



## Eugene Smith Jr. (DOWNTOWN)

June 29, 1948 - July 23, 2024

Eugene Smith Jr., 76, passed away Tuesday, July 23, 2024.

He graduated from Male High School Class of 1966, received a Bachelor's degree from Kentucky Wesleyan University and Master's degree program in Education at the University of Louisville. He also won twice in the second division of the NCAA Championship Basketball with the University of Wesleyan.

Eugene was preceded in death by his sons, Readus Smith and Eugene Clark; sister, Kathy Sanders.

He is survived by his wife, Wilma Smith; daughter, Angela Stewart; stepson, William Rates; siblings, Claude Smith, Sandra Smith, Doris Seargent, Readus Smith and Eloise Jones; 4 grandchildren and a host of family and friends.

Visitation: 10am-12 noon Friday, August 2, 2024 at A. D. Porter & Sons Funeral Home, 1300 W. Chestnut St., funeral to follow at noon, burial in Calvary Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

1600 Newburg Rd  
Louisville, KY 40204

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 2. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

A. D. Porter and Sons Funeral Home - Downtown  
1300 West Chestnut Street  
Louisville, KY 40203  
(502) 587-9678  
a.d.portersoutheast@gmail.com  
<https://adporters.com/>

## Service

AUG 2. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I was a young girl. When I was growing up he never let Eloise and myself get out of hand for anything. He was like a big brother to me. I always think about my Smith family. Love you big brother.

Anita Washington (Nita Bee) - August 14, 2024 at 05:28 PM



“ We are praying for you Sister Wilma Smith and family. Brother Eugene was blessed to have been married to a woman full of love and kindness. We the Coleen Court family is here for you whenever you need us. Dominique is another blessing sent from above. We are here for you also grandson. God love you and we do to !!!!!

Brenda Davis - August 02, 2024 at 10:59 AM

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“ rosalind Yates lit a candle in memory of Eugene Smith



rosalind Yates - August 01, 2024 at 02:36 PM

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“ Robert and Kim Springfield & Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Eugene Smith Jr. (DOWNTOWN).



Robert and Kim Springfield & Family - August 01, 2024 at 11:13 AM

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“ My heart goes out to the Smith family with my deepest condolences. He was the first Black teacher that I met while I was on my first assignment as a substitute teacher (1987) for JCPS. We have been friends ever since. I will miss our big brother conversations, NCAA brackets and that smile. Rest well, my brother.

Thomas M. Wilson - July 30, 2024 at 08:45 PM

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“ From Angelo and Martha Fleming & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eugene Smith Jr. (DOWNTOWN).

From Angelo and Martha Fleming & Family - July 30, 2024 at 10:04 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Eugene Smith Jr. (DOWNTOWN).



July 30, 2024 at 10:04 AM

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“ The McClendon Family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Eugene Smith Jr. (DOWNTOWN).



The McClendon Family - July 29, 2024 at 05:29 PM

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“ To The Family of Eugene Smith, Jr., it is with a profound sense of loss I felt upon hearing of Eugene's death. He was a friend and classmate at Male High School. He was an exceptional athlete and a more exceptional good man. Remember him continually in your thoughts!

*Dr. John Wm. Roberts, Ed.D.  
Cedar Falls, Iowa*

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**Dr John Wm Roberts Ed.D.** - July 29, 2024 at 10:34 AM

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“ Love you soo much!!! Thank you for being the BEST Godfather!!! Thank you for all the advice on education, basketball, and life. You and my Dad was always in my corner. I'm the woman I am today because of you!! Til we meet again ❤️

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**Crystal Fuller** - July 28, 2024 at 03:01 PM