

The Broken Chain

We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name. In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you. You did not go alone, for part of us went with you the day God called you home. You left us peaceful memories. Your love is still our guide. And though we cannot see you, you are always at our side. Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same, but as God calls us one by one, the Chain will link again.

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*Remembering Kevin with Love,
His Family*

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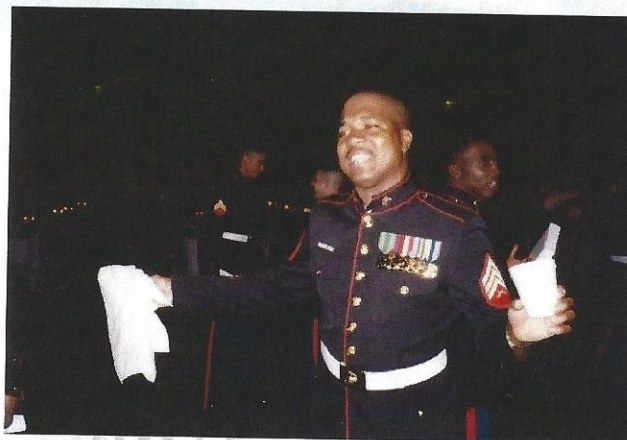
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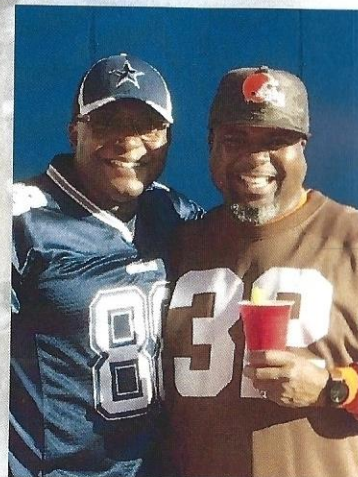
The family of Kevin De'Jaune Smith acknowledges with sincere appreciation every act of kindness shown in our hour of bereavement. Special thanks to Reverend Dr. Lysander Nelms from St. Timothy Baptist Church and to all of our family and friends who helped in anyway. Thank you for your presence here with us today. May God continue to bless and keep you. Please continue to keep our family in your prayers.

The family of Kevin Smith

Flower Bearers Family Members and Friends

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Celebration of Life Kevin D. Smith



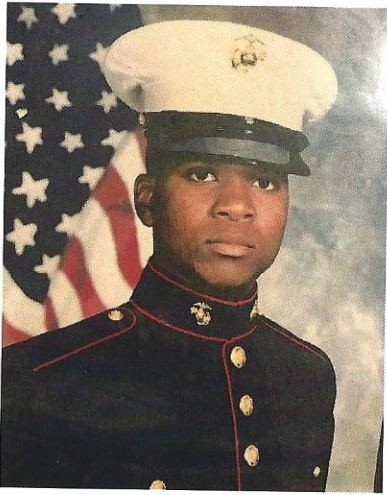
December 18, 1972 - January 2, 2021

*Funeral Service 11:00 a.m.
Saturday, January 30, 2021*

*Thomas Funeral Home
4520 Salem Ave, Trotwood, OH*

Eric Y. Smith, Officiating

Sketch of Life



Kevin De'Jaune "Dirt MaGirt" Smith, age 48, passed away suddenly at his home on January 2, 2021, due to complications from COVID-19. He was born December 18, 1972, in Dayton, Ohio, to Lesia Smith and Philip Broyles, and nurtured into adulthood and beyond by his loving aunts Susie Rowan, Catherine Marsh, Ann Smith, Stephanie Godwin and uncles Jesse Smith, Elie Smith, Jr., (deceased), and Jeffrey Smith. Kevin was born in Dayton, Ohio, the eldest child of Lesia Smith. As a youngster, he spent countless hours getting into fun trouble with his siblings and cousins at their grandmother's home on Oxford Avenue, playing pee-wee football for the Meadowdale Lions, swimming at Princeton Recreation Center, and riding his bike up and down Catalpa Drive. As he got older, Kevin enjoyed hanging out with his close-knit group of lifelong friends from third grade at EJ Brown Elementary School where he also picked up the trumpet. His brotherly bonds with his crew – who affectionately called him "Dirty" – and his trumpet playing carried him through graduation from Patterson Cooperative High School where he was a member of the marching band, excelled at wrestling, and learned trade skills that showcased the passion, dedication, resourcefulness, and work ethic that became hallmarks throughout his life.

Immediately following graduation in 1991, in the wake of the Gulf War, Kevin enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. Upon completion of basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina, he deployed to the Asia-Pacific where he met many interesting people, experienced a variety of cultures and explored amazing geographies encompassing Australia, Japan, South Korea and many points in-between. After the Marines, Kevin proudly served active duty in the United States Army including tours in Iraq, Kuwait and Qatar. He was honorably discharged in 2015, having achieved the rank of Sergeant First Class. Over the course of an illustrious military career, Kevin was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, U.S. Navy Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, and the Navy Sea Service Deployment Ribbon. Kevin officially retired from the military in 2018. He attended True Love Missionary Baptist Church and was a Prince Hall Mason. Having lost his mom at age 16, Kevin was always a father figure for his younger siblings, prioritizing their well-being and safety above all else. After six years of military deployments and assignments around the globe, Kevin, always a man of his word, kept his promise and returned to the U.S. just in time to see his brother, Keith, graduate from college. Kevin made southern California his home after being stationed at Camp Pendleton upon his return. He touched so many lives and built strong ties with what would become his West Coast family through his love for music, motorcycles, pit bulls, and just having a good time with good people. Despite relocating to California, nothing ever lessened his love for The Ohio State University football team ("Go, Buckeyes!") or cheering on his beloved Cleveland Browns and its infamous "Dawg Pound" ("Woof! Woof!"). As a civilian, Kevin worked over 20 years as a proud employee of The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, where he was respected and well-liked for his hard work and dedication. Kevin is survived and sorely missed by his father Philip Broyles, fiancée Myisha Tavalez, brothers Keith Smith (Latosha), Charles Smith, Antuan Smith (Diane), Jusehem Smith and sister Lesia Smith.

Order of Service

Introduction.....	Eric Y. Smith
Naming of Kevin's siblings	
Opening Prayer	Rev. Dr. Lysander Nelms St. Timothy Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio
Musical Selection.....	Gloria Smith Roberts "Order My Steps"
Tribute.....	Troy Graham
Remarks.....	Friends & Family (Please limit to 2 minutes)
Obituary.....	Teandra Smith & Lesia "Nikki" Smith
Eulogy.....	Eric Y. Smith
Benediction.....	Eric Y. Smith

Please wear a mask during Service and remember Social Distancing, Thanks

Psalm 23 - A Psalm of David (nkip)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.