



JOHN WILLIAM SMITH

December 27, 1936 - April 18, 2020

Obituary

John William Smith was born to Fred and Mindy Wheeler Smith on December 27, 1936 in St. Louis, Missouri. He was one of eleven children. He was preceded in death by his parents, son, Philip, granddaughter, BreShawn Moore, sisters, Edna (Harvey) Jones, Josephine (Nate) Easter, Juanita Whitfield (Earnest) Trice, Gloria (Louis) Whitfield, and brothers; Fred (Bessie) Smith and George (Geraldine) Smith. John attended school in St. Louis.

He later moved to Kansas City where he was employed by Rigby Printing until it closed and then at Koch Multivac until he retired due to health reasons. John met Vedell Smith in Kansas City. They married on August 9, 1964. August 2020 would have marked 55 years of marriage. Because he loved to BBQ, John made his own sauce. Vedell made labels for him so he could share with friends and neighbors. John was a member of St. Matthew AME Zion Church where he participated in activities and attended class and prayer meetings.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife Vedell Smith, daughters; Kimberly Compton (St. Louis) and Celois Jovanne Smith (Kansas City), grandchildren; Tiaara Carter, Brianna Daly, Kenyon Moore and Shia Smith, great grandchildren Quincy and Kymaia, sisters; Marcella (Dessie) Johnson (Flint, Michigan), Mary Fayne (Belton, Missouri), Virginia Douglas and Victoria Green

(Webster Grove, Missouri) and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. John will be missed by special friends; Leon Simmons, Herbert Bentley, Richard Meiners and Chay Ortega.

A Private Burial will be held May 1, 2020 at Brooking Cemetery.

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