



Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith

September 30, 1963 - August 20, 2017

SMITH, Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" - Age 53, passed away Sunday, August 20, 2017 at Hurley Medical Center. Family, friends, colleagues, and students are invited to a celebration commemorating the life of Mr. Smith Thursday, August 31, 2017 from 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM at Holmes S.T.E.M Academy, 6602 Oxley Dr. There will be no public viewing.

Alvin's journey on this road of life began on September 30, 1963 in Flint, Michigan. Born to the late Leroy and Elnora Smith, Alvin grew up in Flint where he accepted Christ at an early age. After earning his diploma from Flint Central High School in 1981, Alvin moved south to attend Jackson State University. In 1988, he earned his Bachelor of Science in Education degree. When Alvin returned to Flint in 1991, he began working in the Flint Community Schools and he earned his Master of Arts degree from Eastern Michigan University in 2007.

Affectionately known as "Mr. Smith", Alvin was a role model, motivator, respected colleague, and lifelong friend to all of the students and staff who had the privilege of knowing him as an educator. Lovingly known as "Big AL" to his family and friends, Alvin never met a stranger, had a heart of gold, and he lived his life on his terms!

Alvin began resting in God's loving care on August 20, 2017 and leaves to forever cherish his memory: wife, DeLynn; 2 sons, Michael Smith and

Brandon Woods; 3 daughters, Alicea (Justin) Hill, Arianna Smith and Alanna Smith; 2 grandchildren, Bailey Smith and Carson Hill; father and mother-in-law, Anthony and Jean Lucas of Grand Rapids, MI; 5 brothers, Floyd (Mildred) Robinson of Pinola, MS, Leroy (Betty) Smith, Larry Smith, James Smith and Melvin (Tammy) Smith, all of Flint; 2 brothers-in-law, Anthony (Tony) Lucas Jr. and Alan Clark, both of Grand Rapids, MI; 4 sisters, Ruby (Charles) of Jackson, MS, Cheryl (Jesse Jr.) Wilson, Linda Smith, all of Flint and Gladys (George) Winfield of Tucson, AZ; sister-in-law, Lisa Clark of Grand Rapids, MI; a host of uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and special friends, Edgar Jackson and Carlos Gonzalez.

Alvin was preceded in death by his parents, Leroy and Elnora Smith; sister, Joyce Lane; niece, Stephanie Mackey; and sister-in-law, LaShelle Lucas.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

AUG 31. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Holmes S.T.E.M. Academy
6602 Oxley Dr.
Flint, MI 48504

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Ruthi Hill lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith*



Ruthi Hill - September 01, 2017 at 12:03 PM



“ *Nadie Holmes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith*



Nadie Holmes - September 01, 2017 at 09:52 AM



“ *Ivy Herron lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith*



Ivy Herron - August 31, 2017 at 09:00 PM

TB

“ *Tanyunika Batiste lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith*



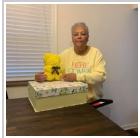
Tanyunika Batiste - August 31, 2017 at 07:49 PM

MB

“ *Melody Bondon-McGee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith*



Melody Bondon-McGee - August 30, 2017 at 09:35 AM



“ *Anita WiseWilliams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith*



Anita WiseWilliams - August 30, 2017 at 03:34 AM

TM

“ *Trina McMullan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith*



Trina McMullan - August 29, 2017 at 08:42 AM

JJ

“ JoAnn Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith



JoAnn Jackson - August 29, 2017 at 08:09 AM

CS

“ Carolyn Spight lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith



Carolyn Spight - August 28, 2017 at 06:24 PM

KW

“ Kenneika Waters lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith



Kenneika Waters - August 28, 2017 at 05:27 AM



“ Mary Evans lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith



Mary Evans - August 27, 2017 at 02:31 PM

SM

“ My "little big brother" I have so many memories of you that will forever flood my soul. when Linda and I became best friends (6th grade) you became my brother. Thank you for being the brother to me that I never had. Love and miss you. Until we meet again.

