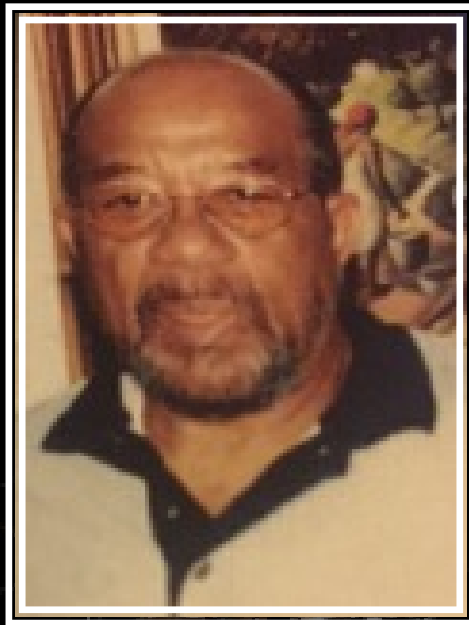


In Loving Memory of

Kenneth E. Smith, Sr.

Sunrise
February 27, 1925

Sunset
July 25, 2016



Saturday, July 30, 2016- 1:00 p.m.

Franklin St. John United Methodist Church
142 Maple Avenue
Newark, New Jersey

Rev. Dr. Lloyd P. Terrell, Sr., Officiating

Obituary

Kenneth E. Smith “Kelly” was born to the late Roberta Holmes Smith and Clarence William Smith, Sr. on February 27, 1925 in Newark, New Jersey. He was raised in Newark along with six siblings before entering into the United States Army.

Kenneth was joined in holy matrimony to Lois Elizabeth Young and with union was blessed with four children, Duane, Kenneth Jr. “Palooka”, Karen “Boo Boo”, and Rahman S. Fard.

As a young man, Kenneth came to know the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and joined New Hope Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey. He had a personal relationship with the Lord and made sure that he exemplified it by spreading his unconditional love towards everyone. The Lord always came first in his life and then there was family. Those two entities were very important in his life.

“Kelly”, as he was affectionately called, enjoyed music, dancing, whistling, and having positive conversations with people. He always had a song on his heart, or whistles such a soothing tune to let you know how elated he was to be living. He brought so much joy to people and touched so many lives with positive thoughts, words, and deeds.

Kenneth departed this life on Monday, July 25, 2016 at home with his daughter and son present at the age of 91. He was predeceased by his wife, Lois E. Smith, two sons, Duane and Kenneth Jr., two sisters, Dorothea and Roberta, and four brothers, Clarence Jr., Oliver, Albert, and Louie.

He leaves to cherish fond memories: a son, Rahman S. Fard; two daughters, Karen (Boo Boo) and Jackie; three sisters-in-law; sixteen grandchildren; twenty three great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, other relatives and friends.

~Lovingly and Sorrowfully, The Family~

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Seating of the family

Invocation

Hymn of Consolation

Scripture Readings

Old testament - Psalm 23

New testament - Ecclesiastics 3:1-8

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

SuSu Montgomery

Acknowledgements, Remarks and Resolutions

Obituary

Selection

Sir Joshua Nelson

Eulogy

Rev. Dr. Lloyd P. Terrell, Sr., Pastor

Selection

Military Honors

Benediction

*Immediately following the services friends are invited to
join the family in the fellowship hall for a repast.*

Miss Me, But Let Me Go

*When I come to the end of the
road and the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little-but not too long,
and not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me-but let me go.
For this is a journey that we all must take,
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know.
Laugh at the things we use to do
Miss me-but let me go.*

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Musicians

Jerry C. Williams, Organist

Sir Joshua Nelson, Pianist

John Youngs, Drummer

Acknowledgement

*The family of Kenneth E. Smith, Sr. acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

