



Mr. Herman Clifton Smith Jr.

November 26, 1965 - March 15, 2018

Herman Clifton Smith, Jr. was affectionately known as “Cliffy”, “Uncle C” and “Uncle Herm”, “Cliff” or “Herman” and was the third child born to the late Herman C. Smith, Sr. and Dorothy Nell Wilson Smith on November 26, 1965 in San Antonio, Texas. On March 15, 2018 the Lord decided it was time to give Herman his rest and he slept away to eternal life.

At an early age, Herman professed a belief in Jesus Christ and was baptized at the Coliseum Park Baptist Church by Rev. Lemuel Smith. He was actively involved with Ambassadors For Christ, Ushers, Sunday School, Baptist Training Union and Vacation Bible School. His enthusiastic leadership abilities and passion for mentoring young men was birthed from this involvement and were stepping stones to the man of God he ultimately became.

Herman attended San Antonio public schools and graduated from Sam Houston High School in 1983 where he served a Senior Class President. He earned a BS in Computer Science from Prairie View A & M University in 1990. Herman furthered his education at George Washington University and received a Master’s Certificate, Project Management in 2005. He was working toward a Master’s Degree in Business Administration at Prairie View A & M University.

He worked as a IT Systems Analyst, Project Manager and Consultant for

clients in various industries for over 25 years to include such companies as Hallmark Cards; Schlumberger Oilfield Services; Hewlett Packard Company; SAP Retail, Inc.; Chevron Phillips Chemical Company, LP and Resources Global Professionals.

Herman was an Industrial Advisory Board Member in the Computer Science Department of the Roy G. Perry College of Engineering at Prairie View A & M University. He also served on the Board of Directors for the Houston Blues Museum, Inc. from 2012 and became the Director of IT for the museum in 2013.

He was a compassionate son, a loving brother (in-law), a devoted uncle, a reliable friend and a supportive and encouraging mentor. Herman is survived by his mother Dorothy Smith, San Antonio, TX; sister and brother in-law Rosalyn and Benjamin Mitchell, San Antonio, TX; aunt, Sadie Darby, Austin, TX; two nephews Marques Mitchell (Khristina), Houston, TX; Mychal Mitchell (Aryon), Houston, TX; one niece, Morgan Miller, Brandon, FL; one great-niece, Cydney Mitchell, Houston, TX; one great-nephew, Myles Mitchell, Houston, TX; and a host of other relatives and family friends.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Oaks Cemetery

13001 Katy Freeway
Houston, TX 77079

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

The Church Without Walls
5725 Queenston Boulevard
Houston, TX 77084

Service

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Tribute Wall

DM

“ *My sincerest condolences, to the Smith family... Herman was always Herman...which was not a bad thing...*

Danny Matthews - March 29, 2018 at 09:26 PM

CJ

“ *Herman was one of the most wonderful people I have known and as I stated previously, I am so glad we crossed paths. Because of him, you could keep a positive attitude. He loved his family and clearly a man of God. He loved working with him church and the mentoring type programs which reinforced the role of positive Black Men.*

I shall never forget the impact he made on my life and how he let me be that "other" older sister. I know that God has welcome him with open arms.

Christine Jackson

Christine Jackson - March 29, 2018 at 02:04 PM

AM

“ *Thelma and I would like to express our deep sorrow to the family for the loss of my cousin. Dot, may God be with you, Roslyn, Sadie and the rest of the family. I am so sorry we could not attend the funeral, but our prayers and sorrow is there with you. I am so happy to have had him in our company when we had Thanksgiving dinner at Sadie's house. That will be my memory of him. We send our love to the family.*

AJ, Thelma, Jr, and Jason and family.

aj mcphaul - March 26, 2018 at 01:54 PM



“ Herman was one of the best men I have met in my entire life. Anyone who was lucky enough to meet Herman, I'm sure, would also feel the same. Everyone who knew Herman was lucky to have him in their life.
RIP brother!

Kevin Wade - March 25, 2018 at 03:56 PM

TF

“ The Schlumberger Family purchased the Rose Tribute for the family of Mr. Herman Clifton Smith Jr..