Sharon MIXON - August 27, 2017 at 12:30 PM

LJ

“ Linda Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith



Linda Jackson - August 26, 2017 at 06:00 PM

CF

“ Chandra Forward lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith



Chandra Forward - August 26, 2017 at 06:38 AM

VP

My condolences to the family

Vergennia Pennyman - August 27, 2017 at 03:37 PM

PH

“ To the Smith family, we are thankful for this opportunity to celebrate the life of Bro. Alvin with you. We love you and praise God for Bro. Alvin's testimony of life and thank God for the time He allowed to be shared with you all here on terra firma. We are asking God to continue to cover you with His peace and give you strength for your tomorrows. Bro/Sis Lucas we love you and are praying with you and ask God to give you traveling grace. 3NOne Blessings... Dr. Timothy Mark Harris, Pastor, Lady Karin and the Pilgrim Rest MBC family.

Pastor Harris - August 25, 2017 at 11:06 PM

KF

“ You have our sincere condolences. We both enjoyed working with Al. No matter how many computers we had to fix, he kept us laughing.
- Kyle & Lottie Ferguson



Kyle & Lottie Ferguson - August 25, 2017 at 08:17 PM



Tieneisha Robinson

“ My condolences to the family. I was a student of Mr. Smith and Ms. Lucas (Delynn) when they were at Holmes Middle School.

Tieneisha Robinson - August 25, 2017 at 07:41 PM

AL

“ We'll miss you "Big Al". RIH." Mama Sun & Pops"



Anthony & Jean Lucas - August 25, 2017 at 05:54 PM



“ *Joya Reaves-Embry lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith*



Joya Reaves-Embry - August 25, 2017 at 04:45 PM

DB

“ *Dara Benton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith*



Dara Benton - August 25, 2017 at 02:54 PM

DW

“ *Delyn my prayers are with you and the girls during your bereavement hour. I am going to miss my buddy. Diana Wiley and family. FSCA. Teacher*

Diana Wiley - August 25, 2017 at 01:26 PM

VH

“ *Vanessa Hicks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith*



Vanessa Hicks - August 25, 2017 at 09:40 AM

LB

“ *Linda Booth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith*



Linda Booth - August 25, 2017 at 12:43 AM

SP

“ *Sharon Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith*



Sharon Patterson - August 24, 2017 at 11:15 PM

DJ

“ *Delois Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith*



Delois Jackson - August 24, 2017 at 10:41 PM

CF

“ *Camellia mills, sorry for your lost*

Camellia Mills -Katy Texas, friend - August 24, 2017 at 10:11 PM

KR

“ Kendall Reaves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith



Kendall Reaves - August 24, 2017 at 09:47 PM

RB

“ Richard Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith



Richard Brown - August 24, 2017 at 09:30 PM

TE

“ Trayce Epps lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith



Trayce Epps - August 24, 2017 at 07:15 PM

LL

“ Mr. Smith was my teacher at Holmes middles in 1993, He was so full of joy and fun to be around A good role model and a positive person. May God take you home. My prayer go out to the Smith family.

Latrice lucas - August 24, 2017 at 06:42 PM

SW

“ Sarah And Regina Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith



Sarah And Regina Williams - August 24, 2017 at 05:36 PM

AD

Alvin was a sweet person with a big heart! RIH! 🥰🥰🎈❤️🙌❤️

Ann Davis! - August 25, 2017 at 12:27 AM

IH

“ Iris Hare lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith



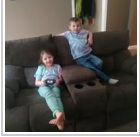
Iris Hare - August 24, 2017 at 05:26 PM

TD

“ My deepest prayers & condolences goes out to the family.



Trece Davis - August 24, 2017 at 04:51 PM



“ *Suzanne Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith*



Suzanne Anderson - August 24, 2017 at 04:47 PM

CD

“ *Charlotte Bonita Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith*



Charlotte Bonita Davis - August 24, 2017 at 04:18 PM

RC

“ *Rose Cox lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith*



Rose Cox - August 24, 2017 at 04:10 PM

PM

“ *Patricia Marshall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith*



Patricia Marshall - August 24, 2017 at 03:43 PM

LY

“ Sending my Prayers Delynn and family!



