

### *Acknowledgements*

The hearts of our family are filled with gratitude for the love and support that has been shown during the passing of our loved one. We would like to thank everyone who kept us in their prayers, called, sent encouragement and stopped by to see us.

We truly thank you.

The Family

### *Honorary Pallbearers*

Leonard Bassett | Sherman Bassett  
Christopher Bassett | Kenneth Bassett  
Micheal Bassett | Radelius Bassett  
Cleatus Bassett | Jamie Bassett

### *Active Pallbearers*

Robtevia Bassett | Jhamarion Taylor  
John Wesley Bassett | Lloyd S. Gerald  
Anthony Bassett | Samuel T. Bassett

### *Flower Bearers*

Family & Friends

### *Interment*

Swayze Cemetery  
Benton, MS

### *Services Entrusted To*



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Yazoo City, MS 39194  
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## Celebration of Life for



# "Smeller" Jammie Earl Bassett

April 9, 1967 – May 29, 2022

Saturday, June 11, 2022 ~ 2:30 p.m.

Mt. Zion M.B. Church  
3501 Vaughan Road | Vaughan, MS 39179

Reverend Henry Collins, Jr., Officiating



# Life's Reflections



## A TIME TO BE BORN

Sammie Earl Bassett, known to his family, friends and community at large as "Smeller", was born on April 9, 1967. He was the oldest of eight children born to the late Josie Ann Bassett. He was born and raised in the Benton, MS community. Sammie (Smeller) received his formal education from the Yazoo County school system. He was baptized at Mt. Zion Church of Scotland under the leadership of Rev. Isiah Jackson.

## A TIME TO WORK

Sammie (Smeller) worked for Boatner's Farms for many years and later was employed at Osbourne (Poochies) Truck Stop, where he would continue to work until his health failed. He was well known in the community for his friendliness and willingness to help others. He was known to his family for his dancing, love of music, crazy antics, jokes, and protectiveness. Sammie's best friends were his family.

Sammie (Smeller) met and fell in love with Tara Mitchell 21 years ago and he would remain so until her death. He was preceded in death by his mother Josie Ann, (2) sisters Patricia and Shirley, (6) aunts Louise Tatum, Barbara Prince, Betty Bassett, Bernice Brown and Georgia Mae (Phil) Bassett, whom he considered as his second mom, (2) uncles O.D. and King Bassett, one grandchild Janiya Scott and his life mate Tara Mitchell.

## A TIME TO REST

On Sunday evening, May 29, 2022, at approximately 8:00pm, Sammie laid down his earthly burdens and transitioned to his new resting place. Sammie left a huge hole in the lives of those who loved him but experienced immense joy upon reuniting with all the loved ones that had gone on before him.

He leaves to remember his humble and loving spirit; five step-children: Shana Gregory of Jackson, MS, Shree Davis of Lewisville, TX, Shanta Davis of Lewisville, TX, Shamika Wooten of Lewisville, TX and Earl Wooten IV of Muscatine, IA; five brothers: Leonard Bassett of Benton, MS, Christopher Bassett of Flora, MS, Sherman Bassett of Canton, MS, Kenneth Bassett and Micheal Bassett; step-father: Lloyd Sherman Gerald of Benton, MS; five aunts: Mary Bassett (Cleotha) of Vaughan, MS, Catherine Bassett of Yazoo City, MS, Hannah (Sylvester) Moton of Benton, MS, Louise Rattler-Bassett of Jackson, MS and Essie Levy of Madison, MS; uncle: William Earl McKinley of Kosciusko, MS; seventeen (17) grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. Smeller will be sincerely missed by the entire Scotland community.

# Order of Service

- Processional..... Clergy & Family
- Prelude ..... Soft Music
- Musical Selection ..... Sis. Katrina Moten
- Scripture Reading..... Old & New Testament ..... Bro. Paul Ray Granderson
- Prayer.....
- Words of Encouragement ..... Sis. Essie Levy
- Musical Selection ..... Sis. Katrina Moten
- Tribute..... As a Friend ..... Bro. Paul Ray Granderson
- Open Expressions..... Two Minutes..... Family & Friends
- Obituary..... Read Silently..... Soft Music
- Acknowledgements..... Sis. Cathy Thompson
- Eulogy ..... Pastor Henry Collins, Jr.

Scott Memorial Funeral Directors in Charge

Recessional ..... Clergy, Family & Friends



# Tributes

## GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Don't think of him (Smeller) as gone away,  
 His journey has just begun.  
 Life holds so many facets, this Earth is only one.  
 Just think of him (Smeller) as resting  
 From the sorrows and the tears  
 In a place of warmth and comfort  
 Where there are no days or no years  
 Think how he (Smeller) must be wishing  
 That we could know today  
 How nothing but our sadness can really pass away  
 And think of him (Smeller) as living  
 In the hearts of those he (Smeller) touched  
 For nothing loved is ever lost  
 And Smeller was loved so much  
 We are gonna miss you forever  
**Love you Sam,  
 Your Aunts, Uncles and Cousins**

## THE BROKEN CHAIN

We little knew that day, 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 beautiful memories, your love is still our guide.  
 And although 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 chain will link again.

## Love Your Brothers

**CaCa, Toby, Cootie, Dick and Redman**

## A MILLION TIMES

A million times we've missed you,  
 A million times we've cried.  
 If love alone could have saved you,  
 You never would have died.  
 If all the world was ours to give,  
 We would give it yes, and more,  
 To see you coming up the steps,  
 And walking through the door.  
 To hear your voice and see your smile,  
 To sit and talk a while,  
 To be with you that same old way,  
 Would be our fondest day.  
 A heart of gold stopped beating,  
 Two smiling eyes closed to rest,  
 God broke our hearts to prove to us,  
 He only takes the best.

## Love your Step-kids,

**Shana, Shanta, Shree, Shamika and Earl**

