

# *Celebration of Life*



MAY 24, 1979

JUNE 19, 2019

## **JASON TYRELL SMOTHERS SR.**

Saturday, June 29, 2019 • Viewing 10:00 a.m. • Homegoing Service 12:00 p.m.

Clarks United Methodist Church • Pastor James Hamilton  
2001 Kalima Road Bel Air, MD 21015

# His Life



**JASON TYRELL SMOTHERS, SR.** was born May 24, 1979 at Harford Memorial Hospital in Havre de Grace to John Wesley and Gloria Smothers. He was the fourth of the Smothers family's six children, and for many years, was the youngest of them.

Jason graduated from C. Milton Wright High School in Harford County, and joined the United States Marines where he served in his early professional years. Jason spent much of his career as a financial planning advisor, helping others make decisions on life insurance and pension plans. He studied political science and history at Bowie State University, Strayer University, and finally, Coppin State University where he was a few credits away from graduating at the time of his passing.

A man full of personality, Jason had a generous heart and a great sense of humor whether he was laughing with you or at you. He had a gift for making new friends everywhere he went and always had a colorful story to share. Jason loved giving to others even when it meant he would have to go without. He often just wanted the people around him to be happy. If someone seemed to have a bad day, Jason would take time to sit and talk with them.

A talented and passionate writer, Jason wrote numerous poems through the years and several novels he always intended to publish. He also had a stint ghostwriting for a member of Congress. Even when his

laptop was not with him, Jason would pour out his writing on his cellphone.

Jason took his role as a father seriously and poured out love and support to his three children as often as possible. Beyond his own beloved children, Jason enjoyed pouring into others whether it was helping his nephew King with homework, sharing his perspective on black culture or coaching football for the Aberdeen Bulldogs and Bel Air Terps when his son "Tyrell" played for those teams.

He was a member of Clarks United Methodist Church, where he served as a choir member in his youth. Earlier this year, Jason also rededicated his life to Jesus Christ.

Jason thought deeply about many things and had several favorite mantras he would share often, including "Love is not a verb, it's an action," and "There are lions and sheep in this world. You have to decide who you are going to be." Many who knew and loved Jason will especially miss his jokes and the deep conversations with him.

Jason is preceded in death by his brother Matthew, paternal grandparents Rev. John W. and Martha Smothers, Sr. and his maternal grandfather Charles Higgins. The best of Jason's legacy lives on through his beloved children Amirah, Jason Tyrell Jr., and Autumn Smothers. He also leaves behind his fiance Alexandria Harriott; his loving parents John Wesley and Gloria

# Love

Smothers; his siblings Lisa Clark (Danney), Renee Minter (Ulysses), Dana Smothers (Taylor), and Lakia Smothers; his maternal grandmother Elsie Higgins; his godparents Carol Keyes, Emory and Eunice Thompson; his brothers and sister at heart, Zeus and Valerie Collins, and Jason Jones, and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins who loved him.



# TRIBUTES TO *Jason*



In life there comes a time when one is given the opportunity to call themselves a parent. Some take on the role of being a dad or a mom- but only the strong can call themselves a mother or like my dad, a Father. Throughout life my Father always answered the call of doing the jobs that required the mind of a warrior and the strength of a soldier. Whether it was answering the call to service in the United States Marines, coaching the championship Rec football teams, or his favorite job-raising his beloved children.

My father had a way of touching every soul he met and most certainly captivating every mind. He was a jokester, guaranteed to either laugh with ya or laugh at ya! But it was always in love. He had a way of letting you know he was about to make fun of you when he tilted his head down and opened his eyes real wide. He could always make me laugh, even when I didn't want to. Although my dad's humor was his definitely a memorable part about him, the thing I loved about him the most was his heart. He always wanted to help people. It didn't matter if it was him working with me on my crossover for hours, giving someone a ride home, or educating the youth on black culture and self awareness. He gave selflessly just because it brought him joy to see people happy. He had the purest of hearts and the kindest of souls.

