



Freddie J Smith Sr.

May 14, 1946 - May 28, 2025

Obituary

Freddie J. Smith, Sr., age 79, of Cambridge, Maryland, passed away peacefully on May 28, 2025, with his wife by his side, and surrounded by the love of his family.

Born on May 14, 1946, in Hurlock, Maryland, Freddie was a lifelong resident of Cambridge, where he built a legacy rooted in love, family, and quiet strength. He was educated in Dorchester County Public Schools. He proudly served his country in the United States Army from May 1966 to May 1974. He later retired from Air Liquide America Corporation after 30+ years of dedicated work.

Freddie was a man of deep wisdom, humility, and discipline. He believed in the power of education, the importance of preparation, and the value of order and cleanliness. He passed these principles on to his children, grandchildren, nephews, nieces, along with a fierce sense of advocacy, integrity, and pride.

He was an avid reader and a lifelong learner, always seeking knowledge and understanding. Freddie also enjoyed traveling, practicing martial arts, riding his motorcycle, and collecting flashlights and gadgets. Later in life, he enjoyed spending quality time with a special group of friends. But above all, he loved being with his family---sharing meals, memories, and moments of joy.

Freddie is survived by his devoted wife Glory Ann Smith, together for 53 years. He is also lovingly remembered by his children: Veronda Smith of Baltimore, MD, Dionne Smith Coker-Appiah (Victor) of Gaithersburg, MD, Lakisha Smith-Shields of Durham, NC, Freddie J. Smith, Jr. of Cambridge, MD, and ShaNora Smith-Wilson (DaAndre Sr.) of Clayton, NC.

He leaves behind, his cherished sisters, Lily Richards and Virginia Smith, of Seaford, DE, and his beloved brother, Roy Smith, of Denton, MD.

He also leaves behind, his dear mother-in-law, Mrs. Agnes E. Davis of Salem, MD, a cherished group of in-laws: Mildred Jews (Ronnie) of Salem, MD, Claudell Davis, Jr. (Alexzenia) of Linkwood, MD, Emma Chase (William) of Easton, MD, and Rose Wynder (Levin) of Hurlock, MD.

Freddie took great pride in his role as “Pop-Pop” to his beloved grandchildren: Marlon Shields II, Brianna Gryce, NaTalia Smith, DaAndre Wilson Jr., Khalil Shields, DaVion Wilson, M’Kari Shields, Destiny Wilson, Clarity Smith, and Cameron Coker-Appiah, and Great-Grandchildren: M’AleI Shields, Zhy’Lei Shields, Cho’Zen Shields, Janelle Emery Jade Anderson, and Marlon R. Shields, III.

His love and kindness also touched a host of nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends who will continue to honor his memory with love and admiration.

Freddie was preceded in death by his beloved parents, Helen Smith and Alfred Butler, his Father-In-Law, Clidel E. Davis, Sr., sisters Blanche Spicer, Annie Smith, and Hattie Conway, and Son-In-Law, Marlon R. Shields.

Freddie J. Smith, Sr. lived a life full of purpose and love. His quiet strength

and unwavering presence will be dearly missed but forever remembered.

"What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others." – Pericles

Lovingly Submitted,
The Smith Family

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to support the Freddie J. Smith, Sr. Youth Literacy Fund. This fund will provide books and educational resources to local libraries and youth programs with the goal of strengthening young people's ability to read, think, learn, and grow.

Freddie J. Smith, Sr. deeply valued education, preparation, and the power of knowledge. He believed that literacy—the foundation for lifelong learning and critical thinking—was essential for individual empowerment and community advancement. Contributions to this fund will help instill a love of reading and learning in the next generation, serving as a meaningful tribute to his legacy of wisdom, dignity, and service. Donations can be made using the following link: <https://gofund.me/5f33a6fe>.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Waugh Chapel United Methodist Church
425 High Street
Cambridge, , MD 21613

Funeral Service

JUN 14. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BF

“ Brutus & Keith Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Freddie J Smith Sr..



