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We take this opportunity to express our profound gratitude to you, our many friends, for your kindness shown during this very difficult time and death of our loved one. We thank you for your prayers, cards, flowers, food, telephone calls, visits, and every act of kindness shown. Again, from the very depths of our hearts we say, "Thank You".

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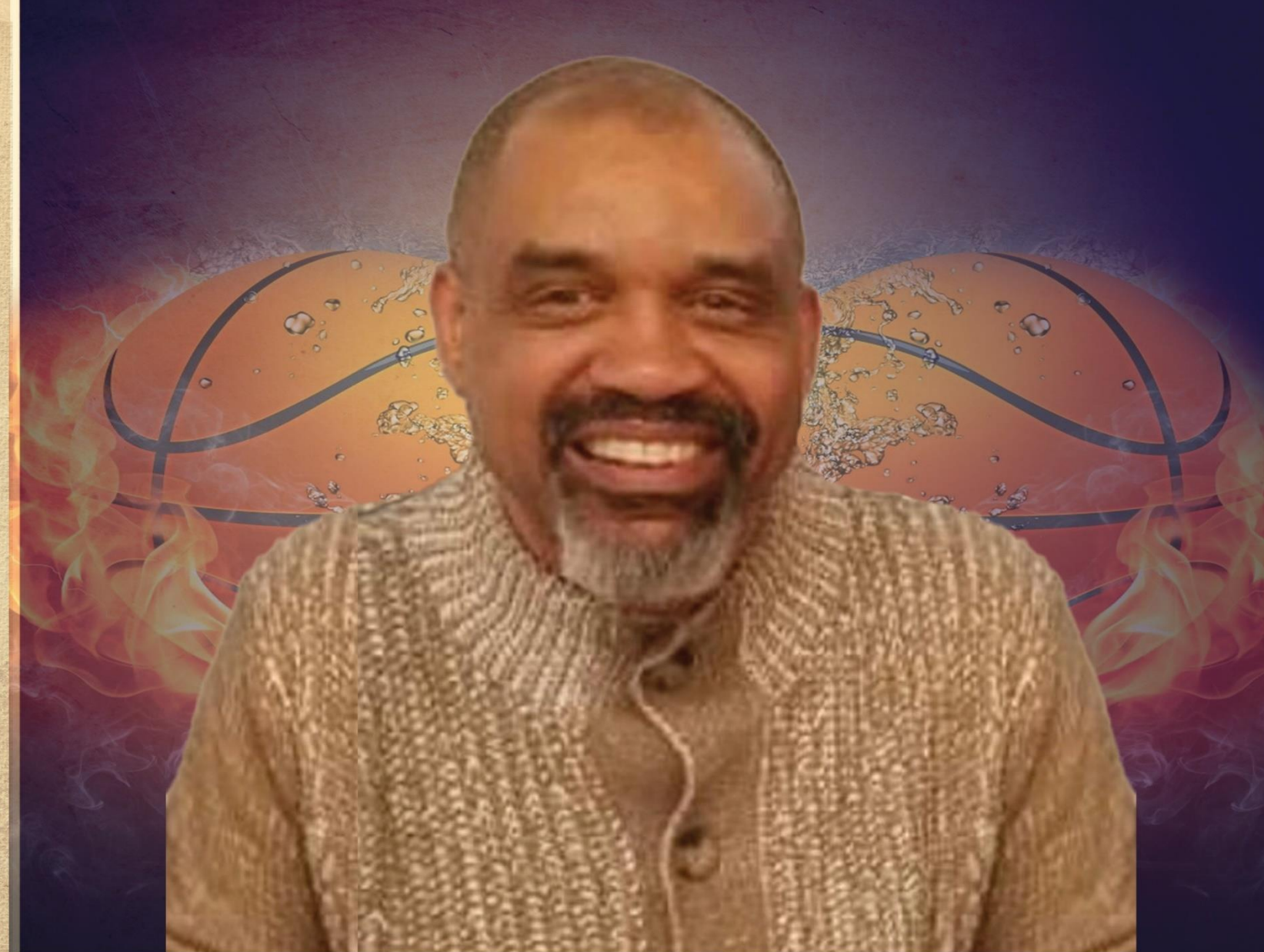
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In Loving Memory of

