

IN LOVING  
*Memory*



*Mother Sophronia "Elouise" Geiger Smith*

**SUNRISE**

October 25, 1937

**JANUARY 10, 2025**

**SUNSET**

December 31, 2025

**12:00PM THE ROCK CHURCH OF GOD BY FAITH**

# Acknowledgement

Mr. Al Smith II, Dr. Sophia Smith, Ms. Jennifer Smith Reed, and Ms. Octavia Smith wish to express profound gratitude and gratefulness for all the love and support shown in every way during this time. Thank God for each of your concerns and most of all your continued prayers.

**With sincere appreciation,**

*Al, Sophia, Jennifer, and Octavia*

## **HONORARY PALLBEARS**

Rev. Timothy Geiger (brother)  
Elder Leon William  
Bro. Matthew Dix  
Min. Shelton Faison

## **ACTIVE PALLBEARS**

*(Grandsons)*  
Al L. Smith, III  
Nicholas J. Smith  
Bryan C. Smith  
Jeremy E. Smith  
Ian M. Smith  
Simmon Sebastian Reed, Jr.  
Jeremiah B. Reed  
Benjamin T. Owens  
Noah P. A. Owens

## **USHERS**

The Rock Church of God By Faith

## **FLOWER ATTENDANCE**

*(Granddaughters)*  
Dannielle P. Smith  
Shelby M. Owens  
Aunha N. Smith  
Olivia G. Smith  
Jordan S. Reed  
Ashley N. McGriff  
Breanna I. Smith  
Gabrielle D. Smith  
Oksanna M. Smith  
Eden L. Smith

## *(Great Granddaughters)*

Kennedy N. McGriff  
Jana R. Smith  
Skylar N. Smith

## *(Like Daughters)*

Mrs. Angela Peterson  
Mrs. Alicia McKinney-Netwon

Mothers of The Rock Church of God By Faith

## *Interment*

**Garden of Memories**  
4207 East Lake Avenue  
Tampa, FL 33610

## *Repast*

**The Rock Church of God By Faith**  
4323 East Henry Avenue  
Tampa, FL 33610

# ORDER OF *Service*

**Officiant**  
**Superintendent Neal T. Phillips**  
**Victory Temple Church of God By Faith**  
**Lakeland, FL**

**Processional and Final Glimpse.....**Officiants and Family

**Song.....**“Sign Me Up”

**Invocation.....**Rev. Dr. Glenn B. Dames, Jr.  
Allen Temple AME, *Tampa, FL*

**Choir Selection.....**“He’ll Welcome Me”

**Old Testament.....**Pastor Tony Peterson  
Every Walk of Life Ministries, *Riverview, FL*

**New Testament.....**Elder Andrian Jones  
Believers United Church of God By Faith, *Winter Garden, FL*

**Little Rock Children’s Reunion Choir**

**Reflections:**

**My Mother’s Life as Her Son.....**Deacon Al L. Smith, II

**As a Member/Friend.....**Sister Myrtice Landers

**As a Member .....**Elder Walter L. Williams  
Plant City Church of God By Faith, *Plant City, FL*

**As a Mother of the Church.....**Mothers Chola Little & Lillie Williams

**Choir Selection**

**Resolutions/Acknowledgements.....**Mother Yvette Landers

**Tribute to Our Mother from Her Daughters.....**Dr. Sophia R. Smith  
Ms. Jennifer Smith Reed  
Ms. Octavia A. Smith

**Special Song.....**“Oh, When I Come to the End of My Journey

**Eulogy.....**Ruling Elder James E. Williams  
The Rock Church of God By Faith, *Tampa, FL*

**Recessional.....**”When We All Get to Heaven”

# *Celebrating* THE LIFE & LEGACY

## “Elouise”

Mother Sophronia “Elouise” Geiger Smith was born on October 25, 1937, in Lake Alfred, Florida, to the late Freeman and Isophine Geiger.

She attended Fruitland Elementary School in Lake Alfred, Florida, and later attended Jewett Junior and Senior High School in Winter Haven, Florida, from which she graduated. Elouise furthered her education by graduating from Walker’s Business College (Edward Waters University) in Jacksonville, Florida. Known professionally as Ms. Geiger, she was employed immediately after graduation and worked for approximately eight years in the school system. She later was employed with the Department of Justice for approximately 13 years, during which time she also attended the University of Tampa. Elouise was also employed for a number of years at St. John’s Episcopal Day School.

Elouise received the Holy Ghost in July 1949 under the leadership of Elder Nathaniel Scippo at the Church of God by Faith in Lake Alfred, Florida.

On November 5, 1960, Elouise was united in holy matrimony to the late Al Lynden Smith, Sr., and they shared over 35 years of marriage. From this union, five children were born:

Antoinette JeNene Owens (Dedrick), who preceded her in death, and their children Shelby, Benjamin, and Noah; Al Lynden Smith II (Patricia) and their children Dannielle, Ashley, Al III, Breanna, Bryan, Jeremy, Nicholas, Gabrielle, Ian, Oksanna, and Zachariah; Sophia Smith (Richard) and their child Aynha; Jennifer Smith Reed and her children Simmon Sebastian, Jr., Jeremiah, and Jordan; and Octavia Smith and her children Olivia, Eden, and Xander. She was also blessed with a host of great-grandchildren.

