Wallace an I used to sing the song of "Packing Up, Getting Ready To Go" an old one by the Caravans, I think.....I will miss you my friend.....Keep on singing our song, when I get there, I would have my things ready too, I would have packed up as you did, ready to go...We will meet again there in HEAVEN.....Love you!!!!!!

Gloria Dunston Cooper - May 20, 2019 at 03:41 PM