



## Mr. Willie Barry Smith Jr.

May 19, 1966 - September 12, 2024

SMITH, Mr. Willie Barry Jr. - Age 58, passed away Thursday, September 12, 2024, at his residence. Family hour 10:00 AM Friday, September 27, 2024, from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM Min. Patrick McNeal officiating. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the funeral home 10:00 AM Friday. Mr. Smith will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Thursday with family present from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM to receive friends. Willie Barry Smith Jr. was born May 19, 1966 in Flint Michigan, the son of Willie Sr. & Jane Smith. Willie graduated from Flint Northwestern High School, "Class of 1984" and enlisted in the United States Armed Forces before returning to Flint. He then worked as a professional photographer, traveling across the 48 contiguous states. Afterward, he attended Mott Community College and the University of Michigan-Flint, where he earned a Bachelor Degree in Health Care Administration and pursued graduate studies. Willie dedicated his life to community service, beginning with AmeriCorps, where he focused on STD/HIV education, and later serving as Project Director at the YOUR Center. He was a health advocate, serving on local and national boards, and held positions with Flint Community Schools and University of Michigan. Smith also contributed to his community as President of the West Pulaski St. Block Club and Vice President of the North Neighborhood Action Council. As Co-Principal

of Community Roots, he served on numerous boards and committees, raising awareness of the challenges facing Flint residents, particularly in North Flint, which held a special place in his heart. Known for his generosity, you could always count on Smith to fix your computer when needed. In his spare time, he enjoyed fishing and traveling with his wife, whom he absolutely adored. Willie's loving, caring, and generous spirit left a lasting impact on everyone he met. His kindness and warmth touched the lives of many, leaving a legacy of compassion and service. Willie Barry Smith Jr. leaves to cherish his wife, Patricia Smith; 4 daughters and 4 sons, Willie Smith III, Sareeta Horton, Danielle Horton, Charles (Bojo) Gant, Nygee Gant, Nadia Meggs, Kelli Meggs and Jonathan Strozier; 5 grandchildren, Charles Gant III, Naim Gant, all of Flint, Asahari Meggs of Texas, Aubree Sharp of Texas and Julius Meggs, all of Mississippi; sister and brother; Joy Blair and Michael Smith, both of Flint; 4 nieces, Ashley Smith of Colorado, Shakira Hodge of Atlanta, GA, Cryanna Hodge of Flint and Crystal Hodge of California; 10 nephews, Aundris Hence, Aaron Smith, Avery Hence, Dequan Smith, all of Colorado, Demarcus Smith, Brandon Smith, Gene Hodge and Camaryn Smith, all of Flint and Leonard Robinson of Alabama, 5 aunts, Philomena Marshall, Elizabeth Luciano, Julia Peabody, all of Massachusetts, Beverly Smith of Texas and Linda McKnight of Flint; a host of cousins, mother-in-law, Edna Hodge of Flint; sister-in-law, Rosezetta Hodge; 3 brothers-in-laws, Gene Hodge Jr. of Flint, Wali Hodge of Phoenix, AZ and Herbert Liddell of Flint; a host of other relatives and friends, Community Roots brothers, Sylvester Jones, Todd Womack and Patrick McNeal.

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.  
Holly, MI 48442

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

SEP **26.** 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
(810) 789-MOON (6666)  
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com  
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

## Family Present

SEP **26.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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## Family hour

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SEP 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Service

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SEP 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Willie Barry Smith Jr.



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - September 27, 2024 at 09:15 AM

NP

“ My sincere condolences. I pray for peace and healing over the family. Matthew 5:4: "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted" Stay encouraged, lean on one another for strength when some days are more gloom than the next. I love you all. John 14:27: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid" -Neisha Pryor

Neisha Pryor - September 27, 2024 at 11:00 AM



“ To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord!!! Willie I appreciate how you loved my sister Patricia and took great care of her !!! We Love & Miss you!!! Praying for his family !!! 🙏❤️❤️❤️🌹



Rosezetta Hodge - September 26, 2024 at 01:41 AM

LR

*Weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning. Willie we have joy knowing that you are with our Lord, Rest in love my bro/cousin, you will be missed. Prayers for Patricia Smith and family. Love you cousin ❤️*

Linda Reddix - September 27, 2024 at 01:02 PM

BF

“ BMO Asset Management Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Willie Barry Smith Jr..



BMO Asset Management Family - September 25, 2024 at 03:59 PM

BF

“ BMO Asset Management Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Willie Barry Smith Jr..

BMO Asset Management Family - September 25, 2024 at 03:59 PM

MT

“ Marjorie and the Ascend team purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Willie Barry Smith Jr..



Marjorie and the Ascend team - September 25, 2024 at 01:50 PM

SE

“ Mr Willie & I was taking classes together through our apts we reside. I talked to him that Monday, We spoke with him for about an hour & his last words was "I love y'all & we told him we loved him too and prayers for healing for our friend. I got the call that we all didn't want to hear that he was gone to reap his reward with our Lord and Savior. I am very saddened & heartbroken about his passing. Willie was so kind. Our classes won't be the same. He's is already missed. The entire Edelen, Cunningham & Moore Family sends our condolences and prayers to Mr Willie's wife & his entire family. May God confort & bless you all



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**Sushila Edelen** - September 24, 2024 at 08:19 AM

AN

“ Jr. as I knew him my entire childhood. He was supportive, uplifting, funny and was always laughing or just having a good time.