Jon "Smooth" Smith

June 27, 1962

August 18, 2022



SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 2022

VISITATION: 1:00PM SERVICE: 2:00PM

THE CHAPEL OF PEACE EAST

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OBITUARY

Jon "Smooth" Lamont Smith was born on June 27, 1962, in the city of Huntington, W.Va. Jon was born to the late John Cotton and Brenda Lee Smith.

Jon was passionate about basketball, he played throughout his childhood and went on to college to play basketball. He graduated from Huntington High School in the class of 1980, the year he was named basketball player of the year. Following high school, Smooth went on to play basketball at WV State College and then later transferred to University of Pikeville, Kentucky. Later Jon would then move to Columbus, Ohio where he worked for T. Marzetti for 28 years.

Jon remained connected to basketball throughout his life by playing on summer leagues and coaching the Franklinton Titans AAU youth basketball team and OYSP (Ohio Youth Sports Preparatory) basketball team. On August 18, 2022, Jon lost his battle with metastatic prostate cancer.

Jon was called home to heaven to join his father, John Cotton and mother Brenda Smith-Ervin, Grandmother Lillian Smith, Brother Ronald "Dolla" Smith, Sister Debbie "Disco Deb" Smith Gibson-White and grandson Jae'son Hill who preceded him in death.

Jon leaves to cherish his memories, girlfriend Seretta McBroom. His children Charlie (Kasey) Pankey of Indian Land, SC and Brandon "Beast" (Champagne) Hill of Columbus, Oh, surrogate children Trevelyn and Chassdie and Rokeem Jordan. Siblings, Charles "Randy" Smith of Richmond, Va. Stacy (George) Crisp of Huntington, WV. And Lillian "Michelle" (Ken) Logwood of Reynoldsburg, Oh. Grandchildren Keymaura, Aydin, Ryleigh and Brycen Pankey of Indian Land, SC. Breia and Brandon Hill of Huntington, WV, Jae'onna and Jae'Mya Hill of Columbus, Ohio.

Jon had many nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of other relatives, special friends and his AAU basketball team members that will cherish his memories and remember all the fond times that were enjoyed with "Smooth".

ORDER OF SERVICE

MUSIC PRELUDE..... Chapel of Peace Music Ministry

PARTING VIEW.....Immediate Family

SCRIPTURE READING.....Min. Maxine Smith Pierce

 Old Testament*Psalm 23*.....

 New Testament*John 11:25*.....

PRAYER OF COMFORT.....Min. Maxine Smith Pierce

SELECTION.....David Wade and Jae'onna

POEM.....Lisa Moten

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/CONDOLENCES.....Lisa Moten

REMARKS.....Family and Friends

READING OF THE OBITUARY.....Silently

SELECTION.....David Wade

THE EULOGY.....Min. Maxine Smith Pierce

BENEDICTION.....Min. Maxine Smith Pierce

RECESSIONAL....."*Don't Cry For Me*"Clergy, Family and Friends



His name is Jon Smith; it could be Jon Smooth

By DAVE WELLMAN

Herald-Dispatch sports writer

Jim Ward says simply, "Jon Smith is the best guard in the state."

Few opponents of the smooth, 5-foot-10 senior guard would disagree with the Huntington High coach's assessment.



Smith

Smith has glided over, around and through taller defenders for a 24.7 points-per-game average through the Ponies' first 12 contests, and has scored at a 27.3 clip during the past six games.

"Jon does a lot of things right," Ward says. "He makes a few mistakes, but he's so quick it's just unreal."

