

*Life Is But A*

STOPPING PLACE

LIFE IS BUT A STOPPING PLACE,

A PAUSE IN WHAT'S TO BE,

A RESTING PLACE ALONG THE ROAD,

TO SWEET ETERNITY.

WE ALL HAVE DIFFERENT JOURNEYS,

DIFFERENT PATHS ALONG THE WAY,

WE ALL WERE MEANT TO LEARN SOME THINGS,

BUT NEVER MEANT TO STAY

OUR DESTINATION IS A PLACE,

FAR GREATER THAN WE KNOW.

FOR SOME THE JOURNEY'S QUICKER,

FOR SOME THE JOURNEY'S SLOW.

AND WHEN THE JOURNEY FINALLY ENDS,

WE'LL CLAIM A GREAT REWARD,

AND FIND AN EVERLASTING PEACE,

TOGETHER WITH THE LORD.

*Floral Bearers*

NIECES

*Palbearers*

NEPHEWS



CELEBRATING  
THE LIFE OF



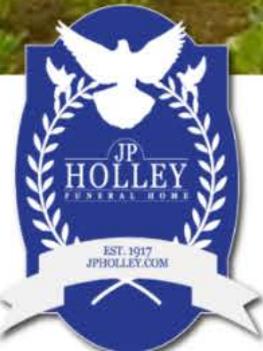
*Mr. David Smith*

MAY 26, 1934 - DECEMBER 23, 2025

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2025

1:00 PM

**MOUNT MORIAH BAPTIST CHURCH**  
1000 OLD BLUFF ROAD, HOPKINS, SC, 29061  
PASTOR DEZMOND B. SUMTER, M.D.



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“THE SEEDS OF A LIFE ROOTED IN FAITH AND FAMILY”

# David Smith

Mr. David Smith, was born on May 26, 1934, in Hopkins, South Carolina, to the late Henry and Mary Smith. He was lovingly known to family and friends as “Davbo” or “Slim.” Peacefully answering God’s call he entered his heavenly home on Tuesday, December 23, 2025. David attended school in the Richland County area before leaving to assist his grandfather with farming responsibilities. He later devoted more than 30 years of service to Owen Steel Company.

David was a dedicated member of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, where he faithfully served on the Board of Trustees and was recognized as an Unsung Hero in 2019 for his quiet commitment to serving the church and community. He was also a passionate gardener who cultivated nearly a quarter of an acre of land. Annually, he often began planting on Good Friday, patiently producing a bountiful harvest of fruits and vegetables. He took great pride not only in tending his garden, but in generously sharing the fruits of his labor with anyone who asked. When asked why he gardened, David would simply say, “I just enjoy watching things grow.” After countless hours tending the soil, he found equal joy in the kitchen, preparing meals with the same care and love he poured into his garden.

If you ever had the chance to sit with him, you would know that his wisdom grew as naturally as his garden. David was knowledgeable about a wide range of topics and loved listening and sharing his thoughts with family and friends. Beyond the garden, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and following sports year-round.

David was preceded in death by the loving, Julia Mae Jones; his daughter, Shirley Jones; his son, Otis Jones; his grandsons, Wenderon Jones, Brennan Montgomery, and Dayon Geiger; eleven of his brothers and one sister.

Those left to cherish his memories are: his daughters, Judy Harris and Betty Jones, both of Hopkins, SC, daughter-in-law Shirley Jones of Ocala, FL; his sisters, Mary (Kenneth) Chandler, Eliza Geiger, Rachel Ladson, all of Hopkins, SC; Almetta Smith of Patterson, NJ; and Leola and Mary Jackson of Gadsden, SC; his brothers, Julius Smith of Paterson, NJ, and Jimmy (Emma) James of Columbia, SC; his sister-in-law, Mary Smith of Hopkins, SC; nine grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, a cherished niece, Hope Geiger, and a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, and friends who will miss him dearly.

Well Done My Good And Faith Servant.  
Matthew 25:21

## Order of Service

**Prelude**

**Processional**

**Selection**

Mt. Moriah Men's Choir

**Old Testament**

Reverend Lisa Prince

**New Testament**

Minister Leon Elijah Prince

**Prayer**

Reverend Stanley Ladson

**Remarks**

Hope Geiger (Smith Family)

Shirley Jones (Jones Family)

Trustee Edward Harris (Mt. Moriah Baptist Church)

Reverend Stanley Ladson (Ladson Chapel MBC)

**Solo**

Jarod Smith

**Words of Comfort**

Pastor Dezmond B. Sumter, M.D.

**Final Farewell**

**Recessional**

**Postlude**

**Committal, Prayer, Benediction**

**Interment**

Mt. Moriah Baptist Church Cemetery  
1000 Old Bluff Road  
Hopkins, SC 29061