#Pierson  
#Bryant  
#Northwestern  
#ParkwayAve

My condolences to his family. May you be strengtened and hold on to the great memories he has left behind.



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**Angelia** - September 23, 2024 at 02:01 PM

CC

“ Cheryl Campbell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Barry Smith Jr.



Cheryl Campbell - September 23, 2024 at 10:58 AM

CR

“ To the entire Smith families all near and far the Randolph family send our deepest sentiments to you. Piersonhood4lyfe...

The peace of God covers when the words of men can not.



Carolyn L Randolph-Witcher - September 20, 2024 at 09:29 AM

CC

“ Clarence & Bettina Campbell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Barry Smith Jr.



Clarence & Bettina Campbell - September 19, 2024 at 12:50 PM

CB

“ Cynthia Burton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Barry Smith Jr.



Cynthia Burton - September 19, 2024 at 08:07 AM

SB

“ *Sidney Bradfod lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Barry Smith Jr.*



Sidney Bradfod - September 19, 2024 at 07:21 AM

SY

“ *My condolences to your family and friends. May you rest in heavenly peace 🙏*



Stephanie Young - September 18, 2024 at 10:42 PM

AE

“ *I worked with Willie many years ago around after school programming. He was a kind gentleman with a big smile. Everyone loved to be around him and he will certainly be missed.*

Antwan Edson - September 18, 2024 at 09:07 PM

TW

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Tonia W - September 18, 2024 at 04:21 PM

TW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Tonia W - September 18, 2024 at 02:44 PM

LG

“ My condolences to the family of Mr. Willie Smith. Those of us who worked with him at Flint Community Schools knew him as a quiet and unassuming man who was able to work with anyone (staff and students) and we were fortunate to have him. After working together, I was so pleased to hear Willie’s name associated with so many neighborhood and community initiatives. He will be sorely missed.

LaDonna Gamble - September 18, 2024 at 11:39 AM

JS

“ Jacqueline Scott lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Barry Smith Jr.



Jacqueline Scott - September 18, 2024 at 09:01 AM

DS

“ Debora Stitt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Barry Smith Jr.



Debora Stitt - September 17, 2024 at 09:49 PM

BJ

“ *B. Jones jr lit a candle in memory of Willie Smith*



**B. Jones jr** - September 17, 2024 at 02:28 PM

CJ

“ *My parkway little brother God be with the family praying for the family and for Michael God be with him through this*



**Chris Jones** - September 16, 2024 at 05:08 PM

ST

“ *Sharon Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Barry Smith Jr.*



**Sharon Taylor** - September 16, 2024 at 03:01 PM

FH

“ *Willie was a kind person and always looked out for others. He was also a wonderful block club president. With deepest condolences to his family, especially Brenda his wife 💕*



**Freda Hayes** - September 16, 2024 at 02:11 AM

PC

“ *Condolences to the Smith family*



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**Pamela Coles** - September 16, 2024 at 12:02 AM

DF

“ *Diary Fields lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Barry Smith Jr.*



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**Diary Fields** - September 15, 2024 at 11:52 PM

TF

“ *The Leslie Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Barry Smith Jr.*



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**The Leslie Family** - September 15, 2024 at 10:39 PM

LP

“ *Praying for the entire family during this difficult time.*



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**Leola Page** - September 15, 2024 at 11:51 AM

DW

“ *Mr. Smith held high regard in my heart as a selfless, caring and decent man with a vast love for his family and love ones. He will be sorely missed.*



Danielle Williams - September 14, 2024 at 10:33 PM

FG

“ *My condolences to the family and friends of Willie. Our thoughts and prayers to all who knew him. He attended many of our Brownell Holmes Neighborhood Association Block Club meetings and he was so pleasant and knowledgeable. We will miss that beautiful smile and his presence. Rest in heavenly peace Willie, your work here is done.*



*Fredricka “Ricky” Gist*

Fredricka “Ricky” Gist - September 14, 2024 at 04:30 PM



*Prayers & Condolences to the family of Willie Smith worked with him doing HIV prevention & outreach very pleasant and refreshing to work with. Rest well my brother 🙏*

H Denise Harris - September 18, 2024 at 09:29 PM

PK

“ *We are very sorry for your Loss! Just was thinking about Willie the otherday! Agian soory!! Phillipand Nancy Kimble. Brownell Homes Assoiation Block Club.*



Phillip Kimble - September 14, 2024 at 11:31 AM

SJ

“ *Senita & Jacquie Jackson lit a candle in memory of Willie Smith* ”



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**Senita & Jacquie Jackson** - September 14, 2024 at 11:23 AM

SF

“ *Sharon Fleming lit a candle in memory of Willie Smith* ”



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**Sharon Fleming** - September 14, 2024 at 10:29 AM

HC

“ *My condolences to the family and friends of my friend Willie* ❤️ ”



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**Hettie Bell Collins** - September 14, 2024 at 09:47 AM

KG

“ *Keta Gibson lit a candle in memory of Willie Smith* ”



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**Keta Gibson** - September 14, 2024 at 09:21 AM

RS

“ *Raynetta Speed lit a candle in memory of Willie Smith*



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**Raynetta Speed** - September 13, 2024 at 04:42 PM

JB

“ *Joy Blair lit a candle in memory of Willie Smith*



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**Joy Blair** - September 13, 2024 at 03:45 PM

TW

“ *Tonia W lit a candle in memory of Willie Smith*



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**Tonia W** - September 13, 2024 at 02:24 PM