Celebrating The Life
of



Otis Smith

Sunrise
June 26, 1927

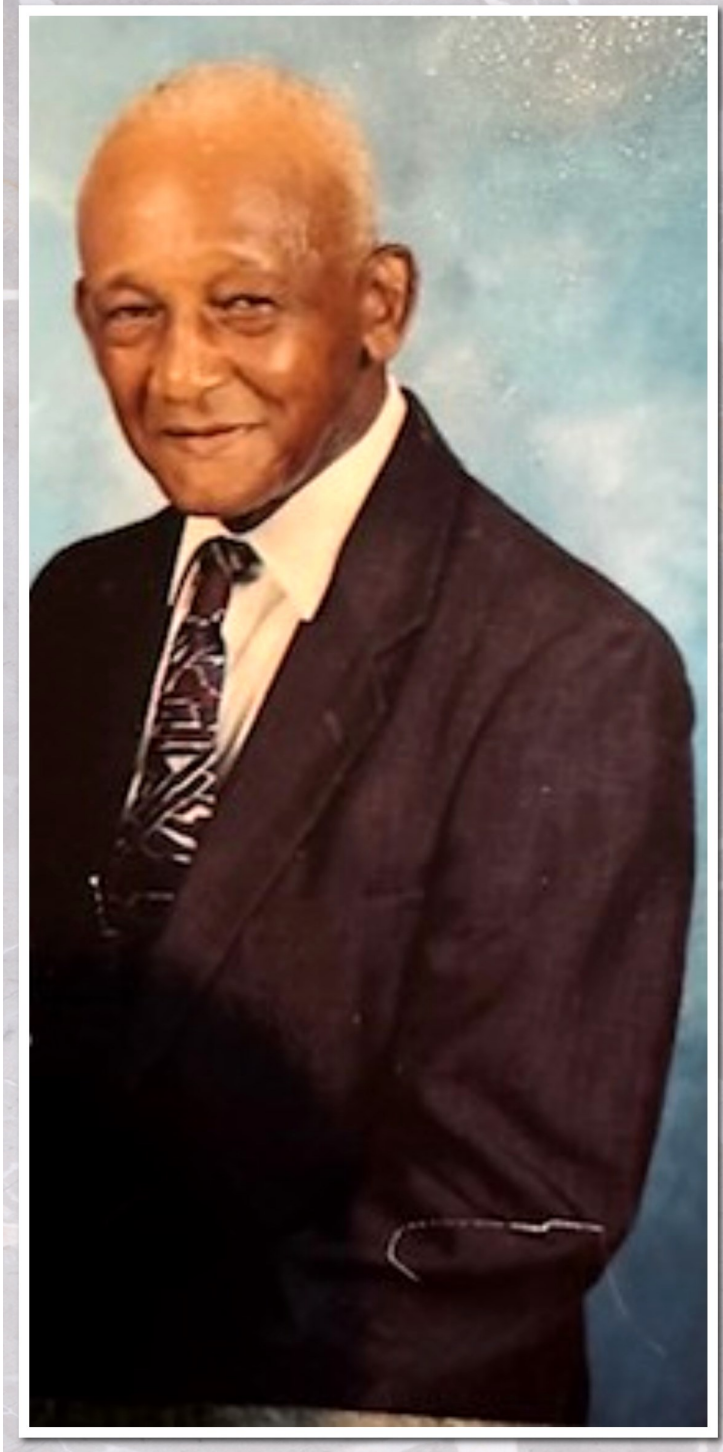
Sunset
December 27, 2024

Saturday, January 4, 2025 | 11:00 a.m.

