



## Mr. Clarence "Snooks" "Smitty" William Smith Jr.

March 2, 1947 - May 20, 2018

Mr. Clarence William "Snooks" Smith, Jr., also known as "Smitty", 71, of Peoria, Illinois passed away at 7:27 am on Sunday, May 20, 2018 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center.

Clarence was born on March 2, 1947 in Peoria, IL to Clarence, Sr. and Loretta (Williams) Smith. He accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Peoria Friendship Missionary Baptist Church.

Clarence was a 1966 graduate of Peoria Central High School, where he was an All-State track and field star. He continued his education and excelled in track and field at Canton Junior College Spoon River Campus in Canton, Illinois and graduated in 1968. Clarence matriculated at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois, where he became a proud member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., and the Black Student Union. Because of his great passion for justice for Black America, he and other SIU students participated in a demonstration in Cairo, Illinois boycotting the local businesses for their injustices in their black community. He graduated in 1971 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. After his college graduation, Clarence went on to honorably serve his country in the US Army. Clarence worked at Caterpillar Tractor, Inc., in Morton Inventory Control. He retired in 2004 after over 30 years of service. Clarence loved playing spades, watching Western movies, being with his friends and family.

Clarence leaves to cherish his most precious memory his daughter, Alisha (Jacob Motteler) Smith; children he raised, Marcus and Clyde Ewing both of

Peoria; his mother, Loretta Smith; one brother, Michael "Big Mike" Davis both of Peoria; four sisters, Judith (Robert) Lee of Leland, NC, Cathy (Lonnie) Edwards, Theresa (Richard) Walker and June Moore all of Peoria; two grandchildren, Arnell Moore and Nigel Moore and one grandson, Jacob, Jr., who is on the way; his long time companion, Mae Payton of Peoria; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He is preceded in death by his father and one sister, Francesca Spears.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Saturday, May 26, 2018 at New Cornerstone Baptist Church with a visitation beginning at 10 am. Rev. Dr. Mark McConnell, Pastor, will officiate. Rev. Larry Williams will bring the eulogy. Clarence will be laid to rest at Lutheran Cemetery where US Army Military Honors will be rendered.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [SimonsMortuary.com](http://SimonsMortuary.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Lutheran Cemetery

914 S Pleasant St  
Peoria, IL 61604-5954

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 26. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

New Cornerstone Baptist Church  
3609 West Harmon Highway  
Peoria, IL 61604

## Funeral Service

MAY 26. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

New Cornerstone Baptist Church  
3609 West Harmon Highway  
Peoria, IL 61604

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Clarence "Snooks" "Smitty" William Smith Jr.*



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**Simons Mortuary** - May 26, 2018 at 12:06 PM

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*TO THE FAMILY, WE ARE SORRY FOR THE LOSS OF YOUR LOVED ONE. I LOOKED AT HIS OBIT. PICTURE FOR DAYS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHERE DO I KNOW THIS MAN FROM. YES I KNEW HIM WELL. HE WAS AS NICE MAN AND A GOOD HUMAN BEING. I JUST DIDN'T KNOW WHERE HE DISAPPEARED TO. IF I MAKE IT TO HEAVEN, MAYBE I WILL SEE THAT BIG SMILE AGAIN THAT HE ALWAYS HAD. R.I.P WESLEY LEE.*

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**WESLEY LEE** - May 28, 2018 at 01:11 AM



“ *Mr. Clarence "Snooks" "Smitty" William Smith Jr.*

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January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. Clarence "Snooks" "Smitty" William Smith Jr.*

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January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *My condolences and prayers to the Smith Family on the loss of Clarence. May God bless you all as you go through this time.*



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**Caad Gor** - May 26, 2018 at 06:08 PM



“ *Clarence was always like a Big Brother to me growing up I loved his sense of humor and wisdom My sincere Condolence to his daughter and the Smith Family You're in my Prayers*

*Tommie Parker*

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**Tommie Parker** - May 25, 2018 at 08:04 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss to the Smith family from the Lee family Rest In Heaven*

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**Mary Payton Lee** - May 24, 2018 at 08:46 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss.*



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**Cheryl Grant** - May 24, 2018 at 02:34 PM

SW

“ Sorry to hear of Snook's passing, he was a valuable member of the Black Student Union and a just a 'good person'. My condolences to the Smith family.  
Stephen Whetstone '71

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**Stephen Whetstone** - May 24, 2018 at 12:18 PM

JB

“ Joanie Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Clarence "Snooks" "Smitty" William Smith Jr.



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**Joanie Brown** - May 23, 2018 at 08:30 PM



“ So sorry for your loss



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**Evelyn Tate-Clayton** - May 23, 2018 at 05:32 PM

TP

“ Alisha (AKA Smitty to us) We are thinking of you in this difficult time. Please let The Parkers know if there is anything that we can do for you. Prayers & Love. Derrick, Tonya, Brooklyn and Sidney.

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**Tonya Parker** - May 23, 2018 at 03:26 PM

TW

“ *Today is full of memories  
of a Big Brother laid to rest  
and every single one of them is still with  
happiness  
For you were someone always such a joy to  
Know and there was so much pain when it was time to let you go  
That's why this special message  
is sent to heaven above for the angels to take care of you and give  
you all my love  
Think of me and know that our parting is only for a while  
Love you Junior*



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**Theresa Walker** - May 22, 2018 at 06:31 PM