The Schlumberger Family - March 24, 2018 at 12:43 AM

FS

“ Ahhh Clifton, so many memories! Coliseum Park, Sam Houston HS and more! Your legacy will live on in the people you touched while here on earth. Your presence will be missed, but I know without a shadow of a doubt you are singing in that heavenly choir. Rest on my friend! Peace and Blessings Roslyn, Ms. Smith and the rest of his family. Much love, Felicia Scott

Felicia Scott - March 23, 2018 at 12:07 PM

LT

“ I met Herman in 2006 through TCWW's Male Chorus. He was part of the original rat pack (Herman, Marvin, Jack and Al). He became more than just a friend, he became a big brother. He will be sorely missed.

Laura Thames - March 23, 2018 at 09:54 AM

MR

“Herman your contagious personality and smile will be missed at TCWW, especially miss seeing you singing in the Men’s Choir. I want to thank God for you, how you were a positive Mentor for my three Sons. I thank you for those encouraging words that you would give to me as a single parent, raising three young Men. The news of you passing was devastating to us, but there is joy in knowing that you are resting with our Heavenly Father. As I close with tears in my eyes, I know that you are free of pain. Love for now and forever more.
Marjorie Ruffin, Albert and Terrence Hightower, and Ja’Vion Perry



Marjorie Ruffin - March 22, 2018 at 06:12 PM



“Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Herman Clifton Smith Jr..



March 22, 2018 at 05:53 PM



“Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Herman Clifton Smith Jr..



March 22, 2018 at 05:33 PM

KH

“ I'm not sure what ministry Herman and I were a part of when we first met but Herman was one of the leaders in the mens choir at The Church Without Walls during its inception at the new site on Queenston. His loyalty to ministry was unparalleled. Herman led by example and he was a man of his word...he will leave some big shoes to fill. RIP Herman!

Ken Henderson - March 22, 2018 at 05:24 PM

LM

“ To the Smith family, extending my deep and heartfelt sympathy to you and our family. Wishing you strength for today and hope for tomorrow.

Lisa Marquez

Lisa Marquez - March 22, 2018 at 01:32 PM



“ Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Herman Clifton Smith Jr..



March 22, 2018 at 01:12 PM

LT

“What an amazing man Herman was ! We worked together for many years and every project that he did, he always created so many "Herman fans" along the way. I will miss him SO MUCH! What I will miss most about him is his infectious smile and his kind spirit. I always looked forward to seeing him and having our chats. He was always such a great listener and one of the kindest people I have ever met. Herman was a blessing to ANYONE he met-- God Bless you HERMAN!!!

Larisa

Larisa Tidwell - March 22, 2018 at 12:06 PM

LI

“Herman Clifton was a very special cousin. I remember as when our family reunion time he would always be there. Even if he got there a little late. He would drive from Houston pass by Luling and go get his mom if Roslyn hadn't brought her down. He loved his family and we loved him. Cuz you will be missed.

Liz - March 21, 2018 at 06:30 PM

DS

Praying for the entire Smith Family. Our families have been close since I was a little girl. May God give you strength to endure during these difficult days ahead. We love you and are here for you. On behalf of The Toliver Family. Cliff will forever be in our hearts.

Diana Toliver Session - March 23, 2018 at 09:39 AM

CH

“ *An Awesome friend and a Great Man of God has earned his wings, taken flight and gone home. While your memories will last a lifetime your presence will be truly missed. I won't say goodbye, I will simply say what I said a few weeks ago last time I saw you, "I'll holla at ya later" Rest well my friend.*
Chuckie Sullivan~

chuck - March 21, 2018 at 02:02 PM



Marques Mitchell

“ *Uncle C! I know you'd be pissed if we brought you back to this world. I'm sure you are having a blast up there in Heaven. I will always make sure to cherish the great memories we've had; and all of the lessons that you've taught me. I know your body is gone but spirit rides free - probably in the heavenly Acura. I love you always...*
Marques

Marques Mitchell - March 21, 2018 at 01:00 PM

MT

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Marion Thomas - March 21, 2018 at 10:08 AM

DU

“ To the Smith Family, you are Beloved by many and to no end the Branford Family continues to pray for healing of your broken hearts and those of us that will miss Clifton always. This is a tough one...Love, Debi and Melvin Upson



Deborah Branford Upson - March 21, 2018 at 09:44 AM