Mendenhall Ministries
309 Center Street
Mendenhall, Mississippi 39114

Bishop Bobby Hamilton, Officiating

Mr. Otis Smith

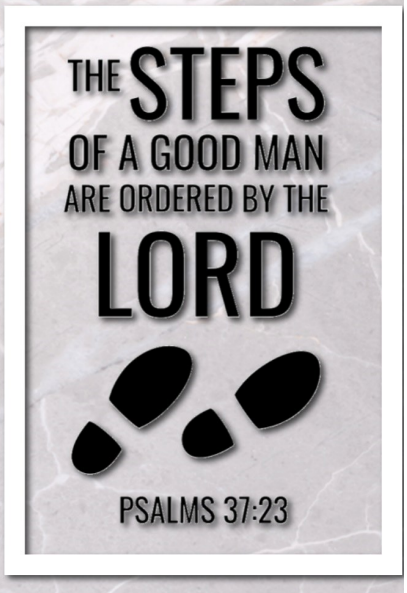












The Order of Service

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me." John 4:1

Mistress of Ceremonies ..... *Mother Karen Hamilton*

Musical Prelude ..... *Musicians*

Processional ..... *Clergy and Family*

Scripture Reading

Old Testament ..... *Elder Charles Singleton*

New Testament ..... *Elder Aundre Ramsey*

Prayer ..... *Reverend Odis Easterling*

Song Selection ..... *Timya Amos*

Words of Expression *(2 minutes)* ..... *Friends and Family*

Acknowledgements ..... *Mother Karen Hamilton*

Obituary ..... *Soft Music* ..... *Read Silently*

Song Selection ..... *Edward Smith*

Eulogy ..... *Bishop Bobby Hamilton*

Recessional ..... *Funeral Directors of J&M in Charge*



Otis Smith

June 26, 1927—December 27, 2024

Forever in Our Hearts

The Obituary

Otis Smith was born on June 26, 1927, to Katie Mae (Kitchens) Smith and Reese Smith, Sr. He began his educational journey at Shiloh Elementary School. He gave his life to Christ at an early age. He attended Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church and later joined True Bible Way (now known as Pillars of Truth) until his health began to fail.

Otis was united in marriage to the late Margaret Hamilton Smith, and to this union, eight children were born. On January 6, 1994, he married Rella Mae Jackson-Smith. They were married until his death.

Otis loved watching westerns, going on his daily runs to the post office, eating Popeyes chicken and Berry's Seafood. He also enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

Otis leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Rella Mae Smith, seven daughters, Mable (Charlie) Whitlock, Martha Rogers, Katie (Milton) Dampier, Carolyn Ann (Edward K.) Jackson, Mothanez (aka Dorothy Ann) Smith, Sylvia Diane (Jimmy) Feazell, and Sheila (Michael) McGee; three sons, Edward (Phyllis) Smith, Melvin Danny Otis Smith, and Meko Jackson; and one sister, Vernell (Roy) Edwards. He was the proud grandfather to a host of grands, great grands, and great great grandchildren.

Otis was preceded in death by his parents; three sons, Otis Earl Smith, Lee Kenneth Jackson, and Daryl Jackson; and six siblings, Elnora Price-Gibson, Retha Mae Williams, Mary Lou Gardner, Reese Smith, Jr., Alfred Smith, and Edmond Smith.



"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."
Psalm 23:4

Tributes

When I Lost You

I wish I could see you one more time, come walking through the door… But I know that is impossible I will hear your voice no more.

I know you can feel my tears and you do not want me to cry, yet my heart is broken because I cannot understand why someone so precious had to die.

I pray that God will give me strength and somehow get me through… as I struggle with the headache that came when I lost you.

Love Your Children

You are Not Truly Gone Grandpa

Grandpa slipped away, quietly one day.
He simply went to sleep, no more to wake or weep.

Now we gather here and quietly shed a tear,
as we lay him in the ground, no solace to be found.
But Grandpa is not truly gone,
because his memory lives on in all of us,
who loved him, never to be forgotten.

