



Shawn Antonio Smiley

September 16, 1972 - November 3, 2012

Shawn Antonio Smiley was born on September 16, 1972 in Atlanta, Georgia to Carole A. Smiley and the late William Crumbley. Shawn accepted Christ at an early age and joined Overcoming Faith Church in Savannah Georgia. Later, Shawn reaffirmed his commitment to Christ at First Baptist of Atlanta where he was baptized. Shawn attended Pathway Christian Preparatory Academy, Sol C. Johnson High School. While serving in the Naval ROTC program at Savannah State University, Shawn volunteered as a math tutor where he met the love of his life, his soul mate Terra L. Jones of Atlanta, Georgia. They were married June 22, 1994 in South Carolina. Shawn went on to graduate Suma Cum Laude from Savannah State University where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical engineering. In December 1996, Shawn was commissioned as a First Lieutenant in the United States Navy where he was assigned to the Helicopter Training Squadron Eighteen. In addition to serving his country, Shawn had a passion for serving the community. At an early age Shawn served at the Savannah Salvation Army and volunteered at the city's Inner City Night Shelter, a shelter for homeless and disabled veterans. Shawn also volunteered with the Organization of Black Airline Pilots ACE Academy teaching adolescence who are interested in going in the field of Aviation. Shawn loved to read and had a huge reservoir of knowledge and often amazed family and friends with his quick responses during the nightly Jeopardy broadcastings. At an early age Shawn displayed his love of Aviation by reading books on Aeronautical Engineering, and

building model airplanes. Later he received training as a Commercial Pilot with American Eagle, because of his passion for flying, Shawn pursued a career with the Atlanta Police Department with an accelerated goal of joining the department's Helicopter Unit. Shawn's lifelong dream of flying and serving his community became a reality in July 2012. Shawn was a naturally gifted musician and loved all types of music. He was a devoted father of three beautiful children, Victoria Kathyrn-Alvenis (age 9), Elizabeth Ruby (age 7) and William Richard (age 5). On Saturday, November 3, 2012 Shawn received his heavenly wings. He was called home to glory while serving in the line of duty doing what he loved. His love for family and friends will forever be missed. Shawn is survived by his wife, Terra Smiley, three children, Victoria, Elizabeth and William Smiley and a devoted and loving mother Ms. Carole A. Smiley of Dacula Georgia devoted uncle, Special uncle Phillip Smalls, special nephews Tarance & Tyler Breedlove, best friend Josh Sanders, aunts, uncles, niece, cousins, Loretta Browning, Thomas Jones (Linda), Tiffany Sawyer, Thomi Breedlove (Darrell), Thomarus Jones Jazmin Pope (Ja??Ell), and Lavender Jones and a host of friends and co-workers. Donations are being accepted at any Wells Fargo bank branch for the Shawn Smiley Memorial Fund.

Tribute Wall

AT

“ *The loss of a love one brings much grief and sadness, 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 Revelation 21:3, 4.*

Agnes L Taylor - November 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

K2

“ *The loss of a valued member of any community hurts us all. May God bring you comfort during this difficult time.*

Kathleen-Isaiah 25:8 - November 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Shawn Antonio Smiley*

Melody Oliver - November 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MV

“ *My heart goes out to Officer Smiley's family. I appreciate the ultimate sacrifice he made to protect our city. He is with the angels above. Blessings, Mrs. Jenny Vaughn, Hampton, GA.*

Mrs. Jenny Vaughn - November 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Our prayer's go out to the Smiley Family, Our Son is a Chattanooga, Tennessee Police Officer. These men put their life on the line every day to protect and serve. Chattanooga lost one of their own last year. We feel for you loss. This will be hard but trust in God he will be by your side during this time and will never leave you if you trust in him. May God bless you and be with you. David and Janett BlackwellMadisonville, Tennessee

David and Janett Blackwell - November 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ My Prayers and condolences goes out to Family and friends for another angel has been called home and he will be truely missed.

EST - November 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ I offer heartfelt condolences to the family. May your faith in God's promises to resurrect dead ones (Isaiah 26:19) comfort and sustain you as you all look ahead to the time when all those in the memorial tombs will hear Jesus' voice and come out. ~John 5:28,29. Jesus said: I am the resurrection and the life. He that exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life. ~John 11:25. God is faithful and always keeps His promises! ~Isaiah 55:11, Revelation 21:3-5

Beulah Parks - November 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ To the family of Shawn Antonio Smiley, please accept my sincere condolences during this time of grief. Never did Almighty God, Jehovah purpose for the enemy death to take away our dear loved ones. This leaves a pain in our hearts, and I know you all deeply miss Shawn. God does purpose to awaken those asleep in the memorial tombs to a life of eternal blessings right here on a Paradise earth, as He has promised in the Bible. ~John 5:28,29, Revelation 21:4

BN - November 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM