

## *The Order of Service*

<i>Processional</i>	<i>The Family and Members of The Clergy</i>
<i>Reading of Holy Scripture</i>	
<i>The Old Testament</i>	<i>Minister Nancy Smith</i>
<i>The New Testament</i>	<i>First Lady Vanie Holmes</i>
<i>Prayer of Comfort</i>	<i>Bishop Walter Ellerbe</i>
<i>Remarks (Two Minutes Please)</i>	<i>Family and Friends</i>
<i>Reflections</i>	<i>Kendra Teal Garris, Daughter</i>
<i>Musical Selection</i>	<i>Rev, Demetrica Ratliff &amp; Ashton Mitchell</i>
<i>Reading of the Obituary</i>	<i>Silently</i>
<i>Acknowledgements</i>	<i>Mr. Ken Caulder</i> <i>Leavitt Funeral Home</i>
<i>Musical Selection</i>	<i>Rev. Demetrica Ratliff &amp; Ashton Mitchell</i>
<i>Eulogy</i>	<i>Pastor Michael Smith, Brother</i>
<i>Parting View</i>	
<i>Service of Committal</i>	
<i>Benediction</i>	
<i>Interment</i>	<i>Westview Memorial Park</i>
<i>Casket Bearers</i>	<i>Family &amp; Friends</i>
<i>Floral Bearers</i>	<i>Family &amp; Friends</i>

## *The Obituary*

*On Tuesday, September 16, 2025, Mr. James Edward Smith, also known as, "Smiley" transitioned peacefully to his eternal home while a patient at Atrium Northeast Cabarrus in Concord, NC. He was 64.*

*James was born in Anson County, NC on April 7, 1962 and was a son of the late James Leak and the late Elizabeth Smith. He was a graduate of Bowman High School.*

*He had worked for nearly 30 years with The Darling Corporation, formerly, Valley Proteins in Wadesboro, NC.*

*James enjoyed "scrapping" and going fishing. He was a hard worker and dearly loved his family and spending time with them.*

*Those who are left to cherish his memory are his children, Brian Hall and Kendra Teal Garris both of Wadesboro, NC and Alicia Gillespie of Myrtle Beach, SC; his grandchildren, Josiah Elijah Teal, Zachariah O'Neal Garris, Messiah Omer Teal, and Brian Hall, Jr.; his companion, Omea R. Allen of the home; his sister and brothers, Sandra Smith of Albemarle, John Fulton Smith (Jackie) of Wadesboro, NC and Pastor Michael Smith (Daphne) of Fayetteville, NC and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.*

*We wish to acknowledge the many expressions of love, concern, and compassion from friends and loved ones during this time. Words can not express the strength you have given us during these most difficult times. James Edward's bright spirit live on is us all.*

*Sincerely,  
The Smith Family*



*A Homegoing Service  
Celebrating the Life  
of  
James Edward Smith  
"Smiley"*



*The Star*

*A light went out on Earth for me  
The day we said goodbye  
And on that day a star was born,  
The brightest in the sky  
Reaching through the darkness  
With its rays of purest white  
Lighting up the Heavens  
As it once lit up my life  
With beams of love to heal  
The broken heart you left behind  
Where always in my memory  
Your lovely star will shine*



*3:00 PM*

*Sunday, September 21, 2025  
Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home  
2036 Morwen Road  
Wadesboro, North Carolina  
Pastor Michael Smith ~ Eulogist  
Minister Nancy Smith ~ Officiating*