



## Cleve Lee Smith Sr.

July 26, 1949 - May 19, 2022

Cleve Lee Smith Sr. was born on July 26, 1949, in Hughes, AR to the Late Charlie and Alice Mae Smith. He departed this life on May 19, 2022 at Select Specialty Hospital in Columbus, OH.

The Celebration of Life for Cleve Lee Smith Sr. will be held at 11 AM on Friday, June 3, 2022, at Pilgrim Rest Church, located at 1105 E. Main St. in Benton Harbor, MI. Burial will follow in Crystal Springs Cemetery. The family will receive friends and relatives beginning at 10 AM on Friday at the church. Arrangements are by the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Township. Please leave messages or memories at [www.florin.net](http://www.florin.net).

Affectionately known as “Danny” from childhood, he moved to Benton Harbor, MI in 1968. Danny worked at Auto Specialist until he became an Assistant Manager at Eagles Super Saver where he became known as “Uncle Danny.” In 1996, he moved his family to Columbus, OH, where he was employed by Kraft and JC Penny Distribution until he retired. Uncle Danny was a happy man who loved to dance and have a good time! He was a compassionate, fun, and loving person to everyone he met.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Charlie Lee Smith Sr., and Alice Mae Smith, three sisters; Maggie Smith, Bernice Smith, Mary Smith, five brothers; Howard Smith, Melvin Smith, Tommy Smith, Charlie Smith and Leon Smith, and two grandchildren; Christopher Tyree Brown and Tamryn Bady.

Those who will embrace his memories are; his loving and devoted wife, Marion Smith, eight children; Demetric Smith, Nika Smith, Cleve Lee (Kim) Smith Jr. (all of Grand Rapids, MI), Tiaisha (Correy) Childs, Tyshawn (Tyana) Bady, Arkeeta Hopson, Shondise (Cortez) Childs, Tyease (Amanda) Smith (all of Columbus, OH), six sisters; Gloria Smith and Linda Clemens (of Benton Harbor, MI), Alma (Doug) Mungo (of Brooklyn, NY), Diane (Stanley) Edwards (of Hinesville, GA), Arnetta (Russell) Thomas and Vivian (Lawrence) Williams (of AR), five brothers; Larry (Andrea) Smith and Richard Smith (of Benton

Harbor, MI), Harvey Smith (of Chicago, IL), Herman Smith and Marvin Smith (of AR), fourteen grandchildren, seven great-grand children and a host of nieces and nephews.

# Cemetery Details

## Crystal Springs Cemetery

1655 E Napier Ave  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church  
1105 E. Main  
Benton Harbor, MI

## Service Celebrating His Life

JUN 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church  
1105 E. Main  
Benton Harbor, MI

## Burial

JUN 3. 1:30 PM (ET)

Crystal Springs Cemetery  
1655 E Napier Ave  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

# Tribute Wall

DW

“ I would like to give my condolences to the Smith family. I wish my siblings would have gotten in touch with me or my family in Benton Harbor so I could have paid my last respects and said goodbye to my Daddy. I love 💕💕 Daddy your daughter  
Denise Williams

Denise Williams - July 27, 2022 at 03:17 PM

AH

Hi Denise, I'm Kiki..... your sister. I would love to speak with you.

Arkeeta Hopson - January 30, 2023 at 12:07 PM

JD

“ Love you Smith family. Praying for you during this difficult time. It was always a joy to meet Danny; whether it was at Eagles or just in passing on the streets here in Benton Harbor. You have our love and sincere sympathy.



Josephine Doss-Smith - June 04, 2022 at 04:12 AM

LM

“ To the entire Smith Family my sincere condolences on your loss. My thoughts are with all of you. A friend of Amanda Smith, Linda Monroe

linda monroe - June 03, 2022 at 09:39 PM

LK

“ Uncle Danny I love you so very much!! Thank you for always doing things to make us smile when we were kids! Like the Campbell soup playhouse you got for us and the chips with sour cream and chive dip! So many great memories! I will miss you much! Love, Your Kesha B

Lakesha K. - June 03, 2022 at 12:59 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cleve Lee Smith Sr..



June 02, 2022 at 10:53 PM

AM

“ Alton Jr, Kelley, Chris, Felicia, Alton III, Amber, Parris, & Matty purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Cleve Lee Smith Sr..



Alton Jr, Kelley, Chris, Felicia, Alton III, Amber, Parris, & Matty - June 02, 2022 at 04:59 PM



“ Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Cleve Lee Smith Sr..



June 02, 2022 at 09:16 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cleve Lee Smith Sr..



June 02, 2022 at 09:11 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Cleve Lee Smith Sr..



June 01, 2022 at 09:55 PM

AB

“ Alexander B. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Cleve Lee Smith Sr..



Alexander B. - June 01, 2022 at 06:10 PM

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“ Alexander B. purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Cleve Lee Smith Sr..



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**Alexander B.** - June 01, 2022 at 06:10 PM

BS

“ Bessie Smith purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Cleve Lee Smith Sr..



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**Bessie Smith** - June 01, 2022 at 01:20 PM