



Richard Smith

May 21, 1962 - January 26, 2025

LIVESTREAM LINK VIA ZOOM

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PLEASE NOTE: While you may join at any time, the feed from the service will not begin until 2:55 PM, 5 minutes before the 3 pm service.

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Ricky, a beloved husband, father, Godfather, Pap Pap, brother, "Unc", nephew, cousin and friend. Ricky left us peacefully on January 26th at the age of 62 at the W.G. Heffner VA Medical Center in Salisbury, NC.

Ricky was the son of Beverly and Harold Smith, the brother of Harold, William (AKA Lefty) and Michelle (AKA Missy), and the father of Joel(Alicia), Richelle(Scotty), and Vonda. He was a Pap Pap to Valasia, Valeah, Melanie, Ja'Michael, Mario, Skailar, Nayomi (and two more on the way-Judah Amiri, and Jeremiah Amari), and Godfather to Tarrick.

A proud veteran, Ricky dedicated part of his life to serving his country in the Army, serving in the 1st Infantry Division. He spoke fondly of his time stationed in Panama, although he often talked more about the action at the local bars than the battlefield. He was always sure to show honor and respect to any veteran he passed, offering a handshake or a head nod.

Beyond his military service, Ricky was an avid fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers. He wore his black and yellow with pride, often acquiring every piece of Steelers memorabilia he could find at rummage sales, or as he called them, "rummies."

Second to his love for Steeler Nation was his love for food. He was a chef both professionally and within his family. His often imitated, never duplicated, mac and cheese was a staple at every family gathering. He often enjoyed the quiet waters of his favorite fishing spot. But most often he enjoyed his long, in-depth talks with Madear.

Ricky was raised in Pittsburgh but, after the Army, took up residence in South Carolina. After several years, he returned to Pittsburgh to care for his beloved mom and sister, both of whom, along with his father preceded him in death. After the passing of his sister, he reconnected with an old friend who would become his wife, Verris. From their union, he gained three more children—Mario, Jada, and Jasmine(Bayo). Together, they relocated to Concord, North Carolina.

Ricky was known for his quick wit, infectious laugh, and his infamous sayings, which we'll call "Rickyisms." He would offer you the shirt off his back and simply say, "Aww, that's nothing."

His presence will be deeply missed, but his legacy will live on in the memories of those who were fortunate enough to know him.

He is survived by his wife, 6 children, 9 grandchildren, and a large host of nieces, nephews, uncles, cousins, godchildren, and friends. Shark Week won't be the same without you. We will see your face when a Biggie song plays on the radio, but it ain't nothing but a thang because this is not goodbye. We will see him again—you already know! Until then, 🙌

Ricky's family has given the family of Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home the privilege of caring for him and for them. A service celebrating his life will be held on Sunday, February 2, 2025, at 3 pm in the chapel of the funeral home, 4715 Margaret Wallace Road, Matthews, NC 28105. The family will receive friends from 2 pm until the time of service. All services will conclude at the funeral home.

Previous Events

Gathering of Friends and Family

FEB 2. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life Service

FEB 2. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Smith*



Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home - February 02, 2025 at 02:09 PM

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What a beautiful beautiful beautiful tribute video. RIH Rick,

LINDA WILLIAMS - February 02, 2025 at 02:46 PM

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I remember Ricky as a 4-year-old running around. That was the last I saw him until a couple of years ago. We reunited at Larry's house, and it was a wonderful time we had together. He would send crazy clips, and we talked and laughed about our family and lives. I will cherish my time with my cousin, memories that may be few but nevertheless precious and loving. Take flight, cuz, and look at the seeds you sowed and the beautiful flowers that continue to grow. You already know, ain't nothing but a thang!!

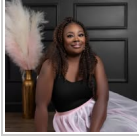
*With love and admiration,
Sabrina Smith (Bean)*

Sabrina Smith - February 02, 2025 at 05:00 PM

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My deepest sympathy and condolence to the family me and Rick grew up and Reid Roberts in the 70s and 80s. Our films were close. We were like brothers Rick, Missy and Pooh, MSB and Mr. Milton wow so many memories rest well my brother. 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

Richard Royster - February 04, 2025 at 08:16 AM



“ Richard was a wonderful coworker, friend and fellow Steelers fan. May his memory live on in all who loved him.

Stacy Jones - February 02, 2025 at 11:20 PM



“ Sending condolences and prayers to Verris and Ricky's kids and family. Just an awesome and nice person I've known all my life! Hill District 4 life! RWG Rick!



Lavette Wagner - February 02, 2025 at 03:30 PM



“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Bomani Howze - February 01, 2025 at 08:06 PM

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“Ricky was the youngest son of my sister Beverly and her husband Harold Smith. A lot could be said about Ricky, suffice to say how he brought joy and laughter when he entered the room. He was a huge Pittsburgh Steelers fan and loved to joust with my wife, Jackie, about who made the best Mac and cheese. Chef Ricky never shared his recipe. He took it with him. Rest in peace Chef Rick.
Uncle Sala Udin.

Sala Udin - January 31, 2025 at 10:13 AM