



James Patrick Smith

May 28, 1968 - June 8, 2022

James Patrick Smith Sr, affectionately known as Patrick or Smitty, was born on May 28th, 1968 in the Caribbean island of Tortola, British Virgin Islands (BVI) to the late Tomas and Theodosia Smith. He was the sixth of eight children and like his siblings, his education started at Meyers Primary School in Tortola. In 1977, the entire family relocated to St. Thomas in the neighboring United States Virgin Islands (USVI). While in St. Thomas, James continued his education at Lockhart Elementary and Wayne Aspinall Junior High School before moving on to New Jersey where he attended the Edison Job Corps Training Center. He completed his training at the Job Corps and earned certification in Building Maintenance including HVAC, electrical, plumbing and carpentry.

Upon completion of his training, he was hired by the Marriott Corporation in New Jersey/New York where he worked as a maintenance technician. He then transferred to the Courtyard Hotel at the Atlanta Airport and before moving to the Stone Mountain Inn located in Stone Mountain, GA where he worked as an engineering supervisor until his retirement in July 2017. Cumulatively, he provided over 30 years of service to the Marriott Corporation. After retirement, he continued to utilize his plumbing, electrical, painting and carpentry skills for a variety of remodeling projects, as well as working for Home Depot in Buford, GA.

Coming from a large family, James loved spending time with his siblings and their families. Whether it was for a cookout, Thanksgiving, Christmas or other family gatherings, James would be the center of attention and made the occasion memorable by telling stories, making jokes, picking on people and making everyone laugh. In December 2020 James was diagnosed with cancer. He endured surgery, radiation and chemotherapy and was declared a survivor after the treatment and follow up appointments. James had been looking forward to visiting his childhood home in Tortola for Christmas this year, but sadly it was not meant to be. The cancer returned and changed everything. While in the hospital, James accepted that his time with us was limited and he declared that he was at peace with it and with God. His last words reassured us that "Everything will be all right". On June 8th, 2022 James transitioned from this life to eternity.

James leaves behind his wife, Tania, sons James Jr. and Justin. Daughter Alexis, stepdaughter Martina. Brothers Ira, Bernard, Arnold, Otis and Sylvester. Sisters Delsia and Angela. Godmothers Carmen Howell and Rosemary King. Father-in-Law Murray Dyer, Mother-in-law Bernetta Henry, Brothers-in-law Austin George, Timothy B. McDowell Sr., Marlon Williams, Kevin and Damion Dyer. Sisters-in-law Leticia, Joycelyn, Marva and Onika Smith, Karen Jean-Charles, Andrea and Trecia Dyer. Nephews Gregory George, Bernard Jr., Jadon and Seyande Smith, Timothy Jr., Antonio and Mikal McDowell, Sejayi Huyghue. Nieces Deriece Malone, Bernice Johnson, Learice Bembridge, Berenice, Leanice, Jalezcia, Iyanna, Janai, and Semaya Smith. Great nephews Rahyim George, Josai Huyghue and Xavier Bembridge. Great niece Ysabel Malone. He is also survived by the descendants of the late Rosa George, the late Helen Christophena King, the late Clarita Purcell, the late Florida Percival, the late Christophena Forbes, the late Isabella Hodge and the late Monroe Mactavious.

Cemetery Details

Broadlawn Memorial Gardens

5979 New Bethany Road
Buford, GA 30518

Previous Events

Visitation (Mask Required)

JUN **24**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett and Sons - Gwinnett Chapel
914 Scenic Hwy
Lawrenceville, GA 30045

Celebration of Life - Livestreamed (Mask Required)

JUN **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of James Patrick Smith



Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc. - June 22, 2022 at 09:50 AM

FC

Estimada Familia

“Mi más sentido pésame por tu pérdida. Estoy aquí para lo que necesites”. “Te deseo paz, consuelo, fuerza y muchísimo amor en este momento tan triste”. “Te mando todo mi cariño en este momento tan difícil.De parte de Familia Cintron

