



## Mr. Eric Shawn Smith

May 18, 1966 - September 2, 2023

Eric Shawn Smith (known as Hustler or Rip) was born on May 18, 1966 in Lexington, Kentucky to the late Ralph Demus and Shirley Smith. He was lovingly raised in Spiegel Heights (better known as Spiegel Hill). He perished Saturday, September 2, 2023, due to an illness.

Eric attended Lafayette High School and was known for being good using his hands. He worked for Arrow Mark for three years and shortly after, went to work for Tabaco Vaughn on Versailles Road for 6 years until they closed their doors for good. Eric then went on to work for O.W.L. off of Newtown Pike where he took an early retirement due to his illness.

Eric gave himself to Christ many years ago at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church. He was a lover of music and never met a stranger. Eric was also funny, kind, sweet and loyal to those he truly cared about. He was always up for trying new things. He could have been called, "A down-for-whatever-kind-of-man." But most of all, he loved his family!!

In addition to his father, Eric was preceded in death by his grandmother, Pearline Thomas; aunt, Jamie Thomas; great-aunts, Ella Mae Milliagan, Mary Spencer and Betty Bright; great-uncle, Charles Humphrey; and cousins, Kimberly McQue, Paula Jackson, Sarah Hazel Thompson and Dorothy Green. Eric is survived by his mother, Shirley Smith and step-father, Theodore Jackson; his daughter, Embrianna Shihab; two granddaughters, Peyton & Italeigh Hawkins; his fiancé, Demetriuss Birch; sisters, Crystal Smith and Tara (Keith Francis) Smith; brother, Mark Dixon, other siblings, Danny Demus (CA),

Prenell White (Cinn., OH), Chamara (Robert Hampton) Williams (Winchester, KY), Courtney Jackson and Ralphille Jackson (Chicago, IL); nieces, KythSha Francis, Satorra Francis and Markerria Dixon; nephews, Cordarro Bates and Jayquiece Simpson; uncles, Richard "Chip" Thomas, Wayne (Renetta) Thomas, Augusta Thomas, John Thomas and Charles (Lonnie) Thomas; aunts, Corona Dreux, Debra Marshall and Valorie Clay; great-nieces, Hazel Coles, Kalee Green and Kella Green; great-nephew, Octavious Bates; and a host of cousins and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Memorial Park

2089 Versailles Rd.  
Lexington, KY 40504

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **16**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Antioch Missionary Baptist Church  
437 Ferguson St  
Lexington, KY

## Funeral Service

SEP **16**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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