



Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"

September 1, 1951 - January 11, 2024

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven”.

Ecclesiastes 3:1

~Seasons of Life of Derek Jerome Smith “Froggy”

Season One ~ Seasons of Life ~

On January 11, 2024 the Lord extended his arms wide to bring home one of his precious angels, Derek Jerome Smith. Although with stained cheeks, and hearts filled with sorrow we accepted and let him go.

Derek was born September 1, 1951 in Saginaw, Michigan to Edna Smith and Lorenzo Short. He attended Saginaw Public Schools and after, he worked for General Motors Corporation.

Season Two ~ Seasons of Service

He was a member of the Mt. Olive Institutional Missionary Baptist Church for many years until his health declined. Derek’s favorite scripture was Palms 23 and his signature line when he couldn’t get his way with you was, “Boy, Boy, Boy”. Derek often would like you to know that he was the “Patriarch” of the family and the neighborhood. Derek, a man that loved to dress, had a kind hearted spirit, he was a man that loved the Lord and with that he would lend a helping hand in his neighborhood!

Season Three ~ Seasons of Family

Derek leaves to cherish many memories to celebrate his life, sons, Kingyatta Dennis and Chris Smith; a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sisters, Yvette Smith, Phyllis Smith and Shirley Norman all of Saginaw, MI; brothers, Dwight Smith, Reginald Smith, Kannapolis, NC and Lydell (Judy) Smith, Shreveport, LA; god-son, Jamol Pinkston; a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends too numerous to mention. He also leaves to cherish his memory the Sanders family and the Fourth and Kirk Neighborhood.

Season Four~ Seasons of those Gone Before Him

Derek was preceded in death by his mother and father, Edna Smith and Lorenzo Short; brother, Archie Sims, Jr.; niece Ebony Vickers; nephews, Antionne Monroe and Eric Williams.

Season Five ~ Seasons of Acknowledgement

Special thanks to all his doctors and care team at Adira Nursing and Rehab, Covenant HealthCare Harrison Campus – ICU staff, his siblings, especially his brother, Lydell Smith for your dedication in making sure Derek had the best care until the end.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. Monday, January 22, 2024 at Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, 1114 N. 6th St., Saginaw, MI 48601. Pastor Benjamin Smith will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery, 3210 S. Washington, Saginaw, MI 48601. Visitation will take place from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 22. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church
1114 North 6th Street
Saginaw, MI 48601

Funeral Service

JAN 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church
1114 North 6th Street
Saginaw, MI 48601

Tribute Wall

FH

“ Faye Hunt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Faye Hunt - August 14, 2024 at 12:17 PM

NP

“ I light this yellow Candle for the life long Friendship. May you rest in Heavenly Peace .



NeeNee Perry - February 10, 2024 at 10:20 AM

RB

“ Rosette Blakes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Rosette Blakes - January 29, 2024 at 09:19 AM

LW

“ Louis Weems lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Louis Weems - January 23, 2024 at 08:09 PM

LM

“ Larry Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Larry Martin - January 23, 2024 at 10:45 AM

SH

“ Shirley Hughes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Shirley Hughes - January 23, 2024 at 09:22 AM

KS

“ Kathy Shaw lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Kathy Shaw - January 22, 2024 at 08:52 PM

BL

“ Barbara Land-Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Barbara Land-Jones - January 22, 2024 at 06:59 PM

LT

“ Linda Troutmon sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Linda Troutmon - January 22, 2024 at 04:32 PM

JC

“ Our heartfelt condolences & prayers to the entire Smith Family. - Robert & Jannis Corley & Family.



