

*In Loving
Memory
of*

Sunrise
August 15, 1941

Sunset
February 18, 2012

Alvin Smith

Saturday, February 25, 2012 - 10:00 a.m.

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE

130 Main Street • Orange, NJ

Rev. Brunard Brascomb, Officiating

Obituary

Alvin Smith, son of the late Rommie Smith and Alva Q. Smith Ward, was born on August 16, 1941 in Brundidge, Alabama. He departed this life on Saturday, February 18, 2012 at Ashbrook Care & Rehabilitation Center in Scotch Plains, NJ.

Alvin attended the public school system of Brundidge, Alabama. He accepted the Lord as his Savior at an early age in Lily Hill Baptist Church.

Alvin relocated from Alabama to Newark, NJ in the early sixties. He worked various jobs and managed several taverns before becoming a chef and worked for the Afton in Florham Park, NJ, Short Hills Catering in Short Hills, NJ and the Richfield Regency in Verona, NJ.

Alvin loved to dress to impress. He loved sharing back in the day events. He also started his day off with a cup of coffee and the newspaper. Not many current events got by Alvin. He liked challenges and debates. He always offered advice to young people and stressed how important it was to work hard and receive a good education.

He leaves to cherish his memory: sisters, Claudine Patterson, Rutha B. Rodgers (Willie Frank) of AL and Margene Smith of FL; chosen daughter, Noelle Owens of Cedar Hill, TX; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was predeceased by Terrie Hogan, Al Jr., LeMar, Sammy, Foy Glenn Smith and Carrie Lampley.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude Rev. B. Brascomb

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn *"Because He Lives"*

Scripture Reading

Old Testament Psalm 23

New Testament 2 Timothy 4:7

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements & Obituary

Reflections & Remarks PBC Dea. Melvin Rodgers
PBC Dea. Walter Robertson

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey

*Following the interment, family and friends are invited to the repast at:
30 Brookwood Drive
Maplewood, New Jersey*

But For A Moment

‘But for a moment’ the trials and crosses,
Weariness, trouble and tears
When we have passed through the ‘valley of shadows’
Then, oh, what glory appears!

Glory outshining the sun in its splendor,
Glory outweighing earth’s gold.
After the moment of our ‘light affliction’
Glory eternal, untold.

Joy, like sunrise, will come in the morning.
Sorrow and sighing shall cease;
Moments are passing - then life everlasting,
Filled with eternity’s peace!

‘But for a moment’ to patiently trust Him -
Wait till the shadows are passed.
‘But for a moment,’ look up and take courage -
Faith will bring visions at last.



Special Thanks

We are grateful to all who have shared with us in this time of sorrow. We express our deep sense of gratitude for your words of assurance, prayers and the rendering of all your many kind deeds.

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