



Mr. Gregory Lynn Smart

March 16, 1948 - January 9, 2014

His Journey:

Gregory Lynn Smart was born in Detroit, Michigan on March 16, 1948 to the union of William and Viola Smart.

Gregory received his education in the Detroit Public Schools system, graduating from Osborn High School in 1966. Afterwards, he worked at Federal Department Store Warehouse facilities over ten years and at Faygo Beverages for over 32 years.

Greg was a lover of life. In younger years, he was a lover of music. Being well versed in the styles of early Motown and artists from that era. To soothe his spirits, you would often find him playing the drums. He was an excellent musician. He even played once accompanying Ramsey Lewis.

Greg also loved sports. He was a huge fan of wrestling and could often be found applying "the Claw" to all of his nieces and nephews. He swam like a fish (the dolphin was his favorite animal), played basketball and tennis. Sundays were off limits because nothing interfered with him watching all football games on that day.

As a dedicated worker for Faygo, he would often show up for work ill unknowing to his employer. The company and his coworkers knew that they

could always depend on him.

Being very private and very selective of his friends, if you made that list, you had a friend for life. He had a weird sense of humor and cornier were his jokes!! He was the life of every party. With his unique style, you knew that when Greg showed up, the party just started!

Greg was a proud father, had one son, Steven Williams, but was truly a mentor and father figure to all of his nieces and nephews. He was a great man. Greg was a loving man and very protective of his sisters. There was nothing he would not do for Gloria, Karen and Roberta. He was the best brother that a sibling could have.

With his wife, Zadie, his life was complete. With this union and working so hard for so long, he finally got to experience the other side of living, outside of working. He traveled to lands he had never seen.

Rest in heaven Greg. We will miss you...

Gregory departed this life on January 9, 2014, at Oakwood Hospital.

Cemetery Details

Elmwood Cemetery

1200 Elmwood Ave.
Detroit, MI 48207

Previous Events

Visitation

Friday, Jan. **17**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 838-9770
info@pyefuneralhome.com

Family Hour

Saturday, Jan. **18**. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

Saturday, Jan. **18**. 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Gregory Lynn Smart*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Mary Driver lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory Lynn Smart*



Mary Driver - March 19, 2014 at 12:51 PM



“ *Bessie Ingram lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory Lynn Smart*



Bessie Ingram - March 16, 2014 at 07:30 PM



“ *To Gloria and the entire Smart family:*

*There are so many things in this life that we do not know or even understand. Yet, this one thing I have experienced and know to be absolutely true - "There is NO sorrow that heaven cannot heal". May the peace and love of GOD sustain you during this transition period . 'GOD IS " a comforter - He will see you through!
Love, - Barbara Halley-Peterson and family*

Barbara Halley - January 18, 2014 at 10:01 AM

GJ

“ We've been friends for such a long-long time. Our history dates back to me working at McNichols Social Services and him at the old Federal's warehouse. He finally met my husband Rayford and they became friends instantly. Our memories span the many house and club parties, lengthy phone calls and visits from Michigan to Texas. The spirited debates on a variety of subjects and his special brand of humor will live with us forever. The circle of friendship finally expanded with his union to Zadie. We deeply regret this union and circle of friendship was cut short, but we cannot lose sight of the fact that God has the final word. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the family.



We Love you!!

Gloria and Rayford Jones

Gloria & Rayford Jones - January 14, 2014 at 04:33 PM

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Gloria, Karen and the Smart Family,

I am truly sadden to hear of the passing of my dear old friend Greg. I just found out of his passing today when calling to wish him Happy Birthday. We have been friends since meeting while working at the Federal's Dept. Stores Warehouse and Offices in the 1970s. My daughters were then age 3 and 5 yrs. old, we all got along just find and had fun times together. I will always remember the silly and funny conversations and debates that we used to have. Gloria, Karen, Berta, Zadie, and Clyde you all have my deepest sympathy I know that you all miss him dearly. I will also miss my dear old friend but I know there is a place waiting for him above.

Love to you all.

Bessie Ingram - March 16, 2014 at 6:39pm

Bessie Ingram - March 16, 2014 at 05:42 PM