Jannis Corley - January 22, 2024 at 11:01 AM

BK

“ Barbara Kemp-Lauria lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Barbara Kemp-Lauria - January 22, 2024 at 10:48 AM

TC

“ Rest Peacefully Uncle Froggy 🕊️💙



Tosha Caldwell - January 22, 2024 at 08:44 AM

CM

“ *My Dearest Friend Phyllis and Family Wishing you peace during this difficult time. · Our thoughts and prayers are with the Family* 🧡

Charlene McCall - January 22, 2024 at 07:29 AM

MR

“ *To the family be strong and know God is working it out for each one of you*



Mittie (Buchanan) Russell - January 22, 2024 at 06:46 AM

PL

“ *From Pauline Lawrence You are in my prayers. Love to the family.*



Pauline Lawrence - January 21, 2024 at 06:49 PM



“ *Laura Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"*



Laura Jackson - January 21, 2024 at 11:41 AM

PM

“ Rest in peace in heaven to our uncle froggy from this side of the family and our entire neighborhoods we will love and miss you and honor you all our days to his families we give our prayers and condolences may God continue to comfort you through your difficult time love you all family



Pamela McDaniel - January 21, 2024 at 06:15 AM

TW

“ Tamika Wicker-Slack lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Tamika Wicker-Slack - January 21, 2024 at 12:40 AM

PT

Derek YOU ARE GOING TO BE TRULY MISSED YET NEVER FORGOTTEN, REST IN HEAVEN.

Paula Elaine Thomas - January 21, 2024 at 01:55 AM

KA

“ Katrina lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Katrina - January 20, 2024 at 01:39 PM



“ Yvette Wofford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Yvette Wofford - January 20, 2024 at 12:49 PM

BD

“ Brenda Doxie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Brenda Doxie - January 20, 2024 at 09:06 AM

EM

“ EARL Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



EARL Martin - January 20, 2024 at 12:08 AM

EM

“ EARL Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



EARL Martin - January 19, 2024 at 11:51 PM

JW

“ Jimmie Westbrook lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Jimmie Westbrook - January 19, 2024 at 08:45 PM

DJ

“ Doris Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Doris Jones - January 19, 2024 at 08:07 PM

DW

“ My Sincere Condolences To The Entire Family Of Mr. Derick Jerome Smith better known as Froggy. Saginaw has lost a good man. RIHP



Doretta J Williams - January 19, 2024 at 07:26 PM

DS

“ To the Smith family, I pray your grief be short and your joy much longer with beautiful memories of your beloved Brother Smith. Sincerely Donna Shipman and Brewer family



Donna Shipman - January 19, 2024 at 06:39 PM

LV

“ *My sincere condolences to My 4th and Kirk neighbors. Derek was always loving and kind. May he rest in perfect peace.*



Linda McClain Veasley - January 19, 2024 at 06:22 PM

ES

“ *Eddie Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"*



Eddie Sanders - January 19, 2024 at 04:00 PM

MM

“ *My condolences to the Smith family on the passing of your loved one. God is your refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Be comforted in knowing that death is not the end, Praying for you all and Pastor Ben Smith as well, as he prepares to eulogize his uncle.*

Mary McDonald - January 19, 2024 at 02:56 PM

KC

“ *Karen Cork lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"*



Karen Cork - January 19, 2024 at 02:47 PM

TR

“ Tammy Rodgers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Tammy Rodgers - January 19, 2024 at 02:44 PM

LE

“ Rest easy old man. U left alot of game down here especially the young men without fathers on 4th st. Thank u

Legz - January 19, 2024 at 10:36 AM

JH

“ Jamie & Raymond Hicks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Jamie & Raymond Hicks - January 18, 2024 at 09:19 PM

RL

“ Riley & Neicyvl Lutz sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Riley & Neicyvl Lutz - January 18, 2024 at 05:11 PM

RL

“ Rikey & Niecy Lutz sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Rikey & Niecy Lutz - January 18, 2024 at 05:10 PM

MO

“ Madeleine Ellen Oneal sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Madeleine Ellen Oneal - January 18, 2024 at 04:27 PM

SC

“ SONA Carruth sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



SONA Carruth - January 17, 2024 at 10:38 PM



“ Frank Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Frank Johnson - January 17, 2024 at 07:42 PM

MJ

“ Margaret Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Margaret Jones - January 17, 2024 at 06:36 PM

IT

“ Inez Tyson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Inez Tyson - January 17, 2024 at 04:05 PM



“ To the Smith family, I am so sorry for the loss of your brother, uncle, friend. Froggy will be missed.



