



Stephen Allen Smith

September 20, 1955 - October 27, 2024

On Sunday October 27, 2024, Stephen Allen Smith, 69, of Salisbury, Maryland was called to his eternal heavenly home. He passed away peacefully, surrounded by comfort and the love of his family.

Stephen was born on September 20, 1955 at Peninsula Regional Medical Center (now Tidal Health) to the late Arthur and Luetta Smith of Salisbury, Maryland. He received his education through the Wicomico County Public School System, and was a graduate of Wicomico Senior High School class of 1973.

Stephen, affectionally called Pop, Stevie, or Gator to those close to him, enjoyed cooking. He often catered many dinners, church events, and prided himself on his cooking skills. He worked various jobs in the beginning of his career including what was once the Sherrington Hotel and in the kitchen at Peninsula Regional Medical Center (now Tidal Health). He later began his career in the military, joining the Army. During his time in the military, he served in Desert Storm, before later retiring from the National Guard after 26 years of service. After retiring from the military, Stephen began another career at Eastern Shore Correctional Institution as a dietary correction officer. He later retired after over twenty years of service.

Stephen loved his family! He was a devoted husband, father, brother, son, uncle among various other roles he has played in the lives of others. He was married to his wife, Anita Smith (deceased) before her passing in 1998. He fathered five children: Mari Smith-Cooper (Andre Cooper, deceased) of

Chester, Pennsylvania, Stephanie Anne Smith(deceased), Danielle Smith Johnson (Michael Johnson) of Salisbury, Maryland, Erica Smith of Salisbury, Maryland, and Lamont Smith of Salisbury, Maryland.

He loved the Lord, and would often share stories of his faith with others. Before his health decline, Stephen, attended New Hope Baptist Church. He served on the usher board, and also would volunteer to cook with the kitchen crew for church events.

Coming from a loving family, he was a wonderful father to not only his own children, but to his children's friends or anyone that needed a father. He was always there for a word of encouragement or just a good laugh. He would often tell stories of the various trophies that he won while fighting in karate. His love for life, has created several precious moments that have individually touched those close to him.

Stephen leaves to cherish his memory: three daughters: Mari Smith-Cooper (Andre Cooper, deceased), of Chester, Philadelphia, Danielle Smith Johnson (Michael Johnson) of Salisbury, Maryland, and Erica Smith of Salisbury, Maryland. One son, Lamont Smith, of Salisbury, Maryland. Seven grandchildren: Andre'a Cooper, DaMichael Johnson, Daniya Johnson, Donyae Johnson, Zyniah Bowen, Omar'i Thomas, and Za'Nae Bowen. One sister, Donzella Smith of Silver Spring, Maryland. Mother-in-law, Martha White (Elmer White, deceased), of Princess Anne, Maryland. Two sister-in-law's: Maria Hall (Sylvester Hall) of Princess Anne, Maryland and Sheliah Schoolfield(Kenneth Schoolfield) of Pocomoke City, Maryland. Two brother-in-law's: Elmer White of Princess Anne, Maryland and Leon White of Princess Anne, Maryland, and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

In addition to his wife, Anita Smith, Stephen was proceeded in death by his parents: Arthur and Luetta Smith; one daughter, Stephanie Anne Smith; one grandson, Zakkai Trae Bowen; one sister: Jaunesta Cannon; one brother-in-law Wallace Cannon; two sister- in- law's :Deborah Finney and Sharail Kersey(Nathan Kersey); one father-in-law, Elmer White, and one son-in-law Andre Cooper.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

New Hope Baptist Church (Salisbury)
1611 Jersey Road
Salisbury, MD

Funeral Service

NOV 9. 12:00 PM (ET)

New Hope Baptist Church (Salisbury)
1611 Jersey Road
Salisbury, MD

Live Stream Broadcast on Facebook

NOV 9. 12:00 PM.

Bennie Smith Funeral Home MD / VA

Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Bennie Smith Funeral Home - November 11, 2024 at 12:48 PM



“ *Bennie Smith Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Stephen Allen Smith*



Bennie Smith Funeral Home - November 11, 2024 at 10:29 AM



“ *Bennie Smith Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Stephen Allen Smith*



Bennie Smith Funeral Home - November 11, 2024 at 10:19 AM



“ *Donnie, I remember when we danced in Salisbury. Your entire family always welcomed me and treated me like family. Stevie was always funny and full of life. You were blessed to have such a loving brother. Praying for you and the family as Stevie takes his rest 🙏*

shirley ford - November 10, 2024 at 10:46 PM

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“ *Stevie you will missed but never forgotten.
Blessings to your family and friends.*



Antoinette Williams - November 09, 2024 at 10:26 AM

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“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I have very fond
memories of Stephen when we took karate
together. He was always smiling and very
courteous. Your family is in my thoughts and
prayers.*

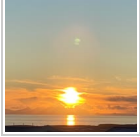


Barbara Eanes (Lewis) - November 08, 2024 at 04:37 PM

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“ *To the family of Stephen Allen Smith our prayers are with you.
Amen. Calvin H. Harmon, Sr.*

calvin h harmon,sr - November 08, 2024 at 01:56 PM



“ I have a lifetime of memories with my dear Uncle Steve...too many to talk about here. He was one of my “Super Heroes” in the family when I was growing up. I was his first nephew. He taught me so much about life during my critical teenage years; martial arts, discipline, strong work ethic, drive, determination to name a few. His laughter, smile, talks, presence and much more will be missed, but never forgotten. I am a better person because he lived. I thank God that He assigned us as family. Prayers of peace, comfort and strength go up for our family during this time of bereavement. 🙏❤️👍



Michael Cannon - November 07, 2024 at 10:47 PM



“ I have so many memories of my Brother Steve when were growing up on popular hill. Staying with Mom Francis on lake street. Working English Grill together and other Restaurants in Salisbury Marital Arts together and tournaments Steve had plenty of trophies 🏆 Then Starting to work at Eastern Corrections Institute Where we both retired So many memories God I will miss my Brother Friend always there when I needed him So much laughter and Tears we shared



Earl Finney jr - November 07, 2024 at 04:21 PM



“ Donnie your Jafra family holds you & your entire family in our hearts & prayers. May God continue to wrap his loving arms around all of you, to feel his love & comfort.

Chafica Miles - November 07, 2024 at 10:13 AM

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“ To the family sorry for your loss. My memory of stevie is when he had this 1975 Ford Torino and we Use to sit and talk about Karate. And we work Together at Campbell's Soup he was always the same quit but Serious. HE will be miss. Your friend. Alfonso

Alfonso - November 07, 2024 at 09:37 AM

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“ Sorry For Your Loss



Thomas Widgeon - October 31, 2024 at 06:54 AM