

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

*Ralph "Doc" Smith*

*Sunrise*

*July 10, 1936*

*Sunset*

*September 11, 2022*



*Service*

*Friday, September 23, 2022 • 05:00 pm*

**Lavarins Funeral Home**

432 Hamilton Avenue

Trenton, New Jersey 08609

# *Order of Service*

## **Processional**

## **Musical Selection**

*Marcus Johnson*

## **Scripture Readings**

Old Testament - *Theresa Monger*

New Testament - *Pastor Sharon*

## **Prayer**

*Reverend Dr. Gregory Mcmillan*

## **Selection**

*Marcus Johnson*

## **Acknowledgements**

## **Remarks**

## **Reflections of Life**

*Reverend Dr. Gregory Mcmillan*

## **Musical Selections**

*Marcus Johnson*

## **Words of Comfort**

*Reverend Dr. Gregory Mcmillan*

## **Recessional**

## *Interment*

Sandridge Baptist Church  
Cemetery Yard  
4158 River Road  
Selma, Alabama 36703 USA

## Obituary

Ralph D. Smith, affectionately called “Doc”, was born in Selma, Alabama to Mamie Lou Smith on July 10, 1936. He was raised by his grandparents, Butler and Delphie Smith. It was a family filled with love, support and family values.

Doc was raised and educated in the Selma. He attended Baptist School Church and then went on to R.B. Hudson High School. After completing his education, Doc moved from Selma to Trenton, NJ, where he resided for over 30 years.

Doc was a Free Mason. He then accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at Sandridge Baptist Church. He later attended Way of The Cross Holy Temple in New Jersey, where he held the office of a Deacon.

Some noteworthy things about Ralph: He grew up on a farm. He enjoyed gospel music and reading the Bible. He loved hunting and cowboy pictures. He was also well known for his love playing the numbers. He enjoyed going to his Day Center. He also enjoyed painting. For Doc, it was nothing like sitting outside and enjoying the view. While in Selma he was a Brick Mason. He worked for Henry Brick Company. While he traveled from Selma throughout the U.S., he picked tomatoes and did farming for a living in Florida.

Doc was a cool, calm and collected guy. He was a very easy going and loyal person. He was also a caretaker to his extended family in New Jersey. Doc was known as a wonderful protector. He enjoyed daily phone calls with his nieces Linda and Marie. He also enjoyed the company of his granddaughter, Shahera, who he lived with for the past ten years. She was his caregiver until he departed to be with the lord.

Ralph departed this life, at the age of 86, on September 11, 2022, in Westampton, New Jersey. Though he was a fighter, he succumbed to his long and arduous battle with cancer. He was dearly loved and will be truly missed.

He was predeceased by his mother Mamie Lou Smith, his grandparents, Butler and Delphie Smith, his daughter, Francine Reed, grandson, Calvin Reed, brothers, Butler Johnson and Leon Smith, as well as his sister, Ivery Johnson, Bessie lee smith.

He leaves to cherish his memory: daughters, Katrina Smith, Mamie Smith and Mathaleen Hooded; his sisters, Dottie Johnson and Mary Johnson; brothers, Jo Johnson, Willie Johnson and Fred Johnson; grands and great grands; and a host of other family, relatives and friend

# *Change of Address*

*Dear Family and Friends,  
I want you to know that I have moved.  
I received a call from God, the Chief Architect,  
who informed me that my new  
house is ready and I could move immediately.  
Well, my new home is finished and its such a  
beautiful sight to behold. It  
is located in an exclusive estate  
area and it sits behind a beautiful pearly gate.  
There is peace, joy and happiness here with no  
more pain to bear, no strife or discontent.  
I could go on exploring around my new home  
but I have to get fitted for my wings. Let me give you my  
new address because I highly  
recommend you make plans to live here too.*

## ***Ralph “Doc” Smith***

*12 Gates to the City Avenue  
Godstown, Heaven 77777.*

*Oh yeah! Let me tell you this , I don't have a telephone yet,  
but first call God. If you don't have His number, He is listed  
in the Good Book on every page. Contact Him.*

### *Acknowledgements*

*The family wishes to acknowledge with deep  
appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and  
kindness shown to their family during this hour of  
bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!*

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