



## Ernest Alonzo Smith

March 26, 1952 - December 9, 2010

Celebrating the Life

of

Ernest Alonzo Smith, Jr.

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“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” Matthew 11:25-30

Remembering Ernest

Ernest Alonzo Smith, Jr. entered into peaceful rest on December 9, 2010 at 7:30 a.m., at Prince George’s Hospital, Critical Care Unit after suffering a heart attack. He was born in Washington, DC, on March 26, 1952 to Velma T. Smith and the late Ernest A. Smith, Sr.

Ernest was baptized, confirmed and served as an altar boy during his early years at St. Gabriel Catholic Church. Ernest graduated from St. Gabriel Grade School in 1966 and from Archbishop John Carroll High School in 1970. Following high school, Ernest studied at Mount St. Mary College and the University of Maryland.

Ernest taught at various schools in Maryland. Ernest also worked at Soldier’s Home, the Federal Government and was also employed at the District of

Columbia Superior Court.

He also served as an Altar Server at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the Franciscan Monastery and at St. Mary's Catholic Church where he also served as a Lector. Ernest was a devout Third Order Franciscan and attended daily Mass when he could.

Ernest loved music (his favorite singer was Nancy Wilson) and he was an avid reader. As a true Franciscan, he loved animals especially his cat.

He leaves to cherish his memory his mother, Velma T. Smith; a brother, Reginald T. Smith; an aunt, Audrey Bullock; two nieces, Sharita Smith and Tammy Smith; a nephew, Carlos Smith; two life-long friends and his sisters through love, Diann Robinson and LaVerne Atiba; very close friends, Kevin and Mary Wiedel; and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

The family of Ernest A. Smith, Jr. would like to take this time to extend their sincere and heartfelt appreciation for the many acts of kindness extended to them during this very difficult time. May God forever bless and keep each of you in His tender care.

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# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

DEC 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Gabriels Catholic Church  
Washington, DC

### Service

DEC 17. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Gabriels Catholic Church  
Washington, DC

# Tribute Wall



“ Ernest Alonzo Smith

October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ Ernest and I professed together as Secular Franciscans on November 19, 2000 at the Franciscan Monastery in Washington, D.C. Whenever he was able to attend the meetings, he was always eager to help. We will remember him fondly. Mt. St. Sepulchre Fraternity would like to offer their condolences to all the family members and assure them that Ernest will be in our prayers. May his soul rest in peace.

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“ We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

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