

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL AND THANKFUL...

Perhaps you came by to say hello or called us on the phone.  
Maybe you visited for a while to keep us from being alone.

You may have sent flowers or a card,  
maybe an e-mail to show you cared.

Possibly, you didn't come at all but remembered us in prayer.

Whatever kindness extended in our bereavement is  
accepted with the most sincere gratitude and thanks that is

EVERLASTING

- *The Smith Family*

*A special appreciation to the Music Ministry of Mt. Pisgah  
Church and Friends*



*Casket Bearers*  
Cousins and Friends

*Floral Bearers*  
Friends of the Family

*Interment:*  
Riverside Community Cemetery  
Erwin, North Carolina



### *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God has laid you see.  
I took His hand when I heard him call  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee  
God wanted me now; He set me free.*

# Service of Triumph for Joel Leonard "Lenny" Smith



*May 6, 1988 - December 21, 2021*

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2021  
ONE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON**

MT. PISGAH HARNETT ORIGINAL FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
ERWIN, NORTH CAROLINA

*Bishop Reginald S. Hinton, Presiding  
Presiding Elder Anthony J. Davis, Eulogist*

# Order of Service

Prelude ..... Mrs. Alice Green, Organist  
Quincy Dunston, Pianist  
Qunika McMillan, Drummer  
Kevin Thurman, Saxophonist

Processional..... *“I Shall Wear A Crown”*  
Ministers & Family

Word of Assurance ..... Bishop Reginald Hinton

Hymn of Praise ..... *“We’re Climbing Jacob’s Ladder”*

## Reading of the Holy Scriptures

Old Testament..... Bishop Kareem Corbin  
Ecclesiastes 3:1-9

New Testament ..... Rev. Gwendolyn McNeill  
2 Corinthians 1:1-7

Prayer of Comfort ..... Rev. Marilyn Thurman

Music Ministry ..... *“Safe In His Arms”*  
Minister Lawanda Leggett, Soloist

Acknowledgements ..... Mrs. Peggy Robinson

## Tributes (Two minutes)

City of Dunn “P A L” ..... Mr. Rodney Rowland  
Rev. Vander Williams  
Apostle James Melvin

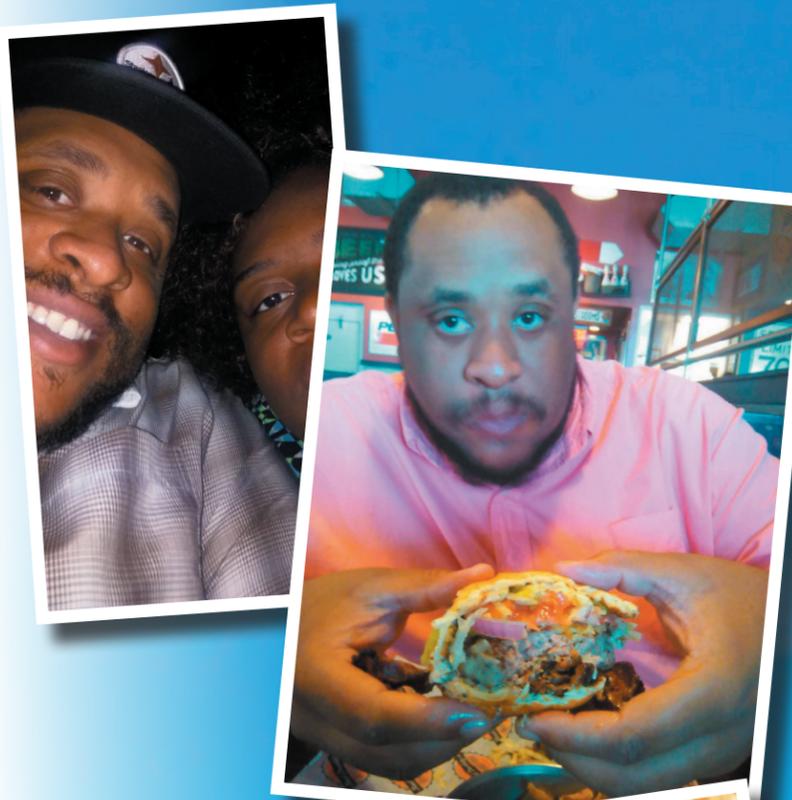
Hymn of Preparation ..... *“Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross”*

Eulogy ..... Rev. Anthony J. Davis

Song of Victory ..... *“Sovreign”*  
Min. Melvin Dunston, Soloist

Recessional ..... *“May the Grace of Christ Our Savior”*

# M E M O R I E S



There comes time when we must leave our loved ones, that time came for JOEL LEONARD “LENNY” SMITH on Tuesday, December 21st, 2021 at Harnett Health- Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital, Dunn, North Carolina.

Joel was born May 6, 1988, Harnett County, son of Joseph Smith, Jr. and Beatrice Jones Smith.

He was educated in the Harnett County School System, earning his High School Diploma, June 2007, From Triton High School, Erwin, NC. He furthered his education at Wake Technical Community College.

Joel has an array of talent and gifts, one being music. He was a gifted psalmist, keyboard instrumentalist and drummer. He often lent his gifts to the many houses of worship that he faithfully served in the community.

He loved P.A.L., the Dunn Police Athletic League. He would volunteer his time and talents to help mentor the young boys and girls there.

Another passion was his interest in technology. He loved computers and graphic design. His work can be viewed in the many flyers, business cards, bulletins and other art that he himself designed and printed.

Joel loved people and was a kind, respectful, compassionate and God-fearing young man. He always has a genuine smile wherever he went.

He was preceded in death by his brother Joseph Deshawn, his grandparents, Rev. Odell and Mother Beatrics Jones and grandmother, Mrs. Mazie Smith.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his devoted wife, Quitana Bailey Smith, daughter, NaJiyah Nicols, parents, Joseph and Beatrice Smith, brother, Joseph Odell Smith, grandparents, Bishop Joseph Smith Sr. and Mrs. Ernestine Smith, six uncles, six aunts, and a host of relatives and friends.