



George Ainsley Smith

September 4, 1967 - July 20, 2013

George A. Smith was born on September 4, 1967 in Kingston, Jamaica to George A. Smith, Sr., and the late Yvonne Nelson. He accepted Christ as his Lord and Saviour early in his youth. George attended Penbroke Hall Primary School and later received a government scholarship to attend Calabar High School in Kingston Jamaica. At the age of 12 he moved to East Orange, New Jersey and later graduated from Clifford J. Scott High School. George was awarded an academic scholarship to attend Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia where he received a Bachelor of Science in Psychology in May, 1989 and his Master's Degree in Special Education from Georgia State University in May, 1994. He was inducted into the Mu Alpha Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated. While a student at Emory University, George met his wife Angela Thomas, who happened to be an Alpha Sweetheart and they were married on November 25, 1989. To this union twin daughters Alayna and Mariel, and son Mason were born. George was employed by the New Annawakee Hospital as a mental health assistant before he began his twenty year tenure as an educator in the DeKalb County School System. He taught at Sexton Woods Center and then at Southwest DeKalb High School. While at Southwest Dekalb High School George became the Coach of the Lady Panthers soccer team in 1998. At the conclusion of the 2013 soccer season, he was recognized as having the highest career coaching wins among the current active coaches in the DeKalb County School System. His current record stands at 137-94-10. Through the years, Coach Smith's players have

been well-recognized by participating in the All Star games. In addition, they have excelled academically and secured college soccer scholarships. George was active in his community and served as a soccer coach at the South DeKalb YMCA and the Rockdale Youth Soccer Association. He also supported his children's endeavors by volunteering with the Salem High School "Pride of the Tribe" Marching Band, Salem High School Seminoles Soccer Team and Theater Salem. George was a member of Solid Rock A.M.E. Zion Church for 25 years. George leaves to cherish his memories: his wife Angela, and will be forever remembered by his twin daughters, Alayna and Mariel and son Mason; father George A. Smith, Sr. (Jennifer Smith); step father, Dudley Nelson; Grandmother, Hazel Sutherland; in-laws Bobby and Georgia Philpot; brothers, Garfield Smith, Gregory Nelson, and Adrian Smith; Barrington Nelson, Anthony Nelson; sisters, Heather Nelson, Jacqueline Nelson and Suzette Nelson; sister-in-law Kim Rostick (Robert); brother-in-law Joshua Philpot (Kristy); aunt Evon Savary; cousins Lorraine Fields (David), Gem Savary, Sophia Savary, and Leighton Savary and a host of other relatives and friends. His legacy of love will always live on in the lives and hearts of the countless people whom he touched through education and mentoring.

Tribute Wall

MW

“ I am so sorry for your loss. George was one of my best friends at Pembroke Hall Primary in Jamaica. We both went on to Calabar High School but lost touch when he went to the United States. He was one of the brightest and most genuine person I have known. He has gone home to be with his Lord and we can take consolation in the fact that we will see him again if we live for Jesus. May God keep and provide for you who have suffered this loss. Mark Wedderburn Kingston Jamaica

mark wedderburn - October 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Please accept my condolences on this significant loss. George and I went to Pembroke Hall Primary and my best memories of him was his quiet nature and his humility. He had outstanding penmanship also. I see that he has made his mark and we are better for his presence. He is but asleep. Please be strong and live in the good memories. I wish God's comfort upon you. Robert Bowen

Robert Bowen - October 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JY

“ To the Smith Family, You are in our prayers. I will miss him coming to support the girls Salem soccer team. Mr. And Mrs Smith an awesome duo and you guys were our good luck charms. May God Bless your family. Joetta and Sydney (Syd) Youngblood.

Joetta Youngblood - July 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ I would like to express my sincere condolences to the family. The loss of a love one brings much grief and agony, but there is so much comfort that can be found in God’s word the bible. The promise of a resurrection at John 5:28, 29 and death will be no more at Revelation 21:3, 4. Taking in true knowledge of the true God and his son Jesus, assures us eternal life. (John 17:3)

Agnes L Taylor - July 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ I am sorry to hear about the passing of your loved one. The Bible teaches that God is eager to raise the dead. The faithful man Job asked: “If an able-bodied man dies can he live again?” Job was speaking about waiting in the grave until the time came for God to remember him. He said to Jehovah: “You will call, and I myself shall answer you. For the work of your hands you will have a yearning.” Job 14:13-15. Please visit www.jw.org

Mrs. Gant - July 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ We are so sorry for the loss of Mr. George. We can't begin to imagine the grief your family must be going through right now. We hope and pray that you can find comfort from God's word the Bible (2 Thessalonians 1:3,4) Psalms 34:18 assures us that God is near to those who are broken at heart and those who are crushed in spirit he saves. We want to extend to your family our sincere condolences.

Taylor Family - July 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM