

GEORGE ERIC SMITH

JANUARY 21, 1963 – SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

George Eric Smith was working in Tower II at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 (9/11/01)

- Born in Philadelphia, PA.
- Son of Raymond A. Smith II and Georgia L. Jackson Smith.
- Devoted grandson of Marian J. Lewis-Thomas.

Education Background:

- Attended Barkley Elementary School, Phoenixville Area Junior High School.
- Graduated from Phoenixville Area High School in 1981.
- Member of the Phoenixville Area High School Basketball Team
- Attended Allentown College & Ursinus College.

Community Service:

- Deacon and faithful member of Cornerstone Evangelical Free Church where he assisted with transporting members to Sunday services.
- Involved in Phoenixville Area Positive Alternatives (PAPA), where he worked tirelessly to provide children with scholarships and safe recreational facilities. George believed his involvement with the local youth group was the right way to give back to his community.
- As a generous contributor to Charity, he worked actively in United Way Campaigns.

Senior business analyst for SunGard Systems in Malvern Pa for 11 years.

George was a loving brother and devoted grandson. He never faltered in supporting his family. His grandmother described him as “the apple” of her eye. Fun-loving, gregarious, thoughtful and kind, describe this man who will be greatly missed. George was always smiling, laughing, and making everyone around him feel good. Anyone who crossed paths with George had the opportunity to make a true friend who would always be willing to help out in any way. By touching the lives of so many, George lives on in the hearts and minds of all who knew and loved him.

Being raised by his grandmother who held two jobs while making sure that George and his sisters went to church and Christian summer camps, George learned the value of hard work. He had a will and determination to succeed despite experiencing obstacles and impediments to success. He was only 38 years old but he was an inspiration – a true example of an individual who was able to overcome his childhood struggles and grow into a fine, upstanding citizen. This remembrance is a tribute to the spirit of faith and inner strength that is embodied in George Smith. George truly is an inspiration to all who attend Phoenixville Schools.