To my grandparents, dad always admired how strong you two were and how you were able to love him unconditionally. To my Aunts and Uncles, he valued all the times you shared and all the laughter that came with it. To my cousins, he enjoyed sharing his knowledge with you and watching you grow from adolescence to adult hood. To my Mother and Step Mother he loved you, you both have given him the greatest gifts he received- his children, and for that you will always have a place in his heart. And finally to my brother and sister who remind me of my father every day, dad is so proud of you two and everything y'all have accomplished. We were the light of his life, and his greatest treasures. He lives in us in our hearts, so we will never be without him. We miss you so much down here Daddy. There is no one that will ever be able to take your place. We love you forever. Rest in Power

*Love your eldest Daughter,*  
**AMIRAH IYANNA SMOTHERS**



Hey Dad, I know now that you can see me all the time and you are watching over me, but I wanted to let you know that I think and talk about you everyday. Before you were gone you were my best friend and the only person I really felt comfortable talking to. For as long as I live I will recognize and honor your great achievements as a father and as a man. I love you so much Dad and I miss you.

*Sincerely your son, Tyrell*  
**JASON TYRELL SMOTHERS, JR.**



# *Order of Celebration*

PASTOR CAROL TAYLOR, OFFICIATING  
WORD OF FAITH OUTREACH, ABERDEEN, MD

## MUSICAL PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL..... CLERGY AND FAMILY

GREETINGS ..... PASTOR CAROL TAYLOR

PRAYER ..... DESMOND KEYES

MUSICAL SELECTION ..... CHOIR

## SCRIPTURE READINGS:

OLD TESTAMENT (*ECCLESIASTES 3:1-4*) ..... DANNEY CLARK

NEW TESTAMENT (*JOHN 14:1-6*)..... HARRY SWANN

MUSICAL SELECTION ..... CHOIR

WORDS OF COMFORT..... VISITING CLERGY  
(2 MINUTES EACH)

REFLECTIONS ..... FAMILY & FRIENDS  
(2 MINUTES EACH)

MUSICAL SELECTION ..... RODERICK SEAMAN

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS ..... CAROLYN PUTNEY

MUSICAL SELECTION ..... NIKKI WILLIAMS

EULOGY..... PASTOR JAMES HAMILTON

RECESSIONAL SONG ..... JACKIE WILLIAMS

RECESSIONAL..... CLERGY AND FAMILY

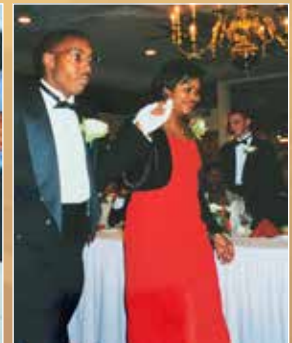
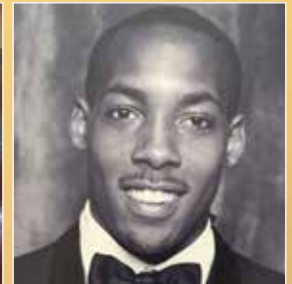
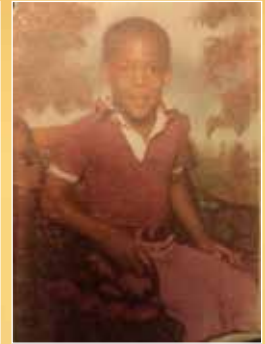
## INTERMENT

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## REPAST

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GOLDEN CORRAL, 706 S PHILADELPHIA BLVD., ABERDEEN, MD,  
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# FAMILY



**PALLBEARERS**

TYRONE AIKINS  
SEAN HIGGINS  
JASON JONES  
ELIJAH MINTER  
ISAIAH MINTER  
JEREMIAH MINTER  
DANA SMOTHERS

**HONORARY PALLBEARERS**

ZEUS COLLINS  
MATT STOFFA  
RANDALL TURNER

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*Acknowledgment*

The Smothers Family would like to express our  
thanks and appreciation for your many acts of kindness.  
We are blessed and deeply touched by your support  
for us during this time.

*Special Thanks*

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