

Celebrating the Life of

Deacon Lester E. Smith was born in Chicago Illinois on June 16, 1953 to the union of Robert L. Smith and Corinne. He was the first of two siblings.

Lester accepted Christ at the age of 12 at the Southside M. B. Church under the leadership of the late Rev. Ernest Bolden. Lester attended Carnegie Elementary School, Forestville Elementary and South Shore High School. He continued his education at Northern Illinois University in Dekalb, IL where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. After graduation he began his career at the INA Insurance Company and Kraft Foods. Currently he was employed by the Office of Special Deputy (OSD) as a General Adjuster.

In 1990 Lester united with the Calvary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. C. R. Phillips.

Lester fell in love and was united in holy matrimony to Denise Horton on July 3, 1999. He then moved his church membership to the Abundance Life under the leadership of Pastor Ray Hicks, where he served as a Deacon. In June of 2007 he joined New Life Cathedral where he continued to worship, work and serve faithfully as a Deacon.

Lester was involved with many civic organizations and groups. He was the president of the Chesterfield Community Council, on the Advisory Board of Tuley Park and a member of the Chatham-Avalon Community Council, just to name a few. Lester had a great love and concern for children their welfare and education. In February and March of this year Lester participated in the "Real Men Read" and the Father-Daughter Dance, at Ninos Heroes Community Academy. Lester accompanied his mother to do outreach ministry at the Avenue Care Nursing Home and the Door of Hope Homeless Shelter.

Lester loved his Pastor and Church Family. He had a great love and a big heart for all people. Most of all Lester loved the Lord.

Lester departed this earthly life for his heavenly home on Thursday, April 2, 2009.

His life and legacy will be forever cherished by his loving wife, Denise, Mother, Corinne Mills, Father, Robert, Sister, Lorraine, Nephews, Gerald & Brendon, Great Niece, Raven, Great Nephew, JaSean, Mother-In-Law, Bessie Horton, Four Sisters-In-law, Wendy (Jeff), Phyllis, L. Renay, Angelia, Three Brothers-in-law, Glenn (Cynthia), Michael, Kevin (Tasha), Godson, Corey Sarten, a special friend George Harris and a host of uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins and many, many, many friends.