

Kawanee Shahee Smith

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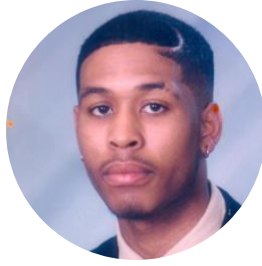


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*A precious one from us has gone;
A voice we loved is stilled.
A place is vacant in our home
Which never can be filled.
And after a lonely heartache,
And many a silent tear,
We'll always have a beautiful memory
Of one we loved so dear.*

Kawanee was born May 17, 1977 to the late Daryl Reed and Linda Carol Smith. He departed this world on February 26th, 2026 in Waterloo, Iowa.

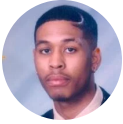
He was baptized at Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church at an early age by the late Pastor T.F. Thomas.

He was a very loving and respectful young man. He ran track in High School and graduated from West high. He worked various jobs in Denver, Colorado as a salesman and a driver.

He was in the military from May 21, 2001 to May 20, 2005. He was in the Army branch and did his tour overseas in Iraq. He had an Honorable Discharge.

He worked at Access (Ross) telemarketing from May 25, 2015 until his health started failing him in February, 2024.

Left to cherish his memories are his mother, Linda Carol Smith; brothers, TyRay Smith of Denver and Kenyatta Draine of Waterloo; his maternal aunts, Nina (David) of Waterloo, Nina Tatum of Oxford, Mississippi, and Diane (James) Mitchell of Denver; his uncles, George Smith Jr.



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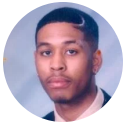
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of Denver, Lee (Dolette) Smith of Waterloo, Wayne Smith, and David Smith of Iowa; a host of nieces, nephews, great-aunts, great-uncles, and cousins; and also friends and his co-workers.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Mother Annie Quay Taylor and George Smith; his father, Daryl Reed; his paternal grandparents, Stanley and Louise Reed; and his uncles, Dwight Reed, Bruce Reed, and Ebert Brassell.

Full military rites will be conducted by American Legion Post #138 and VFW Post #1623.

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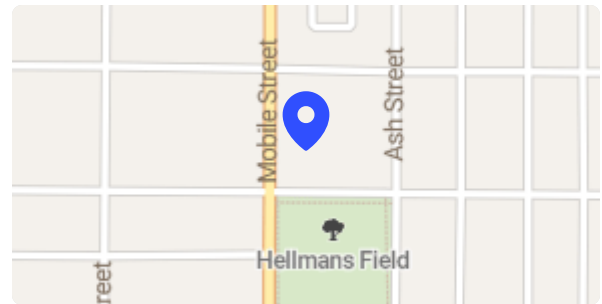
Meet and Greet

Saturday, March 14, 2026

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT

Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church
805 Adams Street, Waterloo IA 50703

Friends may meet and greet the family one hour before service time at the church.



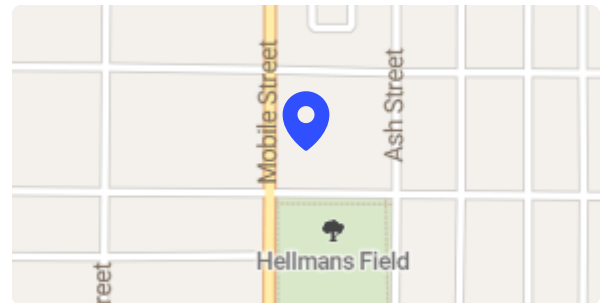
Celebration of Life

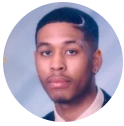
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Rev. Frantz Whitfield, Pastor ~ Officiating. Full military rites will be conducted by American Legion Post #138 and VFW Post #1623.





Tribute Wall

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Virginia Tensley lit a candle in honor of Kawanee.

March 16 at 9:59 PM



Anita Plato lit a candle in honor of Kawanee.

March 15 at 6:45 AM



Anita Plato sent a virtual gift in honor of Kawanee.

We worked together at Ross Marketing, he was always so happy go lucky .. If there was anyday I came to work an I was having a bad day he would always cheer me up an remind me no matter wat anybody says to you don't let it get to you .. Then one day we had ran into each other at the chicken store, we chopped it up for a bit .. Talking about maybe one day we could hangout.. So the day came for us to hangout but for some reason we never got to . When I seen his picture posted I completely lost it an hate the fact that I didn't put all my effort in getting down to see him .. But I know he's still watching over all of us , basically telling me to keep my head up don't be sad .. Miss You Kawanee Much Love ❤️ Signed His Co Worker Anita Nelson If by any means you guys are throwing him a Lil ceremony or something I would love to attend and get a obituary if possible Again My Name is Anita an my phone # is 515-601-2617 can text or call anytime an yes I'm in the black hawk county area Sorry for yall loss I know it's not easy

March 9 at 7:58 PM

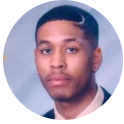


Diane Smith posted:

Kawanee, My Dear Nephew, I Miss You With All Of My Heart, You Were A Light In Our Family. We All Love You So Much, My Heart Is Broken Nephew. You Were Such A Wonderful Young Man With A Kind Spirit, We Miss You Already. RIP With T he Angels, You Will Forever Be In Our Hearts. I Love You. TT Diane... Rat

March 12 at 1:37 PM

Keanu Smith March 14 at 8:56 PM
Thank you family



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Yarz Inc posted:

Sending my condolences to Family and friends! I grow up knowing him as a big brother. Tyray, Linda and family my heart goes out to you all with love! Im praying for you all may God bless and keep you in this time of need.

March 10 at 5:23 PM



Yarz Inc March 10 at 5:25 PM

Courtney G



Keanu Smith posted:

I miss him come over and talk and laughing

March 9 at 7:58 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Kawanee by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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