

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



REV. DR. W.W.  
**SMITH**

APRIL 6, 1937 - JULY 5, 2017

FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2017 ~ 10:00 A.M.

ST. AUGUSTINE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.  
8704 South Figueroa Street | Los Angeles, California 90003

DR. E. WAYNE GADDIS, SR., PASTOR/OFFICIANT



## REFLECTIONS OF LIFE

The journey of life began for Woodroe Wilson Smith in Roseland, Louisiana, April 6, 1937, as the seventh child born to the union of Robert and

Martena Butler Smith. He is preceded in death by his father, mother, four brothers: Milton Smith, Sr., William Smith, Robert Jessie Smith, Jr., and Charles Smith; two sisters: Willetta Smith Vernon and Joyce Ann Smith.

After the death of his mother in 1940, his loving sister, Willetta Smith Vernon, assumed the role of parental guidance for Woodroe and his younger sister Carrie. Woodroe obtained his education from Amite High School. During his formative years, he was a loving and caring child. He accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Mt. Canaan Baptist Church. In the mid-1950's,

Woodroe moved to Los Angeles, California and enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He graciously served as a 1st Class Airman in the United States Air Force and received an Honorable Discharge in 1959.

Resilience and perseverance ensued as Woodroe Wilson Smith navigated his career in Los Angeles County. Humbly entering the workforce as a Security Officer for the Department of Water and Power. He went on to oversee over 600 officers as the Commander of Parking Enforcement for DOT with four levels of supervision which included annual operations budgets of 100 million dollars. He retired in 1996 with 35 years of loyal service.

Simultaneously, Rev. Dr. W.W. Smith, as he would soon be known as, worked tirelessly to become a highly proficient servant of God; pastor and teacher who has been blessed to demonstrate the ability to manage and give spiritual leadership effectively and efficiently directed by the Holy Spirit. He was a member of St. Augustine Missionary Baptist Church where he served on the ministerial staff under the leadership of Rev. J. Prothro and later under Dr. E. Wayne Gaddis, Sr., until he was called home.

Blessed with the ability to achieve high goals through others, his strengths rest in relationship and team building, planning, training, policy and procedure development. He was an organized, dedicated, hardworking and adaptable professional, preaching and teaching the



VIEWING - 9:00-10:00 A.M.  
THE ORDER OF CELEBRATION

Prelude..... Chicago Mass Choir ~ "Thank You Jesus"

Processional..... Clergy & Family

Viewing..... Family

Draping of the Casket

Scripture Readings

Old Testament: Psalm 46..... Rev. Oliver Smith

McComb, Mississippi

The Gospel..... Rev. Marvin Vernon

Roseland, Louisiana

The Epistle: II Timothy 4: 1-8 ..... Rev. Raymond Tyner

Celebration Prayer ..... Pastor Tyrice Cagle

Redemption M.B.C. Los Angeles, California

Selection..... Kenny Williams

Acknowledgements..... Sis. Barbara Hughes

Reflections (2 minutes please)

Pastors & Ministers' Conference of Los Angeles & Surrounding Areas

Baptist Ministry Fellowship Conference

Dr. Joe B. Hardwick, Pastor of Praises of Zion M.B.C, President of Western

Baptist State Convention

Dr. Darnell Jones, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Moderator of Fellowship District Association

Pastor Terry Nelson, Pastor of Holy Mt. Zion M.B.C, Moderator of the Louisiana Crusade

First Lady Kathy Jenkins, President of the Baptist Ministers' Wives and Widowers

Selection..... St. Augustine Choir

Resolutions..... Sis. Garnetta Moody

Illus. Percy Abrams, 33°, Deputy Grand Master

Reflections (2 minutes please)

Pastor Carl McCorkle, Love & Unity Community Church, Inc., Los Angeles

Orasee Russell, Parking Enforcement Commander, 77th Street Division

Family Friend and Attorney ~ Howard Firestone

Family Friend and Attorney ~ Jerome Bradford

St. Augustine M.B.C.

Ushers' Ministry - Sis. Helen Nelson, President  
Sunday School - Sis. Barbara Hughes, Superintendent  
Board of Deacons - Deacon Anthony Mitchell, Sr., Chairman

Ministerial Staff - Rev. Allen Prothro

M.W. St. Joseph Grand Lodge & Mt. Olive Grand Chapter

Illus. Percy Abrams, 33°, Deputy Grand Master

Illus. James Jones, 33°, District Deputy Grand Master, Southern District

Illus. Fred Thompson, 33°, Special Assistant to the Grand Commander

Illus. Myles Newborn, 33°

M.W. Grand Commandress/Grand Matron Mary Ingram

Video Presentation/Obituary Reading (Silent)

Selection.....Stephanetta Bingley

Reflections

My Uncle ~ Anthony "Tony" Caldwell

Our Father ~ Daughters

Selection.....Kenny Williams

Message of Triumph.....Pastor E. Wayne Gaddis, Sr.

Invitation to Discipleship

Recessional.....Soft Music

#### INTERMENT

Inglewood Park Cemetery  
720 East Florence Avenue  
Inglewood, CA 90301

#### REPAST

M.W. Saint Joseph Grand Lodge  
7101 South Menlo Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90044

## A TRIBUTE TO OUR BROTHER, FATHER, GRANDFATHER, & GODEFATHER...

### BROTHER

You're our last brother in life and your smile will never be forgotten. You'll be joining our Father in Christ, where the angels will welcome you with their heavenly wings of warmth. You're not gone forever; We'll see you in Heaven!! Love, Your Sisters Minnie & Carrie

### MY DAD

I know this man who is dear to my heart Suddenly one day it was torn apart He is gone now it's hard to believe This man is my dad who I will never see So, I'll hold him dear and close to my heart Cause the day we meet I know we'll never be torn apart

Your Daughter ~ Verna'

### THE BROKEN CHAIN

We knew little that morning God was going to call your name.

In life, we loved you dearly In death, we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you; you did not go alone; for part of us went with you, the day God called you home. You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide, and though we cannot see you, you are always at our side. Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same, but as God calls us one by one, the chains will link again.

Love Always, Saundrea and Janice

### MISS YOU DAD

I miss you more than ever... Your guidance and your love. But, I knew you're still watching Silently from above. The love you gave still warms me The way it always will But leaving left an empty space that time can never fill. From Heaven, you're still giving the love you always had. I know you hear me talking to you.

I will always love you Dad.

Love, Shonda & Sylvia



Twenty-seven (27) years ago, you came into my life; you married my mom and raised me as our own. No matter how hard things got you always remained the same. I thank God for allowing you to be the sound instrument of guidance that I needed in my life. Through watching you, I learned how to give people a chance freely without judgment, how to stand strong and hold on to God no matter what challenges lie ahead. Your Smile, Your Grace, Your Diligence, and Your Words will always remain in my heart. Your legacy will live on through me and your grandkids.

We love you forever & ever!! Meloney,  
Heaven & Julian

To the wisest vessel known to me on God's prodigious earth, thank you for answering the call. You have exceeded the human expectation of a Grandfather and have earnestly presented yourself as a living sacrifice. You have bestowed insight, perception and biblical commentary to every peril and taught me how to communicate and reason diplomatically. No one will ever be able to take your place, but I am forever grateful for all of the many lessons you guided me through. God is perfect Grandpa, mission accomplished. Rest well in paradise, you've earned every Jewel on your crown. You have paved the way for our children's children with the gift of the living word that will sustain us all the days of ourselves.

We love you forever! Stephanetta Bingley  
& King S. Scott

Forty-three (43) years ago, you became my paw paw and have been there ever since. You were by my side through my health problems and my son's troubles, I'm overjoyed to have had you in my life but your time has come and you earned your wings early this morning so fly on paw paw travel light I know you will be watching over us... Don't worry I got my god mommie and my sister until the end... I love you and miss you paw paw... This is not going to be easy but I know what you would want me to do so I accept the task. Rest...we'll see you one day.

Love Always, Chanta

## LETTERS TO "MY COFFEE"...

To My Coffee: I still need to talk to you every day. It hasn't been so long and still I want to tell you about my day or talk to you in the mornings over coffee or tea. You'd sit there and say your day was good; just sipping your coffee patiently while I yammered on. I miss our morning drink of coffee, while I surf the web on my phone while I drink my coffee. As I turn the TV on to watch CNN or the

Today Show and wait for you to ask me how to work your iPhone. I miss our talks and you asking me what I was going to do all day outside of sleeping. In response, I would tell you that I didn't have a job anymore. Even though it was mostly me talking and you pretty much just listened. You always were a good listener. Did I ever tell you I loved that about you? I wish we could talk just one more time; I need just one more time. On July 10, I was looking forward to us getting away for a few days of R & R. I miss you so much.....words just can't replace your smile that could light up a room. I can now say to you sleep on my love until, I can take that walk with you. I will see you on the other side, My Coffee. Your Cream!

Husband

Thank you for your  
endless love That  
helps me through  
each day, And thank  
you for the memories  
That never fade away.  
You're the man I loved  
And I was proud to be  
your Wife, And every  
day in some small way  
I celebrate your life.  
And though it's sad to  
think about The way  
things were before,  
When we're reunited  
It will be forevermore.



## ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Hon. Willie G. Gauff Sr. 33°  
M.W. Mount Carmel Grand Lodge  
Hon. Richard R. Ramirez 33°  
M.W. Golden State Grand Lodge  
Hon. Van A. Hibler 33°  
M.W. Prince of Peace Grand Lodge  
Hon. John V. Phillips 33°  
M.W. King David Grand Lodge  
Hon. Fred Bacon 33°  
M.W. Mount Calvary Grand Lodge  
Hon. Percy Abrams 33°  
M.W. Saint Joseph Grand Lodge

## HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Daviyon Norris  
Chris Thompson  
Milton Thompson, Jr.  
Anthony Caldwell  
Pastor Tyrice Cagle  
Jessie Vernon  
Lee Vernon  
Rev. Theodore White  
Ondre Joseph  
Andrew Payton, Jr.

## EXPRESSIONS FROM THE FAMILY

The Smith Family would like to express their sincere appreciation for all kind deeds shown during the family's period of bereavement. Your prayers, calls, words of comfort, and outpouring of love have been a great source of strength to us. While we cannot begin to thank you enough, we will cherish your acts of kindness and keep you in our hearts and prayers. May God bless each of you and surround you in the warmth of His love. We would like to especially thank Anthony Caldwell for his support.

## SERVICES ENTRUSTED TO

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