



Henry "Coach Bobb" Smith

July 5, 1958 - October 23, 2020

o Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens:

a time to be born and a time to die...

Henry ("Coach BOBB") Smith, sunrise July 5, 1958, sunset October 23, 2020.

Coach "Bobb" was born to Howard Smith and Coretha Watkins-Smith in Halifax County, South Boston, Va. Predeceased by father, Howard Smith, Marlboro, N.Y.; mother, Coretha Smith, South Boston, Va.; and brother, Robert Smith, Pleasantville, N.J.

Coach "Bobb" was very athletic. He attended Halifax County High School and played basketball, football, and softball. He played for the Columbus Park and Recreation Softball League, and umpired for the Black Amateur Softball Assoc., (BASA). He then became an AAU coach. He was extremely passionate about basketball and loved going to the Ohio State Men's Basketball games. His favorite NFL team was the Dallas Cowboys (win or lose). He LOVED his AAU teams he coached, he LOVED the AAU coaches, and he LOVED the OSU Men's Basketball Coaching Staff.

He is survived by his loving wife, Sherece; daughter Seymone; son Bobbydivore; grandson, Aaron; sister, Janiema Atkins (Bill) Henderson and Teresa Smith; brother, John (Sayone) Smith, Sam Smith, James Lee (Norma

Jean) Smith, Bobby (Judy) Smith; and a host of nieces/great nieces, nephews/great nephews, friends and relatives.

He also leaves behind his extended family, Kevin and Tawanna Martin-The Martin Family Columbus, Oh., Coach Kevin Brown-The Brown Family Columbus, Oh., and James Council-The Council Family Columbus, Oh.

Special acknowledgment to friends: Randy Odom, Mike Richardson, Kim Hairston, Antenehe Tamru, La-La and Buckey Chenault.

Special acknowledgment to ALL the AAU boys Coach "Bobb" coached over the years

Special acknowledgment to coaches: Coach George Howard, Coach Devin Howard, Coach DeMarco Bradley, Coach Benji Burke, Coach "Q" Simpson, Coach Jermaine Tate, Coach Jerry Watson, Coach Lance Headings, Coach Matt Stavroff, and Zach Fleer(270-Hoops).

Special acknowledgment to the OSU Men's Basketball Coaching Staff.

Special thanks to Mandi Grohoske-Funeral Coordinator at Vineyard of Columbus and Ms. Rae (Day Funeral Service).

Thank you ALL for the kind words expressed on social media, for honoring Coach "Bobb's legacy, for honoring his seat he sat in at Ohio State, and the Columbus Dispatch for the write-up on Coach.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at Vineyard Columbus, 6000 Cooper Rd., Westerville, OH 43081. Visitation from 10:00-12:00 with memorial service to follow. Please use the north parking entrance.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 4. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Vineyard Columbus
6000 Cooper Rd.
Westerville, OH 43081

Memorial Service

NOV 4. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LC

“ Love, Shareena Casey purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Henry "Coach Bobb" Smith.



Love, Shareena Casey - November 02, 2020 at 10:13 AM

NG

“ Nakita Gates lit a candle in memory of Henry "Coach Bobb" Smith



Nakita Gates - October 29, 2020 at 03:01 PM

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“ Bobby-n-judy Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Henry "Coach Bobb" Smith



Bobby-n-judy smith - October 29, 2020 at 07:21 AM

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“ Bobby-n-judy Smith lit a candle in memory of Henry "Coach Bobb" Smith



Bobby-n-judy smith - October 29, 2020 at 07:11 AM

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“ *There are so many memories that I can't even just think of one the only thing that I will say is that he will be missed I'm going to miss you my friend may you rest in peace and I know that you'll be coaching young men while you're up there God bless you I love you Bob*

George Howard - October 28, 2020 at 07:05 PM