

God Saw the Road

God saw the road was getting rough,
The hill was hard to climb.
He gently closed those loving eyes
And whispered, "Peace Be Thine."

The weary hours, the days of pain,
The sleepless nights have passed.
The ever-patient worn-out frame
Has found sweet rest at last.

God saw that you were weary
So He did what He knows best.
He came and stood beside you,
And whispered, "Come and rest."

You bid no one a last farewell,
Not even a goodbye.
You were gone before we knew it,
And only God knows why.

Flower Bearers

Friends of the Family

Acknowledgement

The family of Mr. Morie B. Smith wishes to express their sincere gratitude to all of you for your prayers, presence, love, telephone calls and all other expressions of concern that you have shown during our time of bereavement. Never more than now was your kindness needed and more appreciated.



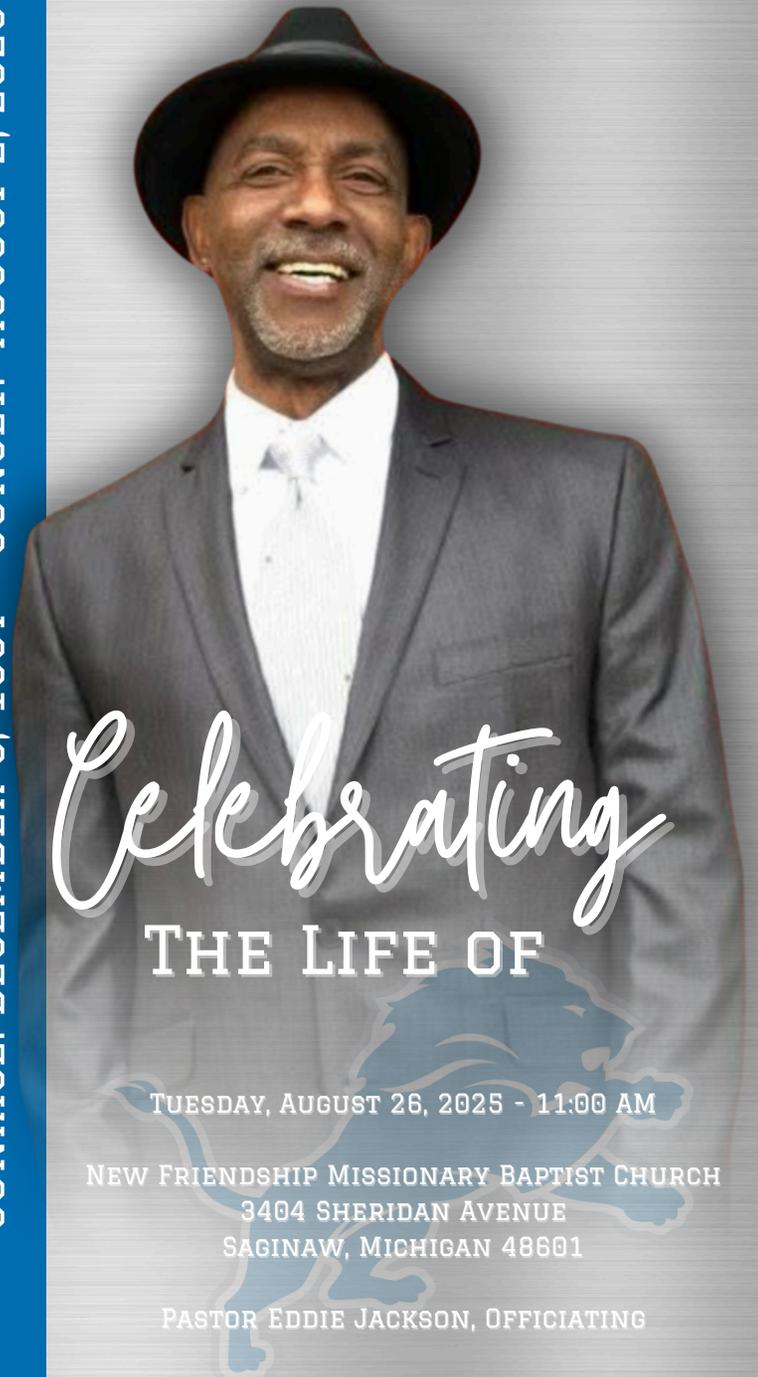
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MR. MORIE SMITH

SUNRISE: DECEMBER 9, 1957 - SUNSET: AUGUST 2, 2025



Celebrating

THE LIFE OF

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2025 - 11:00 AM

NEW FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
3404 SHERIDAN AVENUE
SAGINAW, MICHIGAN 48601

PASTOR EDDIE JACKSON, OFFICIATING

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude
Musician

Processional
Family

Scripture Reading
Old & New Testament
Minister

Prayer
Minister

Selection
Anthony Hill

Acknowledgements &
Obituary
Treonisha Broaden

Expressions
(Please Limit to 2 Minutes)
Family & Friends

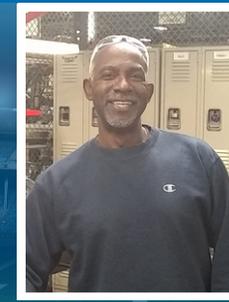
Selection
Anthony Hill

Eulogy
Pastor Eddie Jackson

Committal
Benediction
Recessional

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard his 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've found that peace at the close of the day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah 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 heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!



REMEMBERING COACH SMITH

Mr. Morie Smith passed away Saturday, August 2, 2025, at his residence in Saginaw, Michigan. Age 67 years. Morie was born December 9, 1957, in Saginaw, Michigan, to Mattie Lee Smith and Ben B. Roberts.

Morie was a lifetime resident of Saginaw. He attended New Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. He was a graduate of Saginaw High School. Morie retired after 22 years in various UAW Plants. Morie enjoyed playing baseball in his youth. He coached for over 30 years in the Saginaw Public Schools. Everyone knew him as Coach Smith. He then became a big fan of watching baseball, football, and basketball on TV.

Morie leaves to cherish his memory one daughter Deja Smith; four sons, Demetric Broaden, Morie Broaden, and Delon Rogers; stepmother, Annye Roberts; a host of grandchildren, nephews, and cousins; one sister, Iris Sprowl; two brothers, Cedric and Darrell Sprowl; a special niece, Tisha Smith, many other relatives and friends including special friends Montey Stewart, Chet Dorsey, and Marvell Harvey;

Morie was preceded in death by his parents, Mattie Lee Smith and Ben Roberts, son, Donterrian Rogers, and his sister Toni Smith.