

Broken Chain

We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name, in life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone; for part of us went with you the day God called you home. You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide, and though we cannot see you, you are always by our side. Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same, but as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.

Love you Forever,

Daddy.

Your Baby



(This was a message he wanted to tell everyone when the time came)
"I love you. I'm out of here. Have a good life.
I've done what I could do."

Acknowledgements

Your kind expression of sympathy is gratefully acknowledged. May God Bless and Keep You!
The Family of John "Junebug" Lee Smith, Jr.

Pallbearers

Michael Middleton, Sr.

Joshua James

Eric Morgan

Dwight Muhammad

Brian Jones

Michael Middleton, Jr.

Honorary Pallbearers

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Celebrating the Life of



John Lee Smith, Jr.

May 7, 1949 - July 27, 2021

Service

Friday, August 13, 2021

Visitation: 9:00 am

Funeral Service: 11:00 am

House of Hope

1829 Elm Street

Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Pastor Nick Burnett, Officiating

Obituary

John was born on May 7, 1949, in Cincinnati, Ohio, to Geneva “Skeeter” Lewis and John Lee Smith Sr.

He graduated from Taft High School.

Known to the world as Junebug. He was a beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend, who dedicated many years of his life supporting and helping others. Whether it was a funny story, outrageous comment, or wisdom, he loved to be present and in the moment with those he came across.

If you ever had a chance to hear his stories of his time in the Marines, then you know that he was proud to serve this country, which he did from February 5, 1969 until he was honorably discharged on March 3, 1971.

Famous for his foul mouth, love of traveling, handsomeness, and sharp dressing. Junebug “The Legend” will always be remembered for his love and loyalty to his family and the entire OTR and West End communities.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Geneva Lewis and John Smith Sr.; son, Antonio Raines; brothers, Gregory Smith and Joseph Holley; sisters, Diana Smith and Tonia Holley, great-grandson, Dewayne Dobbs Jr. and nephew, Curtis “Cutty” Smith.

John Lee Smith, Jr passed away peacefully at his home on July 27th, 2021, at the age of 72.

He leaves to mourn his passing: step-father, James “Sweetpea” Lewis; eight children, Michael Middleton (Jessica), Jahmil Bell, Titus Bell Sr., Natasha Thompson (Gary), Dwayne Thompson, John Whatley, Tequana Colvin and Eric Morgan (Shawna); four siblings, Johnny Smith, Randell Smith, Roseland Smith, Kathleen Smith, Marva Payne and Denise Price; god-daughter, Ebony Irvin, nineteen grandchildren, sixteen great grandchildren, devoted companion of 50 years, Mary Thompson and a host of other relatives and friends.

I lived my best life.



Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude	Musician
Parting View	Family
Prayer	Pastor Nick Burnett
Scripture	Jessica Middleton
Selection	
Acknowledgement & Cards	Kyndra Thompson
Remarks	Please limit to 2 minutes
Reading of the Obituary	Silently
Selection	
Eulogy	Ronald Sanders
Presentation of the Flag	Honor Guard
Benediction	Pastor Nick Burnett
Recessional	Clergy, Bearers & Family

Final Resting Place

Friday, August 13, 2021
Valley of Rest Cemetery
S First Street
LaGrange, KY 40031