



Moncy P. Smith III

February 12, 1950 - March 23, 2022

Moncy P. Smith III was born Sunday, February 12, 1950, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, the eldest son of the late Moncy P. Smith Jr. and the late Marion (Lewis) Smith.

Moncy, affectionately known as “Skitch” or “Bates,” attended John Harris High School and Temple University. He later joined the U.S. Marine Corps serving in the U.S. and abroad in Spain, Lebanon and Turkey. He was honorably discharged as a Lance Corporal. He was formerly employed by the Penn Credit Corporation.

Moncy was a gifted musician. He played the piano from a young age and became very skillful at his craft. When he was fifteen years old, he was approached by the world-renown jazz musician, Ramsey Lewis, at a local venue. Lewis told Moncy that he couldn’t believe a kid so young could play so well. Lewis said he would take Moncy on the road with him if he wasn’t so young. Moncy went on to play keyboards for several bands, most notably, Positive Force. This ‘80’s band produced the hit record, “We Got the Funk,” which topped the R&B charts in 1981. He was the recipient of the 717 Hip Hop Awards – Legend Award for his many years of music excellence in Central Pennsylvania.

Moncy loved the Lord and he loved to play gospel music as well. He was a

member of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church of Harrisburg for over twenty-five years, under the tutelage of the late Rev. Franklin L. Henley. He was active in the Boy Scouts and the Sunday School at the church. He was a musician for the Tabernacle Baptist Church and later joined the Second Baptist Church of Harrisburg, under the leadership of Pastor A. J. Briley.

Moncy made his earthly transition on Wednesday March 23, 2022, surrounded by his loving family. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Cameron Smith; his sister, Lillian Richardson; and his nephew, Christian D. Smith.

Surviving are his brother, Gayland Smith (Vicki) of Monroeville, PA; his sisters, Linda Bennett of Greensboro, NC, and Marcella Smith Raynor of Harrisburg; his nieces, Chinia Plant and Tikki Holden of Harrisburg, Shamika Smith of California, and Peggy Watson of Greensboro; his nephews, Terry and Tony Watson of Greensboro, and Mark Smith of California; his all-time favorite great-nephew/son, Jasir Plant; his great-nephew, Jah'mir Plant; great-niece, Jai'ana Plant, with his great-great-nephew, Akelius Plant; his special friend, Erma Cruz; along with other family members and friends.

(SERVICE WILL BE DIRECTED BY THE FAMILY AND AT THE DISCRETION OF THE FAMILY.)

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CLICK ON THE SHARE A MEMORY TAB TO POST VIDEOS, SHARE MEMORIES, CONDOLENCES, REFLECTIONS OR SIMPLY YOUR NAME.

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Previous Events

Flower Delivery

APR 9. 7:30 AM (ET)

Second Baptist Church
424 Forester Street
Harrisburg, PA

Memorial Service

APR 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Second Baptist Church
424 Forester Street
Harrisburg, PA

Tribute Wall

LD

“ *Marcella, My condolences to you and your family. Moncy will be missed, but never forgotton. keeping you and your family in my prayers,
Sincerely,
Linda Dean*



Linda Dean - April 14, 2022 at 05:04 PM

KT

“ *Moncy was a great pianist. He shared his gift with People’s Community Baptist Church for a brief time. His playing lifted our spirits to the Lord. God bless you family. Our Prayers Dec. Kermit & Rev. Thames*

Kermit Thames - April 12, 2022 at 08:44 AM

LL

“ *My heartfelt sympathy and prayers go out to the family and friends who shared in Moncy's life. He displayed such a quiet spirit and calming voice. His artistic ability spoke for itself! He will be missed.*

Lennie Lewis - April 12, 2022 at 12:55 AM

MC

I will always remember Skitch and our days together in music. My Son ncerest Thiughts and Prayers to his Family. Rest In Peace.

Michael A. Collins - April 18, 2022 at 01:40 PM

BJ

“ To Marcella and family, you have my deepest sympathy and you are in my thoughts & prayers. May the Lord comfort, strengthen, and keep you in His care 🙏❤️

Betty Joyner - April 11, 2022 at 11:25 PM

BW

“ Betty White-Joyner lit a candle in memory of Moncy P. Smith III



Betty White-Joyner - April 11, 2022 at 11:20 PM

CP

“ My Deepest Sympathy to the Smith Family. I went to Junior and High School with Moncy. Moncy was always a kind and quiet Man. May the Family find Peace in knowing He is now Resting in the Arms of Our Father. May God Continue to Comfort Each of You. Carolyn (Howard) Pollard.



