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David Allen Smith made his Final Transition on March 12, 2020. He is survived by his mother, Geraldine Smith, his wife of 48 years, Janice Smith, twin sons: Jeremy Frank and Jeffrey Oscar Smith, younger sister: Deborah Terry and her son Jonathan Terry, former, sister-in-law, Terrilynn Smith and her daughters: Dionne N. Smith and Dianne M. Perkins (Trendale) for whom Dave was a surrogate dad, their children: Jazmon, Myles and, Trinity Perkins and Sarai Smith, mother-in-law: Florence Arne` Prince, brother-in-law: Geraud Prince (Arlice), niece and nephew Alsha and Brian Prince, and sister-in-law: Kamala Prince. Also in mourning, scores of friends, peers, past colleagues, former students, and all who whose lives he touched.

REMEMBERING DAVE

Dave, following in the tradition established by his grandmother, Sarah Brown, and his mother, Geraldine Smith, enjoyed baking butter cookies and sharing them. The next time you have a butter cookie remember.



Acknowledgements:

We the family want to thank you for your prayers, calls, cards, love, gifts, meals and acts of kindness. Your love and support has been a tremendous blessing.

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE

FOR

David Allen Smith



Sunrise: June 17, 1948

Sunset: March 12, 2020

Friday, June 26, 2020

Memorial Service 11:00 A.M.

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Rev. Myllion Waite,
Officiating Minister

Order of Service

- Musical Prelude.....Helen Turner Thompson & Mark Thompson
- Opening Prayer.....Minister
- Scripture Reading.....Old Testament: Isaiah 40:28-31.....Minister
- Scripture Reading.....New Testament: Romans 8:35-39.....Minister
- Musical Selection....."The Lord's Prayer".....Michael Dixon
- Obituary Reading.....(Read Silently)
- Musical Selection....."Going Up Yonder".....Michael Dixon
- Musical Selection..."His Eye Is On The Sparrow".....Helen Thompson

~Reflections~

Yvonne Syms, Daniel MacDonald & Dianne Marie Smith Perkins

- Eulogy.....Rev. Mylion Waite
- Acknowledgements/Resolutions.....
- Video Tribute.....
- Benediction.....Rev. Mylion Waite



Obituary

David Allen Smith, was born on June 17, 1948 in Cleveland, Ohio, the first child (followed by Darryl and Deborah) of Frank and Geraldine Smith. Dave grew up in Maple Heights, Ohio, graduating from Maple Heights Senior High in June of 1966. His post-secondary education began that fall at Cuyahoga Community College.

At Tri-C, at a University Christian Movement meeting, he caught the eye of a young coed named Janice Prince. It was a life-changing chance encounter, and even though Dave headed off to Youngstown State the next year to earn a Bachelor of Education Degree, and Janice headed off to Case Western Reserve, their relationship became rock solid; and on November 20, 1971 they married, forming a loving union which would last more than 48 years.

A career educator and counselor, Dave's first teaching position was at the elementary level in Bedford, OH in 1970. Six years later, he was named Educator of the Year. Then, having earned a Master of Education Degree from Cleveland State University in 1978, Dave developed and implemented an elementary guidance program, a first for the state of Ohio. In 1983, he was once again named Educator of the Year in Bedford.

He spent two years in the private sector developing and opening a counseling agency, New Hope Counseling, which served court-referred clients with traffic and petty theft offenses. Dave returned to the public schools in 1985, joining the Cleveland Heights/University Heights School District as a coordinator in the innovative COL III Program at Cleveland Heights High. He retired from Heights High in 2001, but later worked as an adjunct professor on the campus of Kent State University, and taught on-line courses as well.

The personality traits Dave possessed all his life were consistently on display in both his career and his personal interactions. He prided himself on being well informed. He was a problem solver who worked at being a strategic thinker so he could make better decisions. Because of these qualities, Dave was elected or appointed to numerous leadership positions in the many professional associations to which he belonged, among them: Ohio's Association of Non-White Concerns in Personnel and Guidance, the North Eastern Ohio Teachers Association, and the Bedford Education Association.

He loved his family limitlessly; an adoring son, husband and father, a devoted brother and uncle. He gave sons, Jeremy and Jeffrey the middle names of their grandfathers to connect their futures to the past and established family traditions to create lasting memories. A gifted storyteller, Dave was able to convey messages stressing the importance of traits he valued; punctuality, honesty and perseverance among them.

With Dave behind the wheel of an automobile, quick errands became "never lost" expeditions featuring visits to favorite shops and restaurants and tours of old neighborhoods. He was a sharp-eyed shopper, always on the prowl for bargains both in person and on the Internet. He enjoyed photography and developed a knack for it. He was a great conversationalist, in large part because his keen listening skills enabled him to make insightful observations.