

A Service of Remembrance

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

Gaston Memorial Park

1:00 PM

2205 Williamsburg Drive

Gastonia, North Carolina

Officiating Pastor, Rev. Bernard Sullivan

Order of Service

Prelude

Professional

Officiating Minister

Rev. Bernard Sullivan

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

Rev. Wilbert L. Davis

New Testament

Rev. Wilbert L. Davis

Prayer of Comfort

Pastor Kimberly Moore

Remarks (2 minutes please)

Selection

Word of comfort.

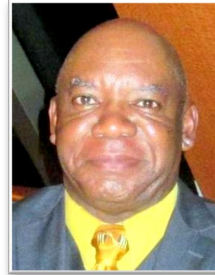
Rev. Bernard Sullivan

Recessional

I'll Fly a Away

Life Reflections

Mr. James Milton Smarr



James Milton Smarr was born on February 20, 1949 in Gastonia, NC and departed this life on Tuesday, December 29, 2020 at CaroMont Regional Medical Center, Gastonia, NC. He was born to the late J. C. Smarr and Mary Ella Ward Smarr. He was the oldest of his two sisters and brothers.

James graduated from Highland High School where he was the school's Photographer. He was known for his love for taking pictures. James was employed by Wax Associates for several years, where he was a supervisor. He was employed with several companies; Homelite/John Deere for 20 plus years until their closing, Home Depot, Gaston County Schools, as a Custodian for Robinson Elementary and H.H. Beam Elementary, and Speedwell Machine Company before his passing.

James was a member of St. Peter's A.M.E. Zion Tabernacle Church for 71 years. He served as Steward and church Photographer. In his earlier years at St. Peter's, he sung on the choir.

James loved life, photography, traveling and he loved to have fun. He was a jokester. James was even on a bowling team at one point. Amongst other thing, he loved talking cruises, and eating his crab legs and juicy steaks every now and then.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, James Smarr, Jr., and brother, J.C. Smarr, Jr.

James leaves to cherish his love and memories: one daughter; Jennifer Smarr Clark (Gary), of Gastonia, NC, two grandchildren; Quantarius M. Watson, Gary D. Clark, Jr., one great-granddaughter; Tru Watson Minter, former wife and good friend; Linda Smarr, two sisters; Mary Ann Williams (Rufus), Darlene Ford, one brother; Martin Smarr all of Gastonia, NC, three aunts; Gracie Bell Ward, of York, SC, Josephine Broadnax of New York, NY, and Willie Mae Ward of Gastonia, NC, a special cousin; Vern Ward, a close friend; Elvin "Tunk" Nichols, a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.





I Miss My Dad.
 He loved me for who I was and
 accepted me for who I striving
 to become.
 Dad's are strong for a reason..
 Their strength gives us a sense
 of protection.❤️
 Now that you are in Heaven Dad,
 I know that you will continue to
 protect me.
 Thanks for being MY dad.
 I will always love and miss you
 Until we meet again.

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
 I'm following the path God laid for me.
 I took His hand when I heard Him call
 I turned my back and left it all
 I could not stay another day
 To laugh, to love, to work or play
 Tasks left undone must stay that way
 I found that peace at the close of the day
 If my parting has left a void
 Then fill it with remembered *Joy*
 A friendship shared,
 a laugh, a kiss Ah, yes, these things I too will miss
 Be not burdened with times of sorrow
 I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
 My life has been full, I've savored much
 Good friends, good times, *a loved one's touch*
 Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
 Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
 Lift up your heart and share with me
 God wanted me now, He set me **FREE!**



—Note Of Thanks—

The family wishes to express deep and heartfelt appreciation for your loving thoughtfulness and concern, including cards, flowers, phone calls, texts, visits, and your prayers during this difficult time.



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Celebration of
 In Loving
 Memory *Life*



SUNRISE
 February 20, 1949

SUNSET
 December 29, 2020

James Milton
SMARR