Carolyn Pollard - April 07, 2022 at 06:20 PM

SH

“ Sherry Robison Holloway



Sherry Robison Holloway - April 07, 2022 at 11:30 AM

PS

“ I loved "Skitchy." I lived on 14th St during my childhood and would hear him playing the organ and "Toot" Hunter playing the drums out of my bedroom window. "Skitchy" and I had deep spiritual conversations....O will miss him, but know that I will see him in the morning!

Pastor Kevin Byam-Brown, Sr. - April 06, 2022 at 12:57 PM

SW

“ My sincere condolences to my old neighbors the Smith's during the loss of Moncy. May God comfort you all during this sorrowful time. My thoughts and prayers go out to each and everyone of you. Rest in Heavenly Peace Moncy. Earth has no Sorrow, that Heaven cannot Heal.



Stephanie Williams - April 06, 2022 at 10:39 AM

BW

My Condolences to the Smith Family, my thoughts & prayers are with you. May the Lord comfort, strengthen, and keep you all in His care.

Betty White-Joyner - April 11, 2022 at 11:17 PM

YS

“ Skitch was an absolutely passionate and thoughtful soul with whom I enjoyed many deeply stimulating conversations. He was serious about his family and setting them up for legacy. Also being brothers in the art of music, I was absolutely blessed to know him. May he rest well in eternity. To the family- Peace be unto you during this difficult time.



Deacon Yonda Spradley

Yonda Spradley - April 06, 2022 at 08:17 AM

GJ

“ *Marcella and family, My sincere condolences to you and your family during this most difficult time. May you find comfort in peace in the Word of God.*

Gwendolyn Robison Jackson

Gwendolyn Jackson - April 06, 2022 at 07:51 AM

WC

“ *My condolences to the Smith family as you deal with Moncy's passing. As much as it hurts, the fact that all of you know the Lord means that you will not be long separated from him. Hug each other close and know that we are praying for you. Yours In Christ, William B.Cooley Jr.*

William Cooley - April 05, 2022 at 08:29 PM

VC

“ *My condolence to Marcella, Gayland and Chinia and the rest of the Smith family. Moncy I'm so glad I got to said good bye to my childhood friend rest till we meet again my friend!*

Vickie Clark - April 04, 2022 at 09:29 PM

HW

“ *To the Smith family my deepest condolences.*
Hugh (Hucky) Woolridge



Hugh (Hucky) Woolridge - April 04, 2022 at 03:56 PM

SW

“ *My condolences to you and your family*



Sylvester Whitlock - April 04, 2022 at 11:39 AM

HS

“ *To the Smith family my deepest condolences. Hubie Simpson*

Hubie Simpson - April 04, 2022 at 11:39 AM

SW

“ *Sending my prayers and heartfelt condolences to the family.*



Sherry Wright - April 04, 2022 at 11:10 AM

MW

“ *Prayers and Condolences to your Family Marcella So Very Sorry for your Loss Loving Memories of him. He was a Great Brother and Friend.*

Michael E. Wright - April 04, 2022 at 09:59 AM

WE

“ *My prayers and condolences go out to the entire Smith family, relatives and friends.*



Wanda Epps - April 01, 2022 at 08:45 AM



“ *Kim Barnes lit a candle in memory of Moncy P. Smith III*



Kim Barnes - March 31, 2022 at 01:27 PM

JF

“ *To Marcella & the entire Smith Family,
Our deepest condolences go out to you and your family during this difficult time. You all our in our thoughts and prayers. Rest In Peace Skitchie.*

*We love yall,
Jeannie, Ronnie, Donna, Patty Franklin & Family*

Jeannie Franklin-Woodward - March 31, 2022 at 12:42 PM

RP

“ CHINIA, MARTY, GAYLAND & Families:



Skitch, Tommy, Peachie, Avery, Lillian, Cameron, Christie, John gone too soon yet the memories you left makes us smile each time we call your names. May GOD Comfort our Families as we CELEBRATE the HOME GOING of such a special man who LOVED GOD and his families!

Rosemary Payne - March 30, 2022 at 09:44 PM

RW

“ To chinia & aunt Marty sending my sympathy to you during this difficult time.



Rebecca Watlington - March 30, 2022 at 02:26 PM

MH

“ Marilyn Hall lit a candle in memory of Moncy P. Smith III



Marilyn Hall - March 30, 2022 at 11:40 AM

MH

“ I've known Skitchy all my life! N. 15th Street crew had so much love for one another. He was genuinely a sweet, kind man who will be truly missed. Love you Skitch

Marilyn Hall - March 30, 2022 at 11:40 AM



“ Kathy BurneyPoole lit a candle in memory of Moncy P. Smith III



Kathy BurneyPoole - March 30, 2022 at 07:51 AM

WA

“ Wanda lit a candle in memory of Moncy P. Smith III



Wanda - March 30, 2022 at 07:02 AM