

A
Celebration
OF
Life

FOR OUR BELOVED

Mr.
Ozie
Smith,
Jr.

APRIL 29, 1941 ~ AUGUST 2, 2026

NICKNAME

"Shang"

— SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2026 —

10:00 A.M.

J.W. WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL

407 West 17th Avenue | Cordele, Georgia 31015

REV. ISAAC OWENS, OFFICIATING

ESCORT COURTESY OF

THE CITY OF CORDELE

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MR. DAVID WADE, CITY MANAGER

THE LIFE, THE LEGACY OF *Ozie*

Obituary



Ozie Smith, Jr., affectionately known as Shang was born on April 29, 1941, in Cordele, Georgia to the parentage of Ozie Smith, Sr., and Mollie Thomas Smith. He was the third child of nine.

Ozie matriculated through the Crisp County School System where he graduated from A.S. Clark High School in Cordele, Georgia in the Class of 1963. After graduating high school Ozie held numerous jobs such as the Fair Store in Cordele, Georgia and he also worked for the Perlis Family along with his sister Beatrice.

As a young man Ozie met Maudell Hoskin, the love of his life. Ozie relocated to Miami, Florida in 1963, where he lived with his older brother Manuel 'Sonny' and his family. In 1967 Ozie married Maudell Hoskin Smith and moved with Aunt Vera. To this union a baby girl named Arlinda was born.

During his life, Ozie worked as a dough mixer with Royal Bakery, New York Bakery and Holsum Bakery. In 2003, Ozie retired. It was this time that allowed him to spend time with his family.

Ozie attended his final earthly family gathering on Saturday, July 25, in Cordele, Georgia. On the evening of Saturday, August 1, at 9:30pm, Ozie bid his loving wife, daughter, and granddaughter a goodbye because he knew his work here on earth was done. On Sunday, August 2, at 7:07am, Ozie began his final journey here on earth and at 10:16 a.m., he answered God's call at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, Florida. He boarded the train that was heaven bound and did not look back.

Ozie leaves to cherish his **loving wife** of 59 years Maudell Smith, Miami, FL; **two daughters**: Fellini Smith, Albany, GA and Arlinda Smith 'Toni', Miami, FL; **three grandchildren**: Demetrius Jackson, Tifton, GA, Denise Smith-Hepburn, Miami, FL, and Stefon Mills (Dana), Locust Grove, GA; **five great grandchildren**: MaLeah and De'Asia Jackson, Albany, GA, Dementrick Jackson, Tifton, GA, Ja;Cari and Omari Mills, Locust Grove, GA; **one great-great grandson**: DaQuawn Jackson; Albany, GA; **one sister**: Alice Hill, Cordele, GA; **one brother**: Roosevelt Smith, Cordele, GA; **two sisters-in-laws**: Regina Smith, Cordele, GA and Margaret Chatman, Plantation, FL; **special nieces**: Carol Johnson, Cordele, GA, Stephanie Smith and Gwendolyn Wells (Duck), Port St. Lucie, FL, Stinuel Smith, Jacksonville, FL, Marilyn Smith and Pamela Reese, Cordele, GA, Tatíca Henry and Tamera Wells, Miami, FL, Janie Smith, Miami, FL and Lucinda Hoskin, Byronville, GA; **special nephews**: Carlos Smith, Port St. Lucie, FL, Antwan Smith (Debrell), Miami, FL, Pierre Smith, North Dakota, Larosstin Johnson, McDonough, GA and Marquis Johnson (Tasha) Atlanta, GA; **special cousins**: whom were treated as nephews Christopher Montgomery, Macon, GA and Kenneth Bain (Tonda) Orlando, FL; **Goddaughter** Cynthia Paul Gaitor, Miami, FL; Adopted Mother Mary Gaines, Miami, FL and special friends Ellen and Hattie Paul, Miami, FL, Mr. Elkin and Gloria, Tampa, FL and a **very special son**, Rae Rouse and family, St. Thomas, V.I.; **special neighbors**, Ms. Barbara and family and a host of other relatives and friends as well as the 42nd Street and 17th Avenue neighborhood in Miami, Florida.

THE LIFE, THE LEGACY OF *Ozie*
Celebration Service



Musical Prelude

Processional

The Final Viewing & The Final Sealing of the Batesville Casket

Prayer

Scriptures Old & New Testament

Solo Dec. Kenneth Smith

Reflections Family and Friends
(Limit Two Minutes Each)

Solo Dec. Kenneth Smith

Words of Comfort..... Rev. Isaac Owens, Pastor
Mt. Calvary MBC Cordele, Georgia

Echoes of Sympathy, Heirloom Bible & Memorial Blanket Presentation
The J. W. Williams Funeral Home Staff

Recessional & Postlude

The Committal Service
Bethel Cemetery Annex
Joe Wright Drive Cordele, Georgia

Ozie's Precious Memories!



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Pallbearers

Kenneith Bain, Sr.
Sammy Hill, Jr.
Jaden Johnson

Larosstin Johnson
Marquis Johnson
Christopher Montgomery



With Sincere Gratitude

The Smith Family would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your countless acts of kindness and love shown to us during this most difficult time.

For those of you who braved the highways and traveled from near and far, we thank you for sharing in this special time of celebration in honor of our beloved

Ozie 'Shang' Smith, Jr.

We also extend special thanks for all of the telephone calls, cards, visits, and most importantly your prayers for they were indeed greatly appreciated. Because of your love and acts of kindness, this time has certainly been made easier to endure.

Special Thanks To

Mr. Dwight, Jackson, Richardson Mortuary
Mr. Arthur Parker, J.W. Williams Funeral Home
Mr. Kedler Pouca & Miami Northwestern SHS Faculty & Staff
Miami-Dade Corrections
Neighbors of NW 42nd Street & 17th Avenue

Repast Immediately Following

Cordele Lions Park/Fairground
2009 US-41
Cordele, GA 31015



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