

23rd Psalm

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul.
He leadeth me in the paths of
righteousness for His name's sake.
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.
Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies;
Thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house
of the LORD forever.



Honorary Pallbearers

Adonas Smith Charles Richardson
David Richardson Leroy Richardson
Quincy Richardson Theal Taylor

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern, prayers, and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement.
May God Bless and Keep You!
- The family of Nathaniel Joseph Smith

Many special thanks to his nephew Theal, his mother-n-law Leona, his brother and sister-n-law Carolyn and Charles, his grandson Adonas, his precious daughters Erica and Natalie, his friends of Hackberry and DeSales.

A special thanks to Walker Funeral Home.



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Nathaniel Joseph Smith

July 16, 1943 - September 2, 2025



Saturday September 27, 2025

Visitation: 2:00 pm - Funeral Service: 3:00 pm

Walker - Walnut Hills

2625 Gilbert Avenue | Cincinnati, Ohio 45206

Reverend Grant Otis III, Officiating

Obituary

Nathaniel Joseph Smith, lovingly known as "Motor Mouth", and affectionately called "The Mayor of Hackberry", passed away peacefully on September 2, 2025. He was 82 years old.

Born on July 16, 1943, in Meridian, Mississippi, to Henry and Mary Smith, Nathaniel grew up with strong family roots and an even stronger sense of character. A proud graduate of Courter Technical High School in Cincinnati, Ohio, he went on to serve his country honorably in the United States Army as a Sergeant E-5 from 1965 to 1967.

After returning home from service, Nathaniel treated himself to a brand new 1966 Chevelle - sparking a lifelong passion for high-performance cars and street racing. He quickly became a well-known figure in the local and national racing scene, eventually serving as crew chief for Freddie Logan's "The Original Granny Goose". Whether it was racing at the tracks or reminiscing with his buddies like Bill Harris, Nathaniel was in his element when it came to speed, engines, and adrenaline.

Following his racing years, Nathaniel found peace and joy in fishing and good music - his soul's remedies. His favorite sayings like, "Taking it slow and easy", "If life last, death pass" "Don't take any wooden nickels", and the unforgettable, "Don't be hating!" (inspired by Malibu's Most Wanted), captured his wisdom, humor, and charm.

Professionally, Nathaniel dedicated over 40 years of hard work to OPW, leaving a legacy of dedication and reliability. Personally, he left a far greater one - as a husband, brother, father, grandfather, uncle, mentor, and friend.

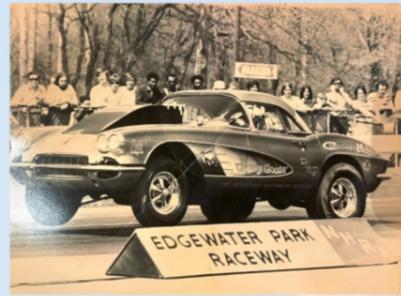
Nathaniel was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Henry, David, and Roosevelt; and his sister, Stephanie.

Nathaniel is survived by his loving wife for 38 years, Kimberlee; his children: Erica, Natalie, Lisa, Teresa, Rena, and Lisa; and grandchildren: Adonas, De'Anna, To'Lisa, and Antonio. He also leaves behind his siblings: Delores, Steven, Joseph (Melinda), and Jennifer; as well as nieces and nephews: Theal, Latif (Fay), Lil Joe, Desiree, Regina, and Terrell.

Nathaniel wasn't just a father to his own children - he was a father figure to many. If you needed advice, a safe place, a good laugh, a song to lift your spirit, or simply the truth spoken straight, he was there. He was extraordinary - a true original.

He was Motor Mouth.
He was The Mayor of Hackberry.
He was the definition of a Dad.

He will be deeply missed, but never forgotten.



*Life is not measured
by the number of breaths
we take, but by the
moments that
take our breath away.*

- Unknown

Order of Service

- Musical Prelude
- Parting View The Immediate Family
- Prayer Reverend Grant Otis III
- Scripture Reverend Grant Otis III
- Selection Heaven
BeBe & CeCe
- Acknowledgements Ebony Telemacque
- Remarks Family and Friends
2 minutes please
- Obituary Read silently
- Selection Grace - Rance Allen
- Eulogy Reverend Grant Otis III
- Benediction Reverend Grant Otis III
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Final Resting Place

Repast
4:00 pm
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