Lynda - August 24, 2017 at 01:13 PM



“ To my family...praying for you, during your loss...sitting here thinking about the fun we had on Race Street and Euclid Avenue...growing up together...love y'all



Barbara (LANE) McLaurin Bey

Barbara McLaurin Bey - August 24, 2017 at 12:40 PM

J.

“ My condolences to his family. Mr. Smith was my Woodshop teacher at Holmes Middle School many years ago he was a great teacher I pray for comfort for the family at such a difficult time



J.Young - August 24, 2017 at 12:34 PM

WB

“ Wanda J. Bady lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith



Wanda J. Bady - August 24, 2017 at 12:08 PM

WB

“ DeLynn, Alanna, and Arianna, you have my heartfelt sympathies during this difficult time.

2Thessalonians 2:16, 17 – May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting comfort and hope which we don't deserve, comfort your hearts with all comfort, and help you in every good thing you say and do.

Wanda J. Bady - August 24, 2017 at 12:07 PM

LP

“ My condolences, prayers, and especially my love goes out to Delynn, Ari,Lana and the whole Smith family. Look to the Lord during this difficult time!

Lynda Pitts - August 24, 2017 at 11:00 AM

LP

“ Lynda Pitts lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith



Lynda Pitts - August 24, 2017 at 10:49 AM



“ Alisha Lisa Shumpert lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith



Alisha Lisa Shumpert - August 24, 2017 at 09:18 AM

PW

“ Pamela Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith



Pamela Williams - August 24, 2017 at 08:35 AM

AC

“ Annette(Tuttie) Carlisle lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith



Annette(Tuttie) Carlisle - August 24, 2017 at 08:33 AM



“ Bertha Moses sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith



Bertha Moses - August 24, 2017 at 06:30 AM



“ Shelia A Battle lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith



Shelia A Battle - August 24, 2017 at 04:49 AM

RJ

“ Rhonda Spearman Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith



Rhonda Spearman Johnson - August 23, 2017 at 10:43 PM

BH

“ My condolences to the Smith family.

Brenda Harper-Stith



Brenda Harper-Stith - August 23, 2017 at 07:30 PM

DJ

“ Deborah Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith



Deborah Jones - August 23, 2017 at 06:57 PM

RT

“ Rose Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith



Rose Thomas - August 23, 2017 at 12:33 PM

GM

“ *GLORIA MOSES-COLEN lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith*



GLORIA MOSES-COLEN - August 23, 2017 at 11:15 AM

E(

“ *Oh how I remember the most jovial member of the Holmes Middle School Staff! Alvin always had a smile on his face and before you finished your conversation with him you would be laughing as well. He will be definitely missed! So sorry for his family. I will continue to pray that God wraps his arms around you and give you strength during your time of sorrow.*

Elnora Urquhart (Crutchfield) - August 23, 2017 at 09:58 AM

E(

“ *Elnora Urquhart (Crutchfield) lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith*



Elnora Urquhart (Crutchfield) - August 23, 2017 at 09:49 AM

JM

“ *Jaquetta Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith*



Jaquetta Moore - August 23, 2017 at 09:24 AM

TJ

“ *Tanya Jefferson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith*



Tanya Jefferson - August 23, 2017 at 08:40 AM

RG

“ *Recardo Gray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith*



Recardo Gray - August 23, 2017 at 06:20 AM

MO

“ *My deepest condolences to the family. May our Heavenly Father provide you the strength and comfort you need during your time of grief, may his words penned at Revelations 21:3.4 give you comfort, there where find a promise that He will wipe every tear from our eyes.*

Monique - August 23, 2017 at 05:34 AM

CH

“ *Cecelia Hussey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith*



Cecelia Hussey - August 23, 2017 at 04:29 AM

JJ

“ Jackie Mallett Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith



Jackie Mallett Johnson - August 22, 2017 at 11:43 PM

ST

“ My condolences to the Smith family. I am so saddened. Al was my neighbor growing up as well as now. Our dad's were best friends. My heart is heavy but rest in peace.

Sheryl Thompson - August 22, 2017 at 09:26 PM

CT

“ Our condolences go out to you Delynne and the girls. We are keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers. Carl, Sherry & Jeremy.