Brutus & Keith Family - June 13, 2025 at 01:25 PM

KS

“ Dionne and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. I remember meeting your father, Mr. Smith, for the first time at Wake Forest graduation gathering. Even in that brief moment, his quiet strength and steady presence stood out. He truly left a powerful legacy in you, your siblings, and his grandchildren.



May God's peace and comfort surround your family during this time. I'm praying for strength, hope, and healing in the days ahead.

With love and heartfelt sympathy.

Kristin Scott - June 11, 2025 at 09:28 AM

GW

“Earth has no sorrow-that heaven cannot heal”
Daughter Dionne,
You have our deepest condolences, in the passing of your beloved father, and as we honor “Father’s Day”, on 6/15/25, may you take comfort in the wonderful memories you have of your dad, and the love you two shared 💕
Love, Mama Gail Wards-Upson & Family
JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA

GAIL WARDS-UPSON - June 11, 2025 at 12:01 AM

GW

“ Gail Wards-Upson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Freddie J Smith Sr..



Gail Wards-Upson - June 10, 2025 at 11:50 PM

MS

“ Rest In Power Pop Pop .
I love you 4L.

Marlon Shields - June 10, 2025 at 05:42 PM

DC

“ Dionne Coker-Appiah lit a candle in memory of Freddie J Smith Sr.



Dionne Coker-Appiah - June 10, 2025 at 05:06 PM

MA

“ MR FRED COOL AS ICE. MAN WITH GOOD ADVICE AT ALL TIMES. PICKED UP ALOT ADVICE AT MCDONALDS DA HANG OUT SPOT. RIP MR FRED. PRAYERS TO THE FAMILY FROM THE AUTREY FAMILY

MARZELLE AUTREY - June 10, 2025 at 03:49 PM

DC

“ *Dearest Dad,*

There are no words to express the depth of my love and gratitude. You were a remarkable father...steady, loving, wise...and your presence in my life was a true gift. I will miss you more than words can say.

I will carry you with me always, and the lessons you taught me will continue to guide my steps. Thank you for everything.

Rest in perfect peace, my beloved Daddy... until we meet again.

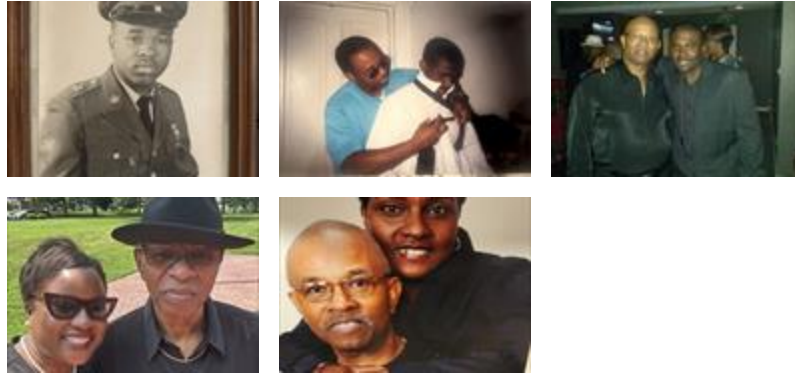
*With all my heart,
Your deeply devoted daughter,
Dionne ("Dee")*



Dionne Smith Coker-Appiah - June 10, 2025 at 03:07 PM

DC

“ 6 files added to the album Dad



Dionne C. - June 10, 2025 at 02:13 PM

RT

“ PRAYER'S TOO OUR SMITH FAMILY. . RIP
FREDDIE



RONNELL THOMPSON - June 08, 2025 at 11:56 AM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss



Thomas Widgeon - June 07, 2025 at 07:11 AM

LW

“ Prayers to my family we miss you Unc💙 always so cheerful smiling.
Everytime I seen you it was “hey girl”. Rest in heaven



Lakeia Wilkins - June 07, 2025 at 12:07 AM