



## Milton German Smith

May 15, 1958 - April 10, 2026

Milton German Smith, M.D., age 67, passed away on April 10, 2026, in Orlando, Florida. Milton was born on May 15, 1958, to Ambrose and Ruby Smith in New York City, New York. Milton grew up on Carroll Street in Crown Heights, Brooklyn. He attended Erasmus High School in Brooklyn, where early in his childhood he found himself drawn to the natural sciences, and particularly, medical sciences. Milton went on to earn his bachelor's degree in biological sciences at Stony Brook University Long Island, and later, pursued his medical degree at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee. Advancing onwards, he pursued his orthopedic residency at Case Western University in Cleveland, Ohio. During his residency, he met his peers Reggie Tall, M.D., and Wanda Ramsey, M.D. who became his dear friends. A couple of years later, Milton transferred to Howard University to continue his orthopedic residency and also obtained board certification in Emergency Medicine. Shortly afterwards, he met his loving wife, Tracy Esberry, through a mutual friend, Diedre Dawson. He and Tracy married in June 1998 and had three beautiful daughters: Shelby, Sydney, and Bailey.

Outside of his profession of caring for patients in the Emergency Room and his avid research, Milton enjoyed spending quality time with his family. He loved traveling with his family abroad, photographing, visiting local cigar shops, and tasting rum to deepen his love of learning about other cultures. He also loved fine dining and was considered a "foodie". Additionally, he was a

loyal lover of jazz and hip-hop music, the Cleveland Cavaliers and Miami Heat basketball teams, and an occasional Boston Celtics fan: Paul Pierce and Kevin Garnett were his favorite Celtics players. Furthermore, he loved to cook, bake, garden, and tinker with his innovative, inventive ideas. Milton was a lover of laughing, smiling, and making others laugh.

Milton is survived by his loving wife, Tracy, and their three beautiful daughters, Shelby, Sydney, and Bailey. He is also survived by his siblings Doris Young, Marina "Queenie" Watts, and Joan James. Milton was preceded in death by his siblings Oswald Fitzroy Smith, Leonie McCourtie, and his brother Milton. Milton also leaves behind his niece, Simone McCourtie; his nephews Terraine James and Tyrone James; his brothers-in-law, William McCourtie, Wendell James, Patrick Headlam, and Alrick Esberry; his sisters-in-law Ingrid Headlam and Kadian Esberry; his mother-in-law Millicent Smith, and many other nieces, nephews, and relatives. He shared a very special relationship with his nephew Tyrone James.

In lieu of flowers, the Smith family requests gifts to Meharry Medical College, 1005 Dr. DB Todd Jr Blvd., Nashville, TN 37208 or online at <https://meharry.edu/campaign-150/give-now/>. Please note that your gift is made in memory of Dr. Milton G. Smith. For questions, contact Gift Management Services at 615-327-6854 or Ingrid Headlam at 410-971-1024.