

*It's never the right time  
To say goodbye.  
I will miss you, Dad,  
And here is why.  
You taught me so much:  
To show no fear,  
To always have fun,  
And face the day with cheer.*

*You were always so able,  
So fast and so strong.  
In your little girl's eyes  
You could do no wrong.  
You would always listen,  
And you never pried.  
You were the arms around me  
When I cried.*



*I hope you can hear me  
So I can let you know  
That you were and will forever  
Be my superhero.  
So yes, today  
I am full of sorrow,  
But I will smile a little more  
With each tomorrow.*

*So please, Dad, go  
Be at rest  
And know to me  
You were always the best.*

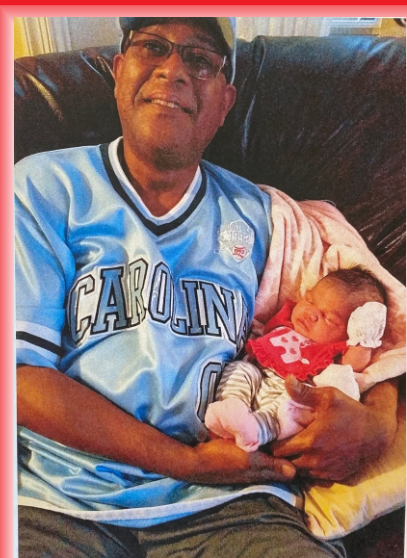
*I love you so much  
and miss you every day!*



*You never looked for praises,  
And you were never one to boast.  
You were always there  
For those you loved the most.*

*You worked so hard,  
And those strong working hands  
Led me through life  
And helped me understand  
That life can be hard,  
And tough, and sad,  
But through it all  
I had my Dad.*

*And because of you,  
I understood  
That life was actually  
Pretty good.  
I believe in you  
And will follow your path,  
And when things go wrong,  
I'll look back and laugh.*



## Memories



## Acknowledgements

The Smith Family extends our sincerest appreciation to the many family and friends who provided prayers, comfort, support, extra doses of love, telephone calls, text messages, and cards following the death of our loved one.

It is our desire that God will continue to bless you as you have been a blessing to us.

The Family



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A Celebration of Life for

*William Arthur Smith, Jr.*

Sunrise: November 15, 1960 - Sunset: May 9, 2020



Saturday, May 16, 2020

Dillard/Goldsboro Alumni and Friends, Inc.  
801 Poplar Street  
Goldsboro, NC 27530

Public Viewing: 12pm - 2pm  
Memorial Service: 2pm - 4pm



## Husband in Heaven

Although you sleep in Heaven now  
You're not that far away.  
My heart is full of memories  
And you're with me everyday.  
You lived your life with meaning  
And with a smile upon your face.  
A world that was full of happiness  
Is now an empty place.  
People say that only time  
Will heal a broken heart.  
But just like me and you  
It has been torn apart.  
I know you are at peace now  
And in a place where you are free.  
Meet me at the Pearly Gates  
When Heaven calls for me.

Your Loving Wife,  
Wanda

## Order of Service

### PROCESSIONAL

### MUSICAL SELECTION

### PRAYER OF COMFORT

### OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

### NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

### MUSICAL SELECTION

### SILENT READING OF THE OBITUARY

### EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE: (3 MINUTES)

#### THE CLASS OF 1979

#### DILLARD ALUMNI & FRIENDS

#### FAMILY TRIBUTE

### MUSICAL SELECTION

### EULOGISTIC MESSAGE

#### MINISTER COLEMAN DESSASO

### FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S BRIEF

### RECESSIONAL

### THE BURIAL CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT

### ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETARY IN

### ARLINGTON, VA

## Reflections

The pages of life began to turn for William Arthur Smith, Jr, fondly known as "Bill" or WAS-II, on November 15, 1960 to the late William A. Smith, Sr. and Eva Mitnaul Smith. He was the youngest of three children.

Bill answered God's call and transitioned peacefully into eternal rest on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at his home in Mitchellville, MD.

Bill accomplished many goals during his life's journey. He was raised in Goldsboro, NC and graduated from Goldsboro High School in 1979. He was a very active member of his class and participated in numerous activities. He met the love of his life, Wanda Coley, during his junior year and they were joined in marriage years later. After his high school graduation he attended college at North Carolina Central University and successfully received a Bachelor of Science degree of which he graduated Cum Laude. He enlisted in the United States Army where he honorably served his country for 24 years. He was a decorated soldier who received numerous medals, badges, citations, and campaign ribbons.

After retiring from the Army, he was employed by the Federal government at the Department of Defense, where he also received several awards and certificates of achievement. He recently retired from the Federal government in January 2020, which was his "second" retirement.

He looked forward to enjoying many more years of traveling around the world, attending major sporting events, and supporting the performing arts with his family. He was especially excited about spending more time with his grandchildren and granddogs, namely Meeko. He had a passion for grilling, just like his Dad. He enjoyed meticulously attending to the yard, as he had "two" green thumbs.

He always strived for higher heights while selflessly giving of himself to many causes and organizations. He met no strangers and will be missed by so many.

Cherishing precious memories are: his loving and devoted wife and soulmate, Wanda; daughters, Adrienne of Westlake Village, CA and Autumn of Largo, MD; grandchildren, Chase of Westlake Village, CA and Ava of Largo, MD; mother-in-law, Earnestine M. Coley of Goldsboro, NC; brother, Bishop Allan Smith of Goldsboro, NC; sister, Pearliece (Thomas) Rhodes of Goldsboro, NC; brothers-in-law, Billy (Patricia) Mickens of Upper Marlboro, MD, Larry (Teri) Mickens of Clinton, MD; sister-in-law, Terri (Coleman) Dessaso of Newport News, VA; god-sister, Rhonda Gregory of Goldsboro, NC; and a host of Aunts, Uncles, other relatives, Goldsboro High School Classmates of 1979, and friends all over the world.