Cha Cha Thomas - January 17, 2024 at 01:42 PM

PA

“ Phyllia Allen-McDaniel lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Phyllia Allen-McDaniel - January 17, 2024 at 01:31 PM

PA

Rest on Homie....

Phyllia Allen-McDaniel - January 17, 2024 at 01:32 PM

ER

“ Evelyn Roby lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Evelyn Roby - January 17, 2024 at 12:26 PM

KC

“ Karen Cork lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Karen Cork - January 17, 2024 at 10:29 AM



“ Phyllis Thorne lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Phyllis Thorne - January 17, 2024 at 08:07 AM

GF

“ We the leadership team and congregation of Gethsamene extend our heartfelt condolences and sympathy to Pastor Benjamin Smith and Mother Yvette Smith in the transition of your uncle and brother. Prayers of comfort and peace unto you. We love you.



Gethsamene Baptist Church Family - January 17, 2024 at 04:57 AM

AC

“ Alina Cannon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Alina Cannon - January 17, 2024 at 04:05 AM

CR

“ Carrie West Reed sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Carrie West Reed - January 16, 2024 at 05:42 PM

JO

“ Joyreeves sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Joyreeves - January 16, 2024 at 11:47 AM

EB

“ Eugene And Michelle Blair lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Eugene and Michelle Blair - January 16, 2024 at 11:18 AM

LV

“ Linda McClain Veasley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Linda McClain Veasley - January 16, 2024 at 10:35 AM

MB

“ To the Family of Mr.Derek Smith I'm very sorry.May you find comfort in the hope.May God lift you up.Always thought of,never forgotten.Your old neighbor Milt from the old neighborhood N.4th and Farwell.Always thought of.

Milton B.C.Hollins - January 16, 2024 at 10:03 AM

MS

“ Sending my sincere condolences and love, to Derek's family and friends.



Mary Ann Stewart - January 16, 2024 at 09:55 AM

MA

“ Heartfelt prayers and condolences to my family. Uncle Froggy will truly be missed. I love you all!



Megan Anderson - January 16, 2024 at 09:41 AM

JC

“ Jacqueline Curka lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Jacqueline Curka - January 16, 2024 at 05:30 AM

BC

“ Bennie And Shirley Cooper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Bennie and Shirley Cooper - January 16, 2024 at 05:25 AM

JH

“ Judy Holloway-Mayes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Judy Holloway-Mayes - January 16, 2024 at 04:24 AM

BT

“ *Bobbie Turner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"* ”



Bobbie Turner - January 15, 2024 at 07:45 PM

VR

“ *Veronica Nikki Roby lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"* ”



Veronica Nikki Roby - January 15, 2024 at 07:23 PM



“ *Frank Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"* ”



Frank Johnson - January 15, 2024 at 07:10 PM

DT

Mr.Derek u will be miss 🥺💔

Diane Turner - January 15, 2024 at 08:12 PM

KD

“ *KAY DAWKINS lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"* ”



KAY DAWKINS - January 15, 2024 at 06:55 PM

CD

“ *Chon Dugan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"* ”



Chon Dugan - January 15, 2024 at 06:47 PM

S(

“ *Stephanie Louis (sue) lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"* ”



Stephanie Louis (sue) - January 15, 2024 at 06:44 PM

MO

“ *Madeleine Ellen Oneal sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"* ”



Madeleine Ellen Oneal - January 15, 2024 at 03:11 PM

MO

“ *Madeleine Ellen Oneal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"* ”



Madeleine Ellen Oneal - January 15, 2024 at 03:07 PM

TT

“ *Terry Triplett lit a candle in memory of Derek Smith* ”



Terry Triplett - January 15, 2024 at 10:58 AM

CS

“ *Chris Snow-Jernigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"* ”



Chris Snow-Jernigan - January 15, 2024 at 10:58 AM

LP

“ *Larry Polk sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"* ”



Larry Polk - January 15, 2024 at 09:53 AM

LT

“ Linda Taykor-prince lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Linda Taykor-prince - January 15, 2024 at 06:35 AM

PH

“ My Heartfelt Condolences To The Smith Family, May God Give You Peace And Comfort During This Time Of Sorrow. 🙏❤️ Rest Peacefully Froggy

Pankie Harris - January 15, 2024 at 05:52 AM

SM

“ Correction: Prayers and condolences to the family of Derek "Froggy".

