

*In Loving Memory
Of
Cleveland Claude Smith*

*Sunrise
September 9, 1933*

*Sunset
June 6, 2017*



Tuesday, June 13, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.

EBENEZER AME CHURCH

253 Central Avenue~Rahway New Jersey

Reverend Clemente Joseph Salerno

Officiating

Robert Arrington

Organist

Obituary

Cleveland Claude Smith Sr., born on September 9, 1933 to a royal couple, the late Charles W. Smith Sr. and Geneva Smith in Sweet Hall, Virginia. Later in 1952, he met his spouse Rose Lee Smith, in Scotch Plains, New Jersey at the age of nineteen. Cleveland C. Smith Sr. was a resident of Rahway, NJ. He passed away peacefully in his home on June 6, 2017 in Rahway, New Jersey at the age of eighty-three.

Cleveland Claude Smith Sr. is survived by his children Dennis Smith of Rahway, New Jersey, Arlene Melvin of Roseboro, North Carolina, Rodger Smith of Colonia, New Jersey, Rosemarie Jasper (Byron) of Rahway, New Jersey, Cleveland Smith Jr. (Pearl) of Cranford, New Jersey, Kevin Smith of Rahway, New Jersey, April Watkins of Rahway, New Jersey, and his siblings Ella M. Norris of Somerset, NJ, Alexander S. Smith of Plainfield, New Jersey, James C. Smith of Franklin, Virginia, Gladys R. Pinckney of Plainfield, New Jersey, Clara I. Jackson of Plainfield, New Jersey, George W. Smith of Plainfield, New Jersey, Oscar L. Smith of North Las Vegas, Nevada, and Josephine L. Tucker of Plainfield, New Jersey. He is preceded in death by his parents Charles W. Smith Sr. and Geneva Smith, his spouse Rose L. Smith, his son Charles J. Smith and his brothers, Charles Smith Jr., and John R. Smith.

Cleveland C. Smith Sr., lived a successful and purposeful life. Growing up, he attended Plainfield High School and later received his GED. Shortly after in 1954, he began his journey in the U.S. Army. Cleveland C. Smith was twenty-one years old when he spent a thirty day furlough at home as he awaited departure for Fort Lawson, Washington and subsequent shipment to Japan. He entered the service April 20, 1955 and received basic training at Fort Dix and advanced training at Fort Knox, Kentucky, where he had since been stationed. He will later serve in the Korean War.

Following his contributions to serving in the US Army, Cleveland attended the Radio-Television Institute in Newark, New Jersey, where he received his diploma and became an electronic engineer. He then became an electrician at Western Electric for multiple years, prior to becoming a manager at Fischer & Company. After leaving Fischer & Company, he went to work with his son Cleveland Smith Jr., for a short period of time at Cleveland Repair and Service as a financial advisor. Shortly after, Cleveland C. Smith Sr.'s health started to deteriorate which lead him to his retirement.

He leaves behind eighteen grandchildren, fourteen great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends and loved ones.

Order of Service

Processional

Opening Prayer.....Pastor Clemons; 5 minutes

Song.....Amazing Grace (acapella); 3 minutes

Scripture Reading

Pslam 23 "The Lord Is My Shepherd."
Brother Johnson; 2-3 minutes

Eulogy.....Catherine Muse; 5 minutes

Words on Salvation.....Brother Johnson; 10-15 minutes

Remarks and Condolences.....10-15 minutes

Closing Message and Prayer.....Pastor Clemons
3-5 minutes

Recessional

Interment

*Rosedale Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey*

A reception is to follow at Ebenezer Church as well to officiate the ceremony. Please do not return to the family's house. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Cleveland Claude Smith Sr. 's life.



Asleep

*I've closed my eyes and fallen asleep,
So there's no reason for you to weep;
This is a debt we all must pay,
You will see me again someday.
I've endured pain
and sometimes sorrow,
Now I don't have to worry about tomorrow. But life
for you must go on,
You must not worry because I'm gone.
You stood beside me all the way,
When I was down, you knew what to say ... You
always told me,
"get some rest,"
Let me sleep now, I've done my best.
So please let me rest in peace,
The tears you're shedding soon will cease. You'll soon
realize this was meant to be, I thank God because He
came for me.*

Acknowledgement

*The family of **Cleveland Smith** acknowledges with
deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them
during this bereavement hour.*

God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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