Carl & Sherry Thompson - August 22, 2017 at 08:22 PM

RH

“ Renee Hill sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith



Renee Hill - August 22, 2017 at 01:04 PM

CM

“ *RIH Mr.Smith I will always remember those words of wisdom u had given me over the years that still here today u where great teacher u will truly be miss!* ”



Chynia Melton - August 22, 2017 at 11:25 AM



“ *My condolences to the family of Mr Smith. The death of a loved can be difficult but you can find comfort in knowing that through God 's word and prayer and the scripture from 1Thessalonians:4:13,14 you can find real hope and the strength to keep you going during this difficult time.* ”



Daisy Boone - August 22, 2017 at 07:45 AM

IG

“ *Ira Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith* ”



Ira Gilbert - August 22, 2017 at 03:48 AM



“ *Heartfelt condolences to you your family DeLynn. Art and Diana Wright* ”

Diana Wright - August 22, 2017 at 01:37 AM

KS

A tearful prayer for you, the girls, and the Smith family! God bless

Kecia Spencer - August 22, 2017 at 09:25 PM

LB

“ Rest well sir, I will always remember the moments of wisdom that was shared in your class. The many jokes that you had for us as students, the embrace of love for us as a father figure to those of us you knew needed it the most. You always thought us to hold our heads high and to walk tall at all times even when it seemed impossible. I prayer that your family finds comfort in knowing that a seed was planted from you in many of us that had the opportunity of being in your presents. My prayers and condolences go out to the smith family may God keep you wrapped in his loving arms.




Leon K. Bell - August 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ U will truly be missed.... May you Rest In Peace Mr. Smith



Latoya Carr Anderson - August 21, 2017 at 08:26 PM

 Karen Bailey

“ Karen Bailey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith



Karen Bailey - August 21, 2017 at 08:03 PM

KM

“ Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.
Love Neph, Kelvo

Kelvin M. Mackey - August 21, 2017 at 08:02 PM

KM

“ Kelvin M. Mackey lit a candle in memory of
Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith



Kelvin M. Mackey - August 21, 2017 at 07:50 PM

SW

“ Sharon (Webb) Williams lit a candle in
memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith

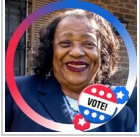


Sharon (Webb) Williams - August 21, 2017 at 06:07 PM

GW

“ Delyn I am so saddened to hear about the passing of Alvin, my
friend/brother. Flint schools as well as staff and students, will be
missing a great person/teacher. So easy to talk to and very helpful.
Delyn you and your family are in my Prayers.

Gina Wortham - August 21, 2017 at 05:59 PM



“ You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.

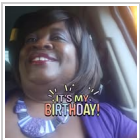


Sonia Jones - August 21, 2017 at 04:34 PM

BK

“ I worked at Holmes with Al for over 10 years. He always had that big smile on his face! I remember sitting around at school functions and just laughing at the funny things he would say! Such a sweet man that will be fondly remembered for his smile and kind heart! I am so sorry Delynn that you and your girls have to go through this terrible loss. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers! Love-Betsy Kato

Betsy Kato - August 21, 2017 at 02:00 PM



“ Sharon Mixon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvin "BIG AL" Smith



Sharon Mixon - August 21, 2017 at 12:03 PM

AF

“ When you're a students at Holmes Middle School, it was impossible to not know who Mr. Smith was. He was always giving out words of encouragement and often reminded students "I'm sure that's not why your Momma you to school today!" It's educators like Mr. Smith that made going to school a life changing and remarkable experience. Even though I never had his wood shop class, he still was one of my favorite teacher we knew he truly cared. My prayers are with his family during this difficult time but I find comfort in knowing our God doesn't make a mistake. And it truly wasn't a mistake that his life has touch SO MANY STUDENTS here in Flint Michigan.

Love and prayers for all that are grieving,

Ashley (Liddell) Strozier & Family - August 21, 2017 at 11:36 AM

DS

“ Big Al... I can't believe I'm having to post this. My condolences and love to Delynn, Ari and Lana Boo. May GOD comfort, bless and keep you as only HE can. Love you!
Harold Deidre and Maya Woodson



Deidre Spight~Woodson - August 21, 2017 at 09:23 AM