Francisco Cintron - June 23, 2022 at 12:50 PM

DE

My prayers are going up for the family on the loss of Smitty. It's the hardest thing to go through with the loss of a loved one. I pray for strength for the family. Dr. Carole Embden-Peterson

Dr. Carole Embden-Peterson - June 24, 2022 at 12:24 PM

JS

*Condolences to the family. Praying that God will give the family all the strength needed as you all go through this 🙏
grieving process*

Jacqueline Griffiths SHHSA - June 24, 2022 at 10:20 PM

AG

James you will be truly missed. May God be with the Tanya and the rest of the familia now and always

Annmarie Gooden - June 25, 2022 at 09:40 AM

DM

“ *It was my pleasure meeting you James. Very easy going guy who was open, direct and humorous. I was genuinely looking forward to relocating to Georgia and for you to show me around. Rest easy until we meet again. DM.*

DM - December 12, 2023 at 02:02 AM

SH

“ *You treated my like your own family; you were there for me when I always needed you; and I will never forget that you took the time out to teach me how to drive. I will never forget the wonderful person you are. S. I.P James 🥹🙏🌸*

Sasha Henry - June 25, 2022 at 06:15 PM

LS

“ *James: you are missed in this world but We know you are having a great time with Lema, Dosia, and Tomas. Prayerfully we will all be together. Jesus intention is to have us all to get together.*

Leticia and Bernard Smith - June 24, 2022 at 02:26 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the familia of James Patrick Smith.*



June 24, 2022 at 02:21 PM

JB

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family. May you get through this difficult time with the prayers and comfort of family and friends.*

Jacqueline Bartley - St. Hugh's Alumnae Association (Atlanta\$

Jacqueline Bartley - June 24, 2022 at 01:42 PM

JS

May God's grace continue to be with you and your family 🙏

Jacqueline Griffiths SHHSA - June 24, 2022 at 02:30 PM

DH

“ *May love and light surround this precious family at this sad time. Please accept my deepest sympathy. Donna Denton Hall (Atlanta, GA)*

Donna Denton Hall - June 24, 2022 at 12:08 PM

AM

“ *It's never easy to lose someone we love, especially when that person is in the prime of their life. We were immensely shocked and saddened by James' passing, and so, could imagine what you all must be going through. God knows our end from our beginning, however, and He has the final say.*

To us, James Sr was a jovial individual with an adorable personality. The pleasant interactions that we've had with him during our family reunions and whenever he visited the BVI on occasions will forever be etched in our hearts.

We extend sincere and heartfelt condolences to James' spouse Tania, sons James Patrick Jr and Justin, daughter Alexis, stepdaughter Martina, his siblings and extended family members. Like scattered seeds, memories bloom forever. May you find solace in the blessed and cherished memories of your dearly beloved, James Patrick Smith Sr.

We pray that your hearts would be comforted by the words of holy scripture found in St. John 14:1, "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me."

May the soul of James Patrick Smith Sr rest in eternal peace!

Children of the Late Randolph and Alisteen Mactavious

AM - June 23, 2022 at 08:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Patrick Smith.*



June 23, 2022 at 01:49 PM

MM

“ Dear family,
I extend my sincere condolences to you all in the loss of cousin Patrick. I pray God will heal the pain and the empty void in your hearts like only He can. Without Him, we will not be able to keep it together in times of loss and grief.

As Christians we do not grieve as those who have no hope, but we have hope that we will see our loved ones who once lived for Christ and we will never ever have to say goodbye again.

My practical advice to you is that it is okay to cry as that's one way you will begin to heal. No matter what the world tells us that men shouldn't show their emotions. Talking about your husband, father, brother, uncle and cousin also helps to keep his memory alive. I like the part of the eulogy that talked about his sense of humor and was the life of the party.

In the future you can do some tangible things such as planting a tree in his honor and letting a birthday balloon go on his birthday.

