

*In Loving Memory of*  
*William Arnold Smith, Sr.*

**Sunrise**  
July 30, 1937

**Sunset**  
December 12, 2015



*Saturday, December 19, 2015 - 12:00 Noon*

**ABYSSINIAN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
224 W. Kinney Street • Newark, New Jersey

*Rev. Perry Simmons, Officiating*

## Obituary

**William Arnold Smith (Jimmy)** was born on July 30, 1937 to William Smith and Glossie Hilliard Smith in Newark, NJ. Jimmy departed this life on December 12, 2015.

As a youth, Jimmy accepted Jesus as his savior and joined the church. In February of 1947 Jimmy along with his family marched from the Norfolk Street Baptist Church to their new church home, the Abyssinian Baptist Church at 224 W. Kinney Street. Jimmy was active in many church activities, among them were the Boy Scouts, Junior Ushers and the Junior and Young Adult Choirs. During his retirement Jimmy was confirmed as a Trustee.

He attended Newark Public Schools and as a young artist he attended Arts High School.

Jimmy served his country as a member of the United States Army as a medical corpsman. After his service ended he received an honorable discharge. He was then employed by the New Jersey Psychiatric Hospital, Lyons Veterans Hospital and lastly he spent 30+ years with United Parcel Service until his retirement in 1999.

In March of 1970, he married Shirley Hilliard and to this union a son, William Jr. was born. A lifelong resident of New Jersey, Jimmy and Shirley resided in Hillside.

A quiet but friendly person Jimmy loved his family and entertaining. A great cook, lover of Jazz music and an avid fan of the New York Giants. Jimmy also loved to go fishing. Jimmy and Shirley's Christmas dinners are legendary – there was no way you were leaving their house hungry.

He also loved to travel. During his life and into his retirement while his health allowed he was always willing to get behind the wheel.

Jimmy is survived by his wife of forty five years Shirley, a son William A Smith, Jr. Brothers Mateo (Joy) of Mooresville, NC, Harry Harris (Barbara) of S. Plainfield, NJ. A sister, Maxine Williams of Plainfield, NJ. Two sisters-in-law, Lorraine Whitaker and Patricia Hilliard both of Rocky Mount, NC. One Aunt, Willis Allen (George) of Elizabeth, NJ. Two Godsons, Robert Elliott Williams of Newark, NJ and Justin Thornton of Franklinville, NJ and many other relatives and friends.

# Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Hymn of Comfort.....Choir

Scripture

Old Testament.....Psalms 34:1- 4, 8

New Testament.....John 14:1-7

Prayer of Comfort

Selection.....Choir

Remarks

Resolutions & Acknowledgements.....Church Clerk

Obituary

Selection.....Choir

Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. Perry Simmons, Jr

Recessional

**INTERMENT**  
New Jersey Veterans Cemetery  
Wrightstown, New Jersey

## *When I Must Leave You*

When I must leave you for a little while  
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears  
And hug your sorrow to you through the years,  
But start out bravely with a gallant smile;

And for my sake and in my name,  
Live on and do all things the same;  
Feed not your loneliness on empty days  
But fill each waking hour in useful ways.

Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer  
And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near;  
And never, never be afraid to die,  
For I am waiting for you in the sky.

## *Acknowledgement*

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.  
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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