



Obituary

Died: Friday, November 23, 2018

Byron Lynn Smith's sunrise was on September 20, 1952 to the union of John Wesley Smith and Katie Thomas Smith in Attalla, Etowah County, Alabama. He was the eighth of nine children born to this union.

Byron attended Norris High School and Etowah High School - both in Attalla, Alabama - meeting all graduation requirements in 1970. He decided not to follow in the footsteps of his siblings to enter college. Byron entered the United States Air Force, serving his country honorably. Thereby declaring himself the 'Black Sheep' of the family for entering the service, he spent the next four years rising to the rank of Airman E-4 receiving an honorable discharge from the military.

After the Air Force, Byron relocated to Atlanta, Georgia acquiring several jobs, specifically obtaining the position as Warehouseman for The Snapper Corporation. After his employment ended, Byron was asked by his siblings not to seek other employment and come back home. He openly accepted the responsibility of being the principle caretaker of our mother. Byron graciously accepted this role and took exemplary care of our mother for over eight (8) years without complaining or feeling left out. He later acquired employment at Inteva Products, LLC in Gadsden. He worked for Inteva Products up until the time of his illness.

Byron's self-proclaimed 'Black Sheep' status served him well. He got into a little trouble here and there, voicing his difference of opinion often in family meetings. However, he is best known for his loyalty to his friends and family and his deep appreciation for writing and composing poetry. In many of his years, he has given or shared his last when needed by anyone; family or friends.

Byron passed this life on the same day that his father passed, November 23rd; this after having a speaker phone conversation on Thanksgiving Day with some of his siblings, nieces, nephews and cousins that were in attendance at the family's Thanksgiving dinner in Maryland. Byron was preceded in death by his parents and oldest brother, Thomas Wesley Smith (passed during early childhood).

Byron leaves in life, his son, Frederick; nine siblings, Janice Speights of Syracuse, NY, Jeanette, Helen, John and Vernon of Maryland, Gloria Johnson, Atlanta, GA, Brenda (Willie) Franklin, Columbia, SC, Clifford and Fulton of Alabama and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins other relatives and friends.

Service Summary

Visitation

12:00 PM to 1:00 PM, Sat Dec 01, 2018

Mt. Calvary Baptist Church

514 Shorter Av SE
Attalla, Alabama 35954

Homegoing Service

1:00 PM Sat Dec 01, 2018

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