In 1963, she relocated to Tampa, Florida.

She was a devoted and active member of Little Rock Church of God by Faith (The Rock), a church she deeply loved and respected. Elouise was a God-fearing woman who loved the Lord with all her heart. She was known as a caring and compassionate person who reached out to help anyone she could.

On December 31, 2025, the Lord called Elouise home, saying, “Enough!”

Elouise was preceded in death by her daughter Antoinette JeNene Owens; her sisters Rosemary H. Geiger, Wynona Norris and Elsenia J. Speight; her brothers Ronnie Edwin Geiger and Freeman Geiger, Jr.; brother in law William “Bill” Speight; her grandmother Sophronia Williams; and her parents, Isophine and Freeman Geiger.



She leaves to cherish her loving memories her brother, Reverend Timothy Geiger (Dora, deceased) and their children; sister in law Soreta Nickson Geiger (wife of the late Freeman Geiger, Jr.) and their children; sister in law Maggie Geiger Patterson (wife of the late Ronnie Edwin) and their children; Dedrick Owens (husband of the late Antoinette Owens), and their children; Al Lynden Smith II (Patricia) and their children; Sophia Smith (Richard) and their child; Jennifer Smith Reed and her children; Octavia Smith and her children; and like a grandson, Christopher Clarke (mother and niece Lynne Speight); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, her church family, and many loving friends.

# *My Final Thoughts* TO MY FAMILY & FRIENDS

## **LITTLE ROCK CHURCH OF GOD BY FAITH (THE ROCK)**

“To the entire body of Little Rock Church of God By Faith (The Rock) and Elder James E. Williams, I do hope you know how grateful I am for your being there through my many problems; guided me in the right directions; gave me a word of encouragement and

assisted me when necessary. Most of all, your constant prayers for me and my family sustained me and gave me strength to be used by God. Thank you so very much”



## **TO MY WONDERFUL CHILDREN**

“To my wonderful children, Antoinette (Toni), Al II (Lynden), Sophia (Sofie), Jennifer (Jenny), Octavia (Tavia), Patricia (Pat), Dedrick, and Richard, I do hope you know too, how much I really love you and enjoyed every minute with you, and giving myself as much as I could to you. You all were worth it all! Thank you for the lovely grandchildren you have given me. Please make them know how much I loved them and want them to grow up and be good as you were for

the Lord. They are special and God has chosen you (their parents) to be their guardians, even those that are forthcoming. Never forget for one moment that they belong to God. My prayers will always be with you. Don't sorrow for me as others who have no hope! I'll be rejoicing. Always remember my special love for you Toni, Lynden, Sofie, and Jenny.

Octavia, you and I have been through so much together, but God was right there, holding our hands so that we wouldn't stumble or fall. He has enabled me to prepare you. He said to me in a dream that He gave you to me to bring up “alone”, so that you would be brought up in a Godly way. So show the world you are ready for it. Don't grieve over me. I love you.”

## **MY FINAL THANKS**

“To my former husband and father of my children, Al L. Smith, Sr., thank you for these five wonderful children. – “Wease”

To my brother and dearest of friends, Timothy Geiger, Martha Jones, Lillie Williams, and Susan Grady, I do love each of you so much. Our moments together were so special, if you only knew. Please be there for my children for I can no longer do so. Thank you and God bless you.”



*“A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.”*

*Proverbs 17:17*

# FOREVER IN OUR *Hearts*



Mom,

Thank you for the love and nurturing you provided to me growing up. Even now, as I reflect on those days—and as I have my own family—the words you shared still resonate within me. Thank you for allowing me to give back to you, even if only a fraction of what you gave to me. It was my pleasure to serve you over these last couple of years. I love you and will forever hold you in my heart, and your words will forever ring in my spirit.

Your “Sun” Son,  
Lynden

Thank you, Mom, for saying yes to the role of being our God-fearing, God-loving mother who demonstrates the love of God in her every way every day. Though you have taken flight, destined now for your divine healing you have been promised and most deserved, we will cherish all of the wonderful memories you have left us with. Thank you for your unconditional love and endless support. I would not be who I am without you. I am so grateful for all you sacrifice. Your support made all the difference—thank you!!!! I will forever miss our 2AM phone calls to check on me and make sure I arrived home from work every evening safe and sound! You did not miss a moment to sow wisdom into my life. You have been the bedrock and guiding light for this family. I will forever hold on tightly to your memories in my heart and there you will remain forever.

Sofie

Meme,

I don't know where to begin and there are definitely not enough words to write to express everything that you have meant to me. Your words of wisdom, your notes of encouragement, and your constant reminder of holding on to FAITH no matter what will continue to be a part of me. I will laugh more because of you. I will continue to seek diligently and walk in my purpose as you have encouraged me to always do, and I will not be afraid. I love you and yes, I know, you love me more because you are my Mom! See you later alligator!

Jenny

Mommy,

How I will miss your sweet, loving hands that held us together; your melodious voice that comforted us and guided us with wisdom; and your laughter that filled our hearts.

May the faith you lived so beautifully on this earth lead us home one day to join you, resting together in the arms of Jesus.

Loving you from here to eternity.

Tavia



A LIFE WELL LIVED  
A LEGACY *Remembered*