May the lord bless you and keep you, may He make His face to shine upon you and give you peace.

From your cousin and family,
Marilyn Hodge Moore
Descendant of Aunt Margaret,
(youngest child of Philip and Priscilla Mactavious)

Marilyn Hodge Moore - June 22, 2022 at 01:43 PM

CH

“ On behalf of the Percival Family, I extend sympathies and condolences to the family of my godson, James Smith. May the Almighty strengthen each of you as you mourn the loss of this thoughtful, empathetic and easy-going young man. James will be missed dearly!!

Carmen Howell & The Percival Family

Carmen Howell - June 21, 2022 at 08:00 PM

CT

“ I first met James through his wife Tania. James was such an easygoing and humorous person. He was always willing to come and help me with issues in my home. His positivity never waned. You are gone but never forgotten. Rest easy, my friend.

Cathie Taylor - June 21, 2022 at 06:29 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James Patrick Smith.



June 21, 2022 at 05:44 AM

SH

“ Memories of James enter my mind and I remember him for the kind man he was and the way he could always make me laugh and smile with the most simple of words.



Even though, I only met James a few times, I am grateful to have had spent that quality time with him and you all. You welcomed me into your home and your hearts and for that I am truly thankful.

My heart is feeling heavy with sadness but also full of love for all the precious ones James leaves behind.

With all my love I think of you and with all my strength I pray for you.

For James....rest in peace my friend, until we meet again. 💙

Sureya Hussain - June 20, 2022 at 10:06 AM



“ I met James I believe it was 2017 when he visited England with his beautiful wife and children. James was such a lovely friendly and welcoming person. We laughed, chatted and shared a few jokes, and just like that James became part of the family. James I know you will be sadly missed may your soul rest in eternal peace R.I.E.P 💔💔💔



Zarena Harriott-King - June 19, 2022 at 06:36 PM

CB

“ From the BRYAN(London, England)
Tanya this is for you and your hubby
Just give thank for all those wonderful years he's made brighter just
by being with him. There have been more of them than you can
count. Thinking of the good life you've both lived and enjoyed, the
great times you've both shared and the feeling of gratefulness for
you both. He's been such an important part of your life and for that
you'll always be grateful. James was a kind, humble and a
wonderful husband and Father.. but God will you and the family the
strength to overcome with your loss.. May his soul rest in eternal
peace.

Charmaine Bryan - June 19, 2022 at 04:51 PM

SN

“ I met James when he married my childhood friend, Tania. Over the
years, I have watched him care for his family, always smiling and
being positive even when he was facing his own illness. Gone too
soon. Irreplaceable. Fly high angel.
Shalaihah and family

Shalaihah Neil - June 19, 2022 at 04:50 PM

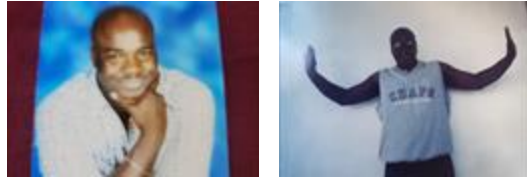
TR

“ One of my best friends from way back when we were children.
Patrick was so full of life and had an infectious laugh. My bff was
fearless, funny, and loyal to a flaw. Even if he got mad with you it
didn't last because he valued family and friendship. Rest In Peace
on Angel Wings, brother.

Trevor Rogers - June 19, 2022 at 12:14 PM

SS

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Sylvester Smith - June 19, 2022 at 08:19 AM

EE

Rest In Peace lunch buddy I will remember as my good friend

Everlena Ellis - June 19, 2022 at 01:10 PM

EF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.
May you draw comfort from God as he help you to cope with the
heavyweight of your loss. Thinking of you all.*

Evans family - June 18, 2022 at 08:00 AM

AB

*May the Lord's word be your comfort during this time, as the family
celebrate the life of James. Much love to you all and hugs for Tania and
the children.*

Almey Buchanan - June 25, 2022 at 12:45 PM