



Jehad Gartrell Smith

November 10, 1970 - May 17, 2024

On Friday May 17, 2024, Jehad Gartrell Smith quietly and peacefully departed this life at Hartford Hospital surrounded by his family for a better life with our heavenly father. Jehad was born on November 10, 1970, in New Britain and was a lifelong resident.

Jehad graduated from New Britain High School, Jehad worked as a CNA and PCA at the UConn Medical Center for over 10 years and recently was employed at FedEx in Cromwell.

Jehad was known to be a jokester and always making family and friends laugh. He was friendly and would talk to everyone. He loved to cook, eat, sing, dance and was a great artist. When he was younger, he was a member of the St. James Sunbean Choir where he led many songs.

He was the son of James Walter Smith and Sylvia Jones Smith of New Britain. He is survived by a daughter, Olivia Smith (Brandon) of Bristol; a son, Xavier Yopp of New Britain; two brothers, Jan "Rheni" Smith and James W. Smith II (Cathy), two sisters, Stacy L. Smith and Philisha Smith, all of New Britain; a host of nieces, nephews, uncles aunts, cousins extended family and friends. Funeral services for Jehad Smith will be Saturday (May 25, 2024) at Bethesda Apostolic Church 249 Stanley St. New Britain, Connecticut 06051. Viewing is from 10-11. Service immediately after. Repast will be at Elks Lodge 24 Elm St. New Britain, Connecticut 06051. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain is assisting with arrangements. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at

www.carlsonfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAY **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethesda Apostolic Church
249 Stanley Street
New Britain, CT 06051

Funeral Service

MAY **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I miss you so much Jay 💕. I cant believe I'll never hear your voice again..or see your beautiful face. I loved you so much my bestie 💕. I know how much you loved me too! My grief will never go away till I see and hold you again. I wish you lived longer..I'm so sorry you didn't. I love you so much...Jay..Purple Rain

Andrea Chojnicki - May 07, 2025 at 10:40 PM

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“ I love ❤️ you! I miss you so much! My heart ❤️ is broken!

Andrea Chojnicki - March 21, 2025 at 11:38 PM

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“ Im so deeply sorry I wasn't with till the end of your days my buddy! You were my confidant and the one I could go too for anything. My best friend 🤝 I am still having such a hard time knowing your gone. I miss our talks, our laughter and us leaning on each other when times were tough. You will always be my Purple Rain..wink. If you know you know. Love ❤️ you Jay!

Andrea Chojnicki - February 09, 2025 at 12:07 AM

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“ The Smith family is more than just friends to me. They are family and my heart goes out to each and every one of them. Any and every time I saw Jehad he found a way to make everyone laugh. Jehad has made a peaceful transition and now he's in God's hands, but he'll always be in the hearts of his loved ones. I'd like to send my condolences to the entire Smith family and extended family. I am sending prayers of comfort and healing. Rest well Jehad. 🙏❤️

Dawan Ferguson - May 22, 2024 at 06:19 PM