



## Mr. Ray Anthony Smith Sr.

August 6, 1957 - February 4, 2021

Ray Anthony Wiggins-Smith, Sr., beloved son of Annie Wiggins-Smith was born August 6, 1957 in Harlem, New York at Harlem Hospital. On February 4, 2021 God called our loving husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle and and friend home.

He attended P.S. 43 Elementary School in the Bronx, New York, Berger Junior High School in the Bronx, New York. He also attended Food and Maritime Culinary Art School in Manhattan, New York. Ray entered in the United States Army in August of 1974 as an infantry soldier and served his country honorable for 20 years and retired as a Staff Sergeant. He attended basic training at Fort Dix, NJ, AIT at Fort Polk, LA. His first duty station was Athens, Greece from 1974-1978, Erlangen, Germany; 1978-1981, Fort Hood, TX; 1981-1983 Fort Bliss, TX; 1983-1985, Hanau, Germany; 1985-1988, Fort Bragg, NC; 1988-1992, Camp Carroll, Korea; 1992-1993, Fort Bragg, NC; 1993-1994 until his retirement.

The awards that SSG Ray Smith, Sr. received during his military career were: 6 Army Good Conduct Medals, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal–ZOLC, 2 Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbons, Meritorious Service Medal and an original founding member of the Patriot Missile Program and a host of other honors.

Ray wasn't a stranger to anyone that he met. He loved to encourage, joke, mentor and help anyone he could. He was a community advocate. He was an active participant in the Foxfire Community as President and Chaplain. He

absolutely loved participating in the community fish fry. He served as the Chaplain of the Retired Signal Soldiers Association. He also was involved in promoting voting rights and supporting local officials.

Ray was an ordained Minister at Sperring Memorial Baptist Church. He is preceded in death by his mother, Annie Wiggins-Smith; brother, James Smith, Jr. (Pee-Wee), and nephew, James Barnes.

He leaves to cherish his memories his childhood sweetheart, the love of his life, his wife of 45 years, Lisa Garnette Diggins-Smith; his daughters, Tegra Latise Smith-Thomas of Fayetteville, NC, Dakia Dyneer Smith of Raeford, NC and Charmae Nicole Smith-Manley (husband Jeff) of Saraland, AL; his son, Ray Anthony Smith, Jr. of Chapel Hill, NC; grandsons, Jefferey Michael Manley II of Saraland, AL, Daniel Joel Manley of Saraland, AL; his favorite and only granddaughter, Mikayla Simone Thomas of Fayetteville, NC; his sisters, Jimmie Barnes-Whitley (husband Rayvon) of Bronx, NY, Rochelle Darrisaw of Boston, MA; his nephews, Terrance Barbee and Tyrell Barbee both of Bronx, NY; his nieces, Renee Barnes (his favorite niece) and Tashia Rogers both of Bronx, NY, Tanasha Burton and Tierra Burton both of Boston, MA; great nephew, Karllee Barbee of Bronx, NY; great niece, Jamay Frazier of Bronx, NY; a host of extended family and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery

400 Murchison Rd  
Spring Lake, NC 28390

# Previous Events

## Livestreaming

FEB 15. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

Facebook: Colvin Funeral Home and Crematory-Fayetteville & Lumberton  
<https://www.facebook.com/ColvinFuneralHomeCORP/>

## Viewing

FEB 15. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel  
2010 Murchison Road  
Fayetteville, NC 28301

## Funeral Service

FEB 16. 12:30 PM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel  
2010 Murchison Road  
Fayetteville, NC 28301

## Livestreaming

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# Tribute Wall

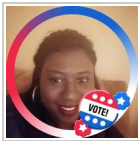


“ *Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Ray Anthony Smith Sr.*



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**H. M. Colvin Funeral Home** - February 15, 2021 at 03:28 PM



“ *Dakia Faithful lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Anthony Smith Sr.*



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**Dakia Faithful** - February 15, 2021 at 07:11 PM

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“ *Rest in peace and you will be missed!  
Your mother-in-law  
Mary Diggins*

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**Deitra Diggins** - February 15, 2021 at 03:09 PM

CC

“ I want to take this opportunity to express my condolences the family of the late Mr. Ray Anthony Smith Sr. I am humbled to have met Mr. Smith through his eldest daughter, Tegra who is my very good friend. He was such a man of not only principle but integrity and he is willing to pass it along. I will always cherish the Thanksgiving dinner of 2019 at Tegra's house where I had a wonderful time with the entire Smith family and some relatives who came out of time. I am humbled to have met Mr. Smith but God knows best and he has called him above. To the family, just cherish his memories and all will be well in Jesus' name. May his Soul rest in Perfect Peace.

Amen.

Charlotte Christian and Family.

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**Charlotte Christian** - February 15, 2021 at 11:57 AM

SW

“ I would like to extend my heartfelt condolences at this time to the family and friends of Mr. Ray Smith Sr. May the love and mercy of our Lord help to ease the pain of your loss.  
Sincerely,

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**Sheriff Burnis Wilkins** - February 15, 2021 at 11:00 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Ray Anthony Smith Sr..



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February 13, 2021 at 09:00 PM

JM

“ Joel & Robin Manley purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Mr. Ray Anthony Smith Sr..



Joel & Robin Manley - February 13, 2021 at 12:58 PM

CJ

“ cousin Bobby&Mariana McClain Jr purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Mr. Ray Anthony Smith Sr..



cousin Bobby&Mariana McClain Jr - February 12, 2021 at 05:58 PM

MT

“ Michael Thomas purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mr. Ray Anthony Smith Sr..



Michael Thomas - February 12, 2021 at 05:11 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Ray Anthony Smith Sr..



February 12, 2021 at 03:27 PM

RD

“ Raabe Family, Tonya, Aqueelah, Kisha, and Daisha purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Ray Anthony Smith Sr..



Raabe Family, Tonya, Aqueelah, Kisha, and Daisha - February 12, 2021 at 10:59 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Ray Anthony Smith Sr..



February 12, 2021 at 09:47 AM

CG

“ Daddy, I miss you more than words can explain. I may not understand this right now, I trust God and I know this is part of his plan. I promise you I will continue to make you proud, you have passed your baton on and I'm going to run this race for you. I Will always Love You 🌹 Love, Baby Girl 💜 (Charmae)

Charmae (Your Baby Girl)💖🌸🌟🙏 - February 11, 2021 at 11:07 PM

AA

“ Al A. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Ray Anthony Smith Sr..



Al A. - February 11, 2021 at 02:45 PM