



# Chief George Smith, Jr.

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**R**etired Police Chief George Smith, Jr, age 79, passed away Sunday, May 31, 2020 in Muskegon Heights. He was born on October 22, 1940 in Marianna, Arkansas to George Jr. and Sebron Smith. George was baptized at an early age at 2nd Baptist Church also in Marianna. He graduated in 1958 from Robert R. Moton High School in Arkansas before enlisting in the US Army from 1961 – 1967. George went to work for the City of Detroit Police Department in 1969, and graduated from the University of Detroit Mercy in 1978. In 1982, he graduated from the FBI Academy. George ended his police career in Detroit in 1995 at the level of Inspector (Captain). In 1995, he became Chief of Police for the City of Muskegon Heights, and held that position until his retirement in 2005. George was a member of the Zion Baptist Church in Muskegon, and one of the founding members of the Detroit Bass Club. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Johnnie Lee (Rutledge) Smith in 1992.

**SURVIVORS** include his son, George Calvin Smith IV; god-daughters, Tiffany Jones and Torrey McLinn; brother, Billy J. Smith; best friends, Charles Rucker and Sidney Johnson; and wife, Chun Hui Kim. George was also preceded in death by his brother, Edward Smith; and sisters, Peggy Smith Butler, Kay Francis Smith and Edward Lynn Smith. **PUBLIC VISITATION** with limits of 10 people at a time, will be Thursday, June 4, 2020 from 2-3 PM, with family visitation from 3-3:30 PM at The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 6291 S. Harvey St. Norton Shores, MI 49444 (231) 798-1100. Private Family Services will follow, with burial at Lincoln Memorial Park Cemetery in Detroit. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions in George's name to the Alzheimer's Association (<https://act.alz.org/site/Donation2>) would be appreciated. Share memories with the family online at [www.sytsemafh.com](http://www.sytsemafh.com).



# Events

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## Visitation

 **Thursday**, June 4, 2020

 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM ET

 **Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Lee Chapel**

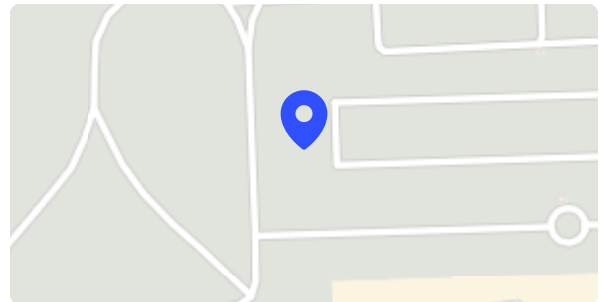
6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444



## Cemetery Details

 **Lincoln Memorial Park Cemetery**

21661 E. Fourteen Mile Rd., Clinton Twp. MI





## Tribute Wall

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DJ

**Dorsey James** posted:

I im the son of Wency J. Tate..and my mom tells me that they played together as kids.

June 5 at 1:55 PM

BG

**Barb Gill** lit a candle in honor of George .



June 4 at 6:11 PM

JG

**Jean D. Rutledge Griffin** posted:

George was a great guy, caring, funny, smart & a enthusiast football fan. George and my sister Johnnie enjoyed a great life together with their Son littl George. George enjoyed fishing all the time and that pastime will be continued by George jr.. Big George will be missed but will always remain in our Heart.

June 3 at 2:10 PM

CT

**Chong Thomas** June 4 at 7:52 AM

Remember george as gentlemanHe is soft spoken man...He like fish, seafood....will missed him



**Anonymous** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Smith, Jr. family.



June 3 at 5:26 AM

MD

**Michael Dawson** posted:

Had some Great time of talking with u and son over in Canada at Mitchell Bay ! Never had the chance to fish with you but so glad I had the chance to meet you too few times! You will never be forgotten! You are a legacy to Detroit Bass Club! May heaven brings you many of fishing days too many a Bass to catch! YOUR DETROIT BASS CLUB 2020 PRESIDENT

June 2 at 1:09 PM



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SJ

**Sidney Johnson** posted:

A good friend is hard to find, hard to lose, and will never be forgotten.

June 2 at 9:56 AM

KP

**Kimberly Perry** posted:

George Jr. loved his career, fishing, boating & vacations but most of all he loved my nephew he showed him love provided him with an awesome education, how to take care of yourself how to cook he never took you away from us what else could a aunt ask for thank you George I will miss you!! 🥹



June 2 at 9:20 AM



**Dennis Davis** posted:

I worked with Chief Smith form 2000 to 2005 when he retired. I remember many of conversations with him and he was always insightful, knowledgeable and fair. He didn't hold back when he had something ro say and presented himself as someone deserving of respect and admiration. To his family, i am proud to have served under him and hope you are proud of the man (officer) he was. He will truly be missed and he earned his robe and slippers. Job well done Sir!!!! We salute you.

June 1 at 10:06 PM

RR

**Rory Rought** posted:

I had the honor and privilege of serving under Chief Smith for several years in Muskegon Heights before he retired. I will always remember him as a man of honor and Integrity. My condolences to the Smith family.

June 1 at 5:22 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring George by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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