



Mr. Donald Carlton Smith Sr.

June 30, 1954 - June 14, 2014

The Life Of Donald C. Smith, Sr.

On June 30, 1954 Donald Carlton Smith was born to Ella Mae McLoyd and Henry Smith in Jacksonville, Florida. As a teenager he lived between Springfield, Massachusetts and New York, New York before ultimately settling in Detroit, Michigan where he received loving guidance from his Uncle Lander. During this time he pursued his higher education at the local college, where he aspired to study Astronomy, Science, and Communication. He later enlisted in the United States Army and upon being honorably discharged, he worked as a DDOT driver and progressed into management, where he served until his retirement in December 2012.

Donald was a Born Again Christian, and after meeting his wife Lola he participated with many services at Word of Faith International Christian Center; as a baseball coach, and a Touch Group coach assistant.

He loved business, and developed several different companies that had marginal successes. He thrived in finances, mastering the stock market, and many other intricate avenues. He could squeeze blood from a turnip, and would if he had too. He was a master for excellence, and demanded that from all that he knew. Donald was quick-witted, and fun loving, he thoroughly enjoyed the church picnics and attended everyone that he could.

Donald loved swimming, traveling, gardening (tulips were his favorite), watching The History Channel, in particular the war stories, and The Syfy Channel, and spending quality time with his family. After retirement, he looked forward to taking trips on his RV and Honda Goldwing.

If there was a debate, get ready to lose, Donald would NOT let you win, in fact he could be the world's greatest prosecuting attorney if he chose.

There was nothing that Donald could not do, because anything he set out to do, he accomplished.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Family Hour

Saturday, Jun. **28**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Word of Faith International Christian Center
20000 W. Nine Mile Road
Southfield, MI 48075

Funeral Service

Saturday, Jun. **28**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Donald Carlton Smith Sr.*

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“ *DONALD THIS IS YOUR BROTHER MIKE LOCKE. I AM SO SORRY I COULD'NT BE AT YOUR HOME GOING. BUT I KNOW WITH OUT A DOUBT I WILL SEE YOU AGAIN. THROUGH THE BLOOD OF JESUS WE BECAME BROTHERS FOR LIFE. SO I WILL SEE YOU SOON. GOD BLESS YOU MY BROTHER AND TELL JESUS THAT I LOVE HIM.. YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST...MIKE*

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