Smith has had games of 28 points once, 29 points three times, and 31 points twice. Last year as a junior, playing in the shadows of David Wade and Kevin Dillard, he averaged 13.2 during the regular season, hitting double figures 14 times.

Wade and Dillard have graduated. This year, assuming the same role as that held by the John

Smith leads another Pony Express fast break

Herald-Dispatch/Lee Bernard

Smith of Pocahontas fame, Jon Smith is the "captain" of the Ponies' attack.

He expects the lessons he's learned this year will help him in the future.

"Yeh, I'm going to go to college," he says confidently. "I want to make a career for myself and get my degree in physical education or something like that."

His dream doesn't end there.

"The pros," he says. "I'd like to grow to about 6-1, then I think I could I could play in the pros."

The slender Smith has been working toward his dream for at least nine years. He started in the Huntington Buddy League, playing for Tradewell and Huntington Gold, and has continued through years at the YMCA, Oley Junior High and, now, Huntington High.

Between games and seasons, he and brother Randy — who played at Huntington St. Joe for two seasons — spend long and busy hours practicing.

"I used to stay up until 2 o'clock in the morning playing at Scott Community Center," he remembers.

Randy also attends Huntington High, but is ineligible to play basketball this season because he transferred from St. Joe.

"Randy's quicker than me; he plays better defense than me," Jon says. "He's strictly an assist man."

Jon is trying to become the complete player. He works on his shooting, passing, and leaping. He exercises. And, he expects to run distance events for HHS this track season, hoping to better his speed and endurance even more.

"I'll play point guard in college,

so I've got to work on my dribbling," he says. "And my set shot, it's not on right now. I don't know what's wrong with it, but I'll get it."

Smith, point guard Dwaine Barnes and speedy Gaston Walker have led a Ponies' fast break that at times this season, has resembled a blur. But still, Smith is not satisfied.

"We use our quickness to trap alot, but we haven't been running good lately," he says. "We've got to run. That's our game."

If the Ponies don't run, they don't win. They have to overcome big height disadvantages nearly every time out, and they do it with speed — and Smith's shooting.

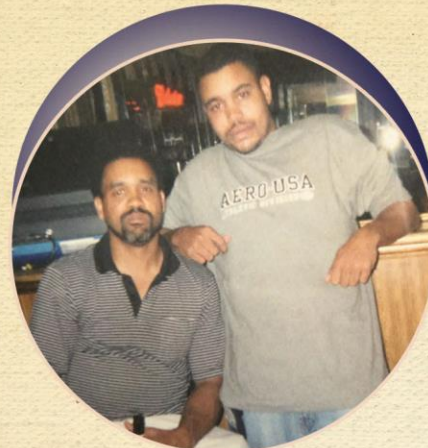
It's paid off. With an 8-4 record Huntington High began the season slowly. But, the Ponies now have a five-game winning streak and are climbing higher in the state ratings weekly.

Tuesday night, Huntington traveled to Charleston and soundly whipped a fine Stonewall Jackson team that had defeated the Ponies earlier in Huntington. So, there's every reason to believe Huntington is beginning a stretch drive toward a shot at the West Virginia Class AAA championship.

"I think we're going to win it," Smith says. "We've just got to run more."

A state championship wouldn't hurt Smith's collegiate chances. He's already been contacted by Washington State, the University of Pacific, the University of San Francisco and Ohio University.

"The University of Pacific said if I return their letter they'll take me out there to see it," he says. "I'll return it."



*A limb has fallen
from the family tree.*

I keep hearing a voice that says, "Grieve not for me."

*Remember the best times,
the laughter, the song.*

The good life I lived while I was strong.

Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.

*Keep smiling and surely
the sun will shine through.*

My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.

Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.

Continue traditions, no matter how small.

Go on with your life, don't worry about falls.

I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin.

*Until the day comes
we're together again.*



