



Valandar C. Smith

January 26, 1968 - October 8, 2019

VALANDAR'S JOURNEY HOME

Valandar Charles Smith (affectionately known as Main), was born on January 26, 1968 to the union of Willie M. and Sarah J. Hucks Smith in Lincoln Park, Michigan. He was the youngest of six children. His beloved parents, brother Darryl, and sister, Camilla preceded him in death.

Education:

Valandar was educated in the Ecorse Public Schools System and was a proud graduate of the Class of 1986. He excelled academically and played Varsity Football and Wrestling Teams where he processed great leadership skills. In 1989 he enlisted in the U.S. Army as a reservist and received a diploma in Power Generation Equipment Repair. Val continued his scholastic journey at Northern Michigan and Norfolk State University. He loved learning and advancing his education by later attending Davenport University. In 2000, he graduated and received his Degree in Business Administration. In 2003, he earned his Master's Degree at Madonna University in Human Resources Administration.

In 1989, Valandar found employment at the Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, MI. Where he held various positions before become Human Resource Labor Relations Representative.

Christian Life:

Valandar accepted Christ as at an early age at New Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church under the founding pastor, Rev. Lawrence Thomas Sr. While attending Solid Rock Baptist Church, he became an Ordained Deacon under the Leadership of Reverend Tucker. In 2000 Valandar and his Family joined Triumph Church under the leadership of Pastor Solomon Kinloch, Jr. He had a great love for God's word and it was not long before his gifts became evident and encouraged by the membership. Val continued to serve the Lord as a Deacon, Men Usher Board member, and occasionally would participate with the male choir.

Meeting the Love of his Life:

On June 20, 1998, Valandar joined in holy matrimony to his best friend Andrea Smith. There's a story that Val stalked his wife before courting her for six months before asking her for her hand in marriage. From this union two beautiful children were born totaling 3 with their eldest daughter Destanee. Val was not only a Loving Husband but he was a devoted Family man. There are many cherishing moments that he has left for his Family to continue to hold close in their hearts.

Valandar made his transition, Tuesday October 8, 2019. He leave to cherish his memory his loving wife and friend Andrea; two beautiful daughters, Destanee and Alexis; one son, Alexander; sisters Angela and Karen; brother Anthony Sr.; nieces Sharvonte (Shontia) Page, LaShawnda; nephews Vionte', Damontae', Michael II, Anthony Jr., and Dominique; great niece Cassidy, Ryleigh Kia, Makayla; great nephews Braden, Michael III, DaWayne, Kayden and Brayden; Mother in Love, Bernice Jemison. Aunts: Ruby Quinn (New

Orleans, LA); Essie Granderson, Willie Mae Hucks (Yazoo City, MS); Annie (Leo) Williams (Van Buren AK), Bettye Davis (Clinton Twp, MI), Loree Hucks (Detroit, MI), Shirley (Johnny) Haynes (Detroit, MI, and Ida Howard (River Rouge, MI; Uncles: Rufus (Louise) Jemison (Detroit, MI), Robert (Van) Jemison (Las Vegas, NV) sister in law Willetta (Michael)Alexander, Shantel(Brian) Wheeler; godchildren Aramis and Addison. He leaves to cherish his memory a Brother Hood of his closest Friends. Valandar will truly be missed by his entire Family and Friends and his class of 86.

POEMS

Brother of mine, you were always there.
Through thick and thin we laughed and cried.
Wonderful memories only we can share
of childhood days when we stood side by side.
(Because mama said I couldn't leave the house without taking you along)
We bickered and argued like all kids do,
but our love for each other was always there.
I knew I could always rely on you
and that you would never cease to care.

My brother, I'm trying to deal with why did this happen to you,
to a kind, loyal, loving dad? For you to leave us so swiftly, grieving and sad.
I'm sad because I could do so little for you
but hug you and give you a gentle kiss,
and pray your strength would see you through.

You have given your family so much love,

and you've always been my friend.
I know you'll watch over us from above
and be there for me at my life's end.

Your loving sister, Ann

My Little Brother
It's Hard Letting Go

The Angels gathered near your side
So very close to you
For they knew the pain and suffering,
That you were going through

I thought about so many things,
As I held tightly to your hand
Oh how I wished that you were strong
And happy once again.

But your eyes were looking homeward
To that place beyond the sky
When Jesus held his outstretched arms
It was time to say goodbye

I struggled with my selfish thoughts
For I wanted you to stay
So we could talk again
Like we did just the other day.

But Jesus know the answer

And I knew you loved him so,
So I gave to you life's greatest gift
The Gift of Letting Go

Remembering always your sister, Net (Karen)

Please feel free to leave a note of condolence on our tribute page.

