

*Celebrating the Life
of*
James Fentress Smith



Sunrise
June 19, 1936

Sunset
August 24, 2022

Service

Wednesday, September 7, 2022 - 11:00 am

Second Baptist Church

200 Locust Street

Roselle, New Jersey 07203

Reverend James E. Moore, Sr., Pastor

Life Reflections

James Fentress Smith beloved son of the late Lonnie Smith and Mary Agnes Jackson- Smith was born on June 19, 1936, in Whiteville, North Carolina. James departed this life on August 24, 2022, at 9:13pm at Robert Wood Johnson Hospital Rahway after a valent fight.

James attended public schools in Whiteville, North Carolina. At the age of 12 James received Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. James was also baptized at Spring Hill Baptist Church in Whiteville, North Carolina. After graduating high school, James moved to the state of Florida for a short period of time and then relocating to Newark, New Jersey where he met the love of his life Lucille. In May of 1965 James and Lucille entered matrimony and from that marriage they were blessed with four beautiful loving daughters.

James was a skilled laborer union construction worker. He was employed with Local 472 in Newark, New Jersey. In 1996 James retired after 35 years of dedicated service. However, his passion for people would not let him retire. He later became a transportation driver, where he would transport people to where they needed to go. While driving them to their destinations he always made them feel comfortable and safe and they all enjoyed the many conversations.

James had many hobbies which he enjoyed. He always loved to go fishing, and go to the farms in South Jersey, he also loved working in his backyard. James also loved sports. Some of his favorite teams were the New York Knicks, the New York Yankees and he loved boxing. James was a well-loved gentleman; he was kind and loved everyone and most of all he loved his family.

James was a loving husband, father, brother, grandfather, and great grandfather. His father Lonnie Smith, mother Mary Agnes Jackson - Smith, brothers William, Curtis, Lee Edward, Lee Albert Smith and sisters Leola, Cecil and Evelyn Smith proceeded him in death.

He leaves to cherish fond memories his sister Margarete Smith of Whiteville, N.C., one sister in-law Eddie Smith of Whiteville, N.C., six daughters Evelyn Ardis, Rita Logan, Sheila Adams, Connie Smith, Sharon Smith, Mary Terissa Smith, and Sabrina Smith. Nine grandchildren Kevin James Smith, Shanna Monique Watson, Superior King, Tommy King, Ramos Johnson, Kristian Smith-Jones (Aaron Troy Jones), Kaylah Nakia Smith, Tajuan Kirk, and Sara Spears. Three great grandchildren, Jaysaan Kirk, Josiah King, and Aiden Troy Jones and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Lovingly Submitted,
The Smith Family

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Opening Hymn
“Blessed Assurance”

Scriptures

Old Testament: Psalm 23 – Connie Smith
New Testament: Revelations 21:4 – Sabrina Smith

Prayer of Comfort
Pastor Tanya Miller

Selection/Solo
Muratte Tyree

Words of Comfort
Brittany Johnson Rosado

Reflections (2-3minutes please)
Margarette Smith

Acknowledgement of Condolences and Obituary Reading
Reverend Joanne Williams

Selection/ Solo
April Coleman

Eulogy
Reverend James E. Moore, Sr.
Senior Pastor- Second Baptist Church

Benediction and Recessional

Interment

Hollywood Memorial Park
Union, New Jersey

Pallbearers
Family and Friends of **James Fentress Smith**

John 14:1-6

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God,
believe also in me.

In my father's house are many mansions: if it were not
so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again,
and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye
may be also.

And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou
goest; and how can we know the way?

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life:
no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

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 that any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all; just thought of us that day.*

*Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much whatever the part.*

The Family of James Fentress Smith

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