



Lawrence Smith, Sr.

February 26, 1941 - February 8, 2023

Lawrence Smith, Sr. affectionately known as “Chaney” was born February 21, 1941, to the late Frank Smith, Sr. and Goldie Ard-Smith in New Orleans, La. During his life, he accepted Christ and was baptized at an early age. He entered eternal rest on February 08, 2023, at 1:07 am at NorthOaks Medical Center in Hammond LA.

Lawrence “Chaney” Smith, Sr. was a hard-working man. During his lifetime, he held a variety of jobs. He was employed at Rosalind Box Factory for seven years and later employed by Orleans Material until 1983. After leaving Orleans Material in 1983, he continued his career at Bro Brothers where he later retired in the early 2000s.

During his time on earth, he was always known to look fly in his western cowboy boots and hat. His idol was James Brown. His favorite song by James Brown was “Please Please Please”. Before our sweet Chaney departed this earth he sang, “Say It Loud” by James Brown. He leaves us with precious memories of the good times we all shared with him.

Lawrence “Chaney” Smith, Sr. was united in holy matrimony to the late Loretta Ruffin-Smith and from that union was blessed with six beautiful children: Demetrice Ruffin of Houston, TX., Zina Ruffin of New Orleans, La., Sonya Smith (Bryan) of New Orleans, La. Lawrence Smith, Jr. of Kentwood, La. and Laqwenta Johnson (Casmie) of LaPlace, La., and the late Tammy Smith. Along with his devoted children, he leaves to cherish his memories his wife, Diane Ryan-Smith, two sisters: Betty Smith and Marshall Ginn (Charles) both

of Fluker, La., two brothers: Frank Smith, Jr. (Linda) of Monroe, La., Melvin Smith of Fluker, La., 10 step-children, 15 grandkids, 18 great grandkids, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Lawrence "Chaney" Smith, Sr. is preceded in death by one daughter Tammy Smith, three brothers: Earl, Leroy, and Jesse; three sisters: Shirley, Vernell, and Millie; two grandchildren: Micheal Smith & Terrance Johnson; and one great-grandchild: Kevin Ruffin III

Cemetery Details

Fluker Chapel AME Church Cemetery

12710 Joynton Rd
Fluker, LA

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 18. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Cross Memorial Funeral Home - Amite
60100 W Way Drive
Amite, LA 70422
(985) 748-7199
<https://www.crossmemorialfuneralhome/>

Service

FEB 18. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

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60100 W Way Drive
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Interment

FEB **18**. 12:50 PM - 1:10 PM (CT)

Fluker Community Baptist Church Cemetery
12673 Joynton Road
Fluker , LA 70436

Tribute Wall



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Lawrence Smith, Sr..*



February 13, 2023 at 11:42 AM