Cemetery Details

Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park

35667 Eight Mile Rd
Livonia, MI 48125

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 17. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

Triumph - Northville
16115 Beck Road
Northville, MI 48168

Family Hour

OCT 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Triumph - Northville
16115 Beck Road
Northville, MI 48168

Funeral Service

OCT 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Valandar C. Smith*

September 27, 2022 at 08:40 PM



“ *Valandar C. Smith*

September 27, 2022 at 06:52 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Valandar C. Smith.*



October 17, 2019 at 07:21 PM



“ *My condolences to the Family of Valandar. Val and I worked at FMC and I would often see him at the gym at his son basketball game. Very hard working and a dedicated family man. He will be truly missed.*



Angela Herring - October 17, 2019 at 04:34 PM

MC

“ *Melissa Rodriguez and Bryan Butcher, Coworkers,FMC purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Valandar C. Smith.*



Melissa Rodriguez and Bryan Butcher, Coworkers,FMC -
October 17, 2019 at 03:25 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Valandar C. Smith.*



October 17, 2019 at 12:43 PM

JB

“ *James and Debrah Brown purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Valandar C. Smith.*



James and Debrah Brown - October 17, 2019 at 08:18 AM

CI

“ *Crane Electronics Inc. purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Valandar C. Smith.*



Crane Electronics Inc. - October 16, 2019 at 11:55 AM

DL

“ *Dave and Carol Lerner purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Valandar C. Smith.*



Dave and Carol Lerner - October 16, 2019 at 08:32 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Valandar C. Smith.*



October 16, 2019 at 07:46 AM

TF

“ *The Kalasskalass Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Valandar C. Smith.*



The Kalasskalass Family - October 15, 2019 at 04:33 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Valandar C. Smith.*



October 15, 2019 at 04:10 PM



“ *Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Valandar C. Smith.*



October 15, 2019 at 02:48 PM



“ *Val's Extended Ford HR Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Valandar C. Smith.*



Val's Extended Ford HR Family - October 15, 2019 at 02:35 PM



“ *Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of Valandar C. Smith.*



October 15, 2019 at 11:46 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Valandar C. Smith.*



October 15, 2019 at 09:40 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Valandar C. Smith.



October 15, 2019 at 09:16 AM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Valandar C. Smith.



October 14, 2019 at 02:41 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Valandar C. Smith.



October 14, 2019 at 01:00 PM



“ *Val Edwards & Kathy Fivecoat - Chicago Assembly* purchased the *Tender Tribute* for the family of Valandar C. Smith.



Val Edwards & Kathy Fivecoat - Chicago Assembly - October 14, 2019 at 11:36 AM

LJ

“ *Love Eric & Denise James purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Valandar C. Smith.*



Love Eric & Denise James - October 14, 2019 at 10:08 AM

DL

“ *My deepest sympathy to Val's family. He was a friend who I admired and will be greatly missed. He was so proud and loving of his wife and children and shared stories of their growth and accomplishments. Val did the right thing even when it wasn't easy. I pray that he rests now in God's peace.*

Dave Lerner - October 13, 2019 at 12:17 PM

DL

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



David Lerner - October 13, 2019 at 11:53 AM

RS

“ Andrea,

Our deepest sympathy and prayers of peace and comfort for you and your family. We hope that you will find joy in your memories and true peace of mind in the knowledge that "love knows no end and Caesar has no power to defeat..."

Ray--Ford Louisville Assembly, Fastening Systems (We've missed you for a long time...)

R. Shoopman - October 13, 2019 at 11:19 AM

MA

“ *I pray God comforts Val's family and friends. Val's was a very special guy. We had plenty of candid conversations in his office about life, family and even career. He wasn't just a superior or colleague.... I considered him a friend. I do remember how excited he was when the Hardwood Baller's came to inception and he worked with many people including Ian on ideas and even tried coming to me for suggestions but I am not very creative. Thank you Val for such great memories. You had a positive impact on my life that I can continue to cherish and emulate while God is still using me here.*

Mat Arnaudo - October 13, 2019 at 07:28 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Valandar C. Smith.*



October 12, 2019 at 06:19 PM

CC

“ Val made a tremendous impact on our lives in the short time we had known him as a member of the Hardwood Ballers family, especially my oldest son. His passion for the sport was unparalleled and one could only be excited about playing when you were in his presence. We are forever grateful for having known him and the opportunity he provided to us. Peace to you Val and your family.

Clare C. - October 12, 2019 at 09:33 AM

LB

“ To the family: I am grateful to have met and worked with Val Smith during his career at Ford Motor Company. He is deeply missed and will always be remembered in my heart. My prayers and love is shared to his wife, children and extended family. Lanell Branch

Lanell Branch - October 11, 2019 at 07:23 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Valandar C. Smith.



October 11, 2019 at 02:47 PM

DA

“*Val was never one to mince words, and helped me quickly adjust to my role within a new company. I will truly miss working with him, picking his brain for advice, and learning how to be a better person. Val was truly a unique person, and he will be missed. Sending his family love and prayers!*”



D. Avant

Destiny Avant - October 10, 2019 at 06:34 AM