

“In the Name of Love

Matrimony: the legal union of man & woman, becoming husband & wife
Rejoicing in the love they share, a commitment made for life

Affected by endless daily concerns on trial & tribulation
Nurturing one another's heart, avoiding further complication

Devotion accompanies honesty, while as faith delivers trust
Masquerading, addresses pretending precious love, is therefore considered lust

Revelations discloses the unknown, something not quite yet realized
Simply stating that our solemn vows before god – shouldn't ever go unrecognized

Weighing the responsibility of a union, requires patience, time & communication
Experiencing that of a successful outcome relies on complete determination

Never-the-less the human mind will stray off course, betraying a selfish thought
dedication will soon then conquer all if negative ideas are fought

Expressions predict outer statements appearing not only to the face
Literally declaring to your soul mate, obviously something is out of place

Lending yet an extended hand will help alleviate a heavy load
Tolerance supports encouragement too enhance a more positive mode

Outsiders are deemed perpetrators who portray the role of friend
Manipulates, otherwise complicates in order to separate in the end

Making love bares true emotions, where as sex may lead to shame
Yet adultery stems from mortal sin which produces guilt & blame

Silence serves in time of prayer-while the mind & body is still
Meditation restores the grieving heart-leaving the sacred soul at will

Intentional misbehavior, the apparent excuse to have one's way
Threatens the inner confidence, while questioning everything you say

Hold dear to one another, always put the other first
Forget the past & forgive yet everyone or matters could get worst

Obligations, a requirement which maintains life's future bind
Reassurance means you're not alone, side by side, never behind

Exchange or rearrange new conceptions-when unsettled compromise
Virtually giving the other a benefit of doubt, before disagreement arise

Ever so often we'll experience pain, a throbbing ache felt deep within
Remember comfort lies with our heavenly father, who said "on me you can depend"

Ps:

When two love each other, cherish the other till the end!

Written by
Joyce Ann Smith
May 15, 1999



Honorary Pallbearers

Raymond Hicks | JD Brown | Anthony Pickett
Danny Pickett | Ken Williams | Mark Young

Flower Bearers

Friends of the Family

Acknowledgement

All over the world, there are people - special people like you who make life meaningful and worthwhile, who are always there when needed, as in our bereavement hour - who will always be special in our hearts. May God bless and keep you. Many thanks for everything, and may God create many more special people like you.

“ The Family of Wendell Tommy Smith”



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Mr. Tommy Smith
Wendell

Sunrise: April 20, 1959 - Sunset: July 5, 2025

Thursday, July 17, 2025 - 11:00 AM

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Bishop Larry Camel, Officiating

Order of Service

Prelude
Musician

Processional
Family

Scripture Reading
Old & New Testament
Minister

Prayer
Minister

Selection
Arnetta Brown

Acknowledgements
& Obituary
Rosemary Ruth

Expressions
(Please Limit to 2 Minutes)
Family & Friends

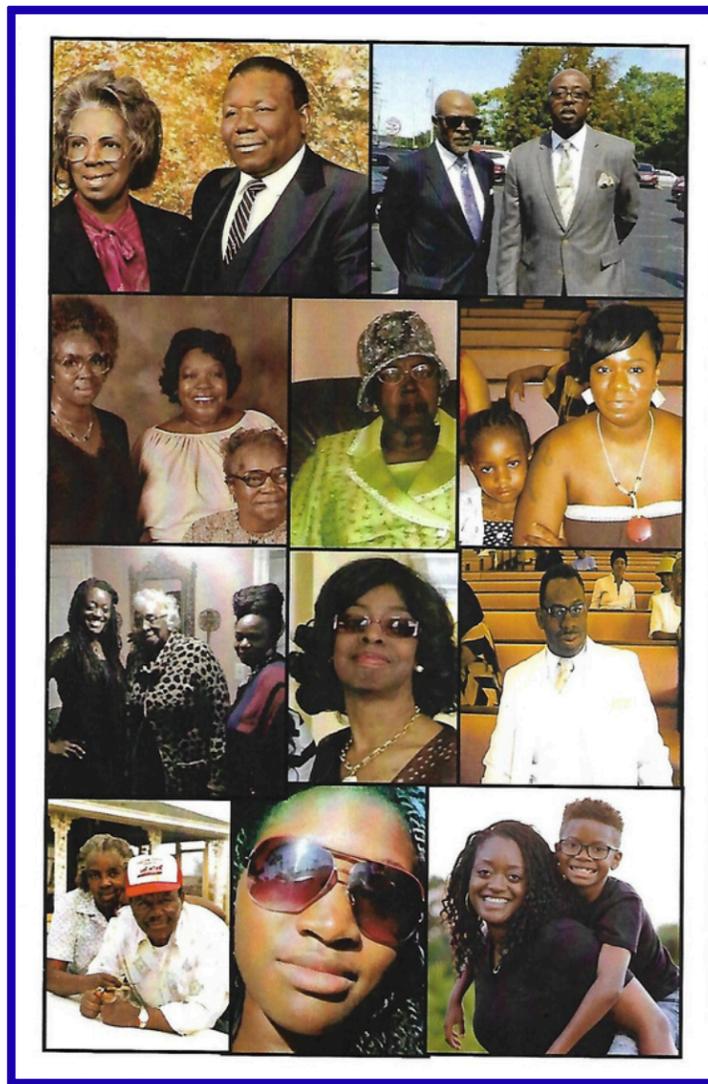
Selection
Arnetta Brown

Eulogy
Bishop Larry Camel
New Birth Baptist Church

Committal

Benediction

Recessional



*"In the stillness of a photograph,
we see God's grace woven
through our memories."*



Obituary

Wendell Tommy Smith, a beloved Husband, father, brother, grandfather, and friend, passed away on Saturday, July 5, 2025, at age 66. Wendell was born April 20, 1959, in Saginaw, Michigan, to Lucy Mae and Willie Tom Smith.

Wendell graduated from Saginaw High School in 1977. He married Joyce Pruitt on April 28, 1989. After 20 years with GM, Wendell retired. Wendell enjoyed many hobbies. Cooking was one of Wendell's favorite pastimes. He enjoyed trying new recipes and grilling outside with family and friends. Wendell was a car and sports enthusiast who loved watching football, basketball, wrestling, and going to car shows. He also enjoyed relaxing with a good western movie and singing. Wendell loved clothes and would dress to the dime; he would say, affectionately, "I'm clean."

Wendell leaves to cherish his memories his devoted wife, Joyce Pruitt Smith; two daughters, Mary Lewis and Natisha (McConnie) Sanders; granddaughter, Jade My'Leigh Sanders; brother, Allen (Denise) Smith; godsister, Danyell Weary; nieces, Alana Smith, Coco Moore, Beyonca Carruth, Jasmine Camel; great nieces, Malaysia Wilson and La'Mya Carruth; nephew, Mac Carruth and Unceld Daily; great nephews, Caleb Bow, Kameron Carruth, and Saint Wilson, sisters-in-law, First Lady Shirley Camel, Pauline Pruitt, Lorraine Brown, and Betty Daily; brothers-in-law, Freddie Sykes and Bishop Larry D. Camel; godmother Loretta King; many other relatives and special friends, Raymond Hicks, Betty Sanders, JD Brown, Anthony and Danny Pickett, Ken Williams, Mark Young, and Ruben Hill.

Wendell was preceded in death by his parents, Lucy Mae and Willie Tom Smith; son, baby Wendell Jamie Smith; nephew, Donald Smith; sister, Denise Sykes; grandmother, Willie Lou Thompson; and his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Jamie and Earlene Pruitt, and godmother Bertha Ivory.