Snap and Carla Matthews

Snap and Carla Matthews - January 14, 2024 at 10:53 PM

SM

“ My prayers and condolences to the family of Derek "Friggy".

Snap and Carla

Snap and Carla Matthews - January 14, 2024 at 10:50 PM

SD

“ Stacy Duran sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Stacy Duran - January 14, 2024 at 09:39 PM

VF

“ Valerie Foster lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Valerie Foster - January 14, 2024 at 08:35 PM

DM

“ Delphine McMillan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Delphine McMillan - January 14, 2024 at 05:22 PM

GL

“ Sending prayers of comfort to the Smith family. You have my sincerest condolences.

Glendorah Lawrence - January 14, 2024 at 11:48 AM

MW

“ Maurice & Marie Washington sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Maurice & Marie Washington - January 14, 2024 at 11:11 AM

WB

“ Walsezetta Bennett sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Walsezetta Bennett - January 14, 2024 at 10:11 AM

YC

“ Yvonne Corley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Yvonne Corley - January 14, 2024 at 08:46 AM

JH

“ Jacqueline Hill-Hollins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Jacqueline Hill-Hollins - January 14, 2024 at 07:45 AM

BE

“ BettyPruitt-Daily sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



BettyPruitt-Daily - January 14, 2024 at 01:34 AM

TF

“ Theotis & Teresa Wilcoxon / Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Theotis & Teresa Wilcoxon / Family - January 13, 2024 at 11:06 PM

DM

“ Rest up my Dear friend. Delphine McMillan Hopkins.

Delphine McMillan - January 13, 2024 at 09:48 PM

DM

“ Delphine McMillan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Delphine McMillan - January 13, 2024 at 09:44 PM

CW

“ Cathy Wilson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Cathy Wilson - January 13, 2024 at 07:40 PM

BT

“ Fly away Jerome, love you!



Bernadette Tinsley - January 13, 2024 at 04:53 PM



“ Joanie Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Joanie Williams - January 13, 2024 at 04:34 PM

CP

“ Carrie Polk lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Carrie Polk - January 13, 2024 at 03:59 PM

MS

“ Sending my condolences too family and friends of froggy, U were a true soldier u will truly be missed, Rest in paradise 💕🌸

Marilyn Simmons - January 13, 2024 at 02:51 PM

MB

“ Michelle Baker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Michelle Baker - January 13, 2024 at 02:49 PM

CW

“ I'm sending condolences to Vette, Phyllis, Reggie and the rest of the Smith family. I'm sorry of the passing of your brother. May God help y'all thru this difficult time. Love Coockey



Cookey Williams - January 13, 2024 at 02:35 PM

SC

“ SONA Carruth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



SONA Carruth - January 13, 2024 at 02:06 PM

FH

“ Freddie Hodges sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Freddie Hodges - January 13, 2024 at 01:51 PM

JC

“ Jeanette Champion lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Jeanette Champion - January 13, 2024 at 01:42 PM

JS

“ Janie Surles-Cork sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Janie Surles-Cork - January 13, 2024 at 01:17 PM

JW

“ Jimmie Westbrook lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek Jerome Smith "Froggy"



Jimmie Westbrook - January 13, 2024 at 12:25 PM

CG

“ *The Goodman and Martin family lit a candle in memory of Derek Smith. Rest In Peace Derek.*



Catherine Goodman - January 13, 2024 at 12:03 PM