Love Your Grandchildren

To My Husband

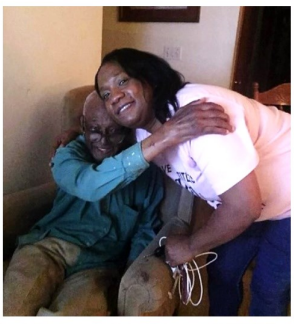
I cannot believe I have been so blessed with a husband such as you; to stand by me and hold my hand to help me make it through.

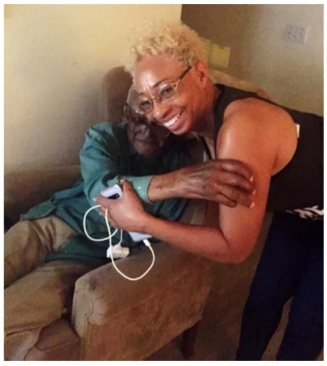
It has not always been good times. We have had our share of tears. We have faced obstacles together and overcome our fears.

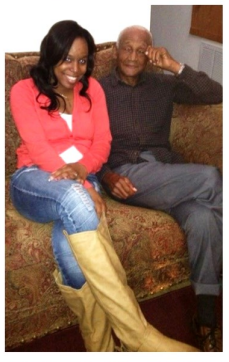
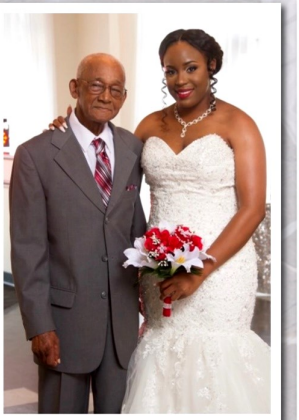
In good times we laughed so much and shared such awesome days. No one knows me like you do. We grew closer every day.

I know that you were made for me. Our life I so adore. I hope you know deep in my heart I could not love you more.

Love You Forever and Always, Your Wife

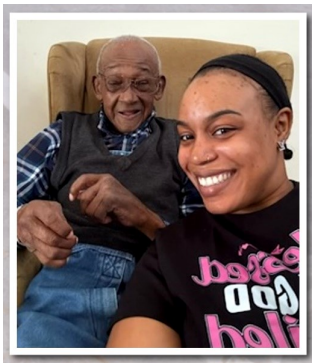








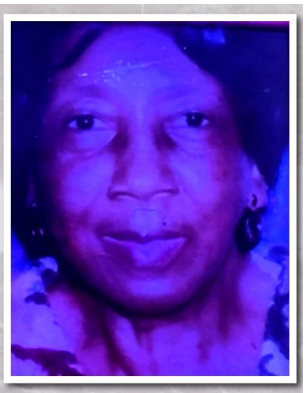




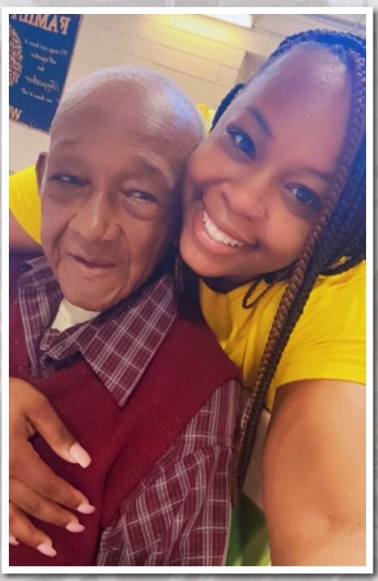
































Acknowledgements

The family of the late Otis Smith wishes to thank everyone for all the sincere acts of love shown to our family during our time of bereavement. It is our desire that God blesses and keep each of you.

Active Pallbearers

Dennis Williams
Reggie Jackson
Carlos Smith
Roderick Smith
Timothy Amos, Jr.
Joshua Nelson
Darrell Williams

Honorary Pallbearers

Timothy Amos, Sr.
Davin Jackson
Meko Jackson
Alonzo McCullum
Carlos Tyrone
Jay Ulmer
Marcus Parker

Flower Bearers

Granddaughters

Interment

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