

Roger Smith

July 31, 1947 - April 30, 2016

Roger was born July 31, 1947 to Alma and Roger Elston. He was the third of six children and was affectionately known as Butch to family and close friends. The family was raised in Altgeld Gardens on the south side of Chicago.

As a teenager, Roger became a star basketball player while attending Carver High School. This led to him receiving a basketball scholarship to Clark Atlanta University. However, his career was cut short due to being drafted to serve in the Vietnam War.

After returning home from the war, Roger began studying the Bible with Jehovah's Witnesses in 1971. He dedicated his life to Jehovah and symbolized it by water baptism in 1972. During his 44 years as a servant of Jehovah God, his privileges of services included periods of time as a regular pioneer and an elder.

Roger was preceded in death by his parents, Roger and Alma; his sister, Cynthia also known as Poochie; and his brother, Darren.

Roger is survived by his wife, Patricia; one son, Jonathan (Samone); one daughter, Lydia (Steve); two brothers, Dennis (Michelle) and Kenneth Sr. (Vernell); one sister, Caroline; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Roger was well known for his love of Jehovah God, the ministry, jazz, and men's dress apparel - especially hats. Additionally, few knew of his talent for writing poetry.

Previous Events

Service

MAY 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses (Dolton2)
14304 Cottage Grove
Dolton, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Roger Smith*

October 04, 2023 at 06:11 PM




“ *I'd like to share a few comforting Bible Scriptures with you that helped me when I lost both my husband and son, June 2013. Please read: Eccl 9: 5,6 and 10; Rom 5: 12, 17-19 and Rev 21:4.*

B. Hill - May 30, 2016 at 11:24 AM



“ *I was so shocked to hear Brother Elston passed but I have the hope knowing he was a great brother and he loved Jehovah. He left this earth knowing a hope for a resurrection so knowing this it makes it so much easier for all family. Butch will be missed on the earth and my deepest sympathy to you all. Love from the entire Yancy Family*



Sharonda Yancy-Toran - May 26, 2016 at 05:18 PM



“ *May the God of all comfort be with the Smith family during this difficult time.*

Cheryl Lynn - May 10, 2016 at 03:17 PM



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McCullough Funeral & Cremation Services - May 